

House Bill 1337

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Holly Springs, approved March 18,  
2 1980 (Ga. L. 1980, p. 3281), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 13, 2001  
3 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 3679), so as to provide that councilmembers shall be elected from designated  
4 posts; to provide for submission for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting  
5 Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act creating a new charter for the City of Holly Springs, approved March 18, 1980 (Ga.  
9 L. 1980, p. 3281), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001,  
10 p. 3679), is amended by revising Section 5.02 as follows:

11 "SECTION 5.02.

12 (a) For the purpose of electing members of the council, the City of Holly Springs shall  
13 consist of one election district with five at-large posts. At the time of qualifying, candidates  
14 shall designate the post which he or she seeks to represent.

15 (b) At the municipal election in November, 2010, councilmembers from Posts 1 and 2 shall  
16 be elected. The councilmembers so elected shall be the successors to the councilmembers  
17 elected at the November, 2006, municipal elections. At the municipal election in November,  
18 2012, the mayor and councilmembers from Posts 3, 4, and 5 shall be elected. The  
19 councilmembers so elected shall be the successors to the councilmembers elected at the  
20 November, 2008, municipal elections. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes  
21 for each post shall be elected."

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**SECTION 2.**

23 The governing authority of the City of Holly Springs shall cause, through its legal counsel,  
24 this Act to be submitted for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act  
25 of 1965, as amended, within 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the  
26 Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

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**SECTION 3.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.