

House Bill 1453

By: Representative Shaw of the 176<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing and establishing a new charter for the Town of Alapaha,  
2 approved August 1, 1921 (Ga. L. 1921, p. 606), as amended, particularly by an Act approved  
3 March 25, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 4167), so as to provide new terms of office for the mayor  
4 and council; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 An Act providing and establishing a new charter for the Town of Alapaha, approved  
8 August 1, 1921 (Ga. L. 1921, p. 606), as amended, particularly by an Act approved  
9 March 25, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 4167), is amended by revising Section 4 as follows:

10 "SECTION 4.

11 (a) The governing authority of the town shall consist of a mayor and a town council  
12 composed of five councilmembers, whose election and terms shall be as stated in this  
13 section. The town council is divided into five posts to be designated Post 1, Post 2, Post 3,  
14 Post 4, and Post 5. The mayor and members of the town council shall be elected by the  
15 electors of the town at large. Any person seeking election to the town council shall  
16 designate the post to which he or she seeks election. Nothing in this section shall be  
17 construed as requiring the division of the town into council districts or as establishing  
18 districts.

19 (b) The mayor and the councilmembers in office on the effective date of this Act shall  
20 serve out the terms to which they were elected.

21 (c) At the 2008 November general election, the mayor and the councilmembers  
22 representing council Posts 4 and 5 shall be elected to serve a term of office of three years  
23 beginning on January 1, 2009, and ending on December 31, 2011, and until their successors  
24 are elected and qualified. At the 2011 November general election, successors for such  
25 mayor and councilmembers shall be elected to serve a term of office of four years

1 beginning on January 1, 2012, and ending on December 31, 2015, and until their successors  
2 are elected and qualified. Thereafter, successors to such mayor and councilmembers shall  
3 be elected at the November general election immediately preceding the end of their  
4 respective terms of office and shall take office on January 1 immediately following such  
5 election for a term of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

6 (d) At the 2009 November general election, the councilmembers representing Council  
7 Posts 1, 2, and 3 shall be elected to serve a term of office of four years beginning on  
8 January 1, 2010, and ending on December 31, 2013, and until their successors are elected  
9 and qualified. Thereafter, successors to such councilmembers shall be elected at the  
10 November general election immediately preceding the end of their respective terms of  
11 office and shall take office on January 1 immediately following such election for a term of  
12 four years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

13 (e) Elections in the town shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2  
14 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code,' as it now exists or is hereafter  
15 amended, the implementation of which shall be prescribed by the governing authority  
16 pursuant to ordinance or resolution, as may be deemed appropriate."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.