

Senate Bill 550

By: Senator Butterworth of the 50th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act incorporating Mountain City in Rabun County, approved August 22, 1907
2 (Ga. L. 1907, p. 827), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 23, 1977 (Ga. L.
3 1977, p. 3751), so as to change the terms of future members of the city council and provide
4 for future election dates; to provide for submission for preclearance under the federal Voting
5 Rights Act of 1965; to provide for other related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
6 other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act incorporating Mountain City in Rabun County, approved August 22, 1907 (Ga. L.
10 1907, p. 827), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 23, 1977 (Ga. L. 1977,
11 p. 3751), is amended by striking Section 2A which formerly read as follows:

12 "SECTION 2A.

13 At the election to be held on the fourth Saturday in December 1977, the mayor and
14 councilmen shall be elected for terms of two years beginning on January 1, 1978, and until
15 their successors are elected and qualified. Thereafter, future successors shall be elected on
16 the fourth Saturday in December of each odd-numbered year and shall take office on the
17 first day of January immediately following their election for terms of two years and until
18 their successors are elected and qualified."

19 and inserting in its place a new Section 2A to read as follows:

20 "SECTION 2A.

21 (a) The terms of office of the mayor and councilmembers elected at the regular municipal
22 election in 2011 and thereafter shall be as follows:

23 (1) The mayor and the councilmembers from Posts 1 and 4 elected at the regular
24 municipal election in 2011 shall serve for terms of four years and their successors shall
25 thereafter serve for terms of four years; and

26 (2) The councilmembers from Posts 2 and 3 elected at the regular municipal election in
27 2011 shall serve for terms of two years and their successors shall thereafter serve for
28 terms of four years.

29 (b) The mayor and councilmembers shall take office on the first day of January
30 immediately following their election."

31 **SECTION 2.**

32 The governing authority of Mountain City shall through its legal counsel cause this Act to
33 be submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; and
34 such submission shall be made to the United States Department of Justice or filed with the
35 appropriate court no later than 90 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the
36 Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

37 **SECTION 3.**

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