

House Bill 593

By: Representative Sims of the 169th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to create and incorporate the City of Denton in the County of Jeff Davis
2 and grant a charter to that municipality under that name and style, approved February 28,
3 1966 (Ga. L. 1966, p. 2352), so as to revise the manner of filling vacancies; to provide for
4 submission under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide
5 for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act to create and incorporate the City of Denton in the County of Jeff Davis and grant
9 a charter to that municipality under that name and style, approved February 28, 1966
10 (Ga. L. 1966, p. 2352), is amended by revising Section 8 as follows:

11 "SECTION 8.

12 (a) Should the mayor or any member of the city council fail or refuse to perform the duties
13 of his or her office for the term of three consecutive months, or should any officer-elect
14 refuse to qualify, the office may be, in the discretion of the remaining members of the city
15 council, declared vacant and the vacancy filled as provided in this section.

16 (b) In the event of a vacancy in the office of mayor or councilmember and there is one year
17 or less remaining in such person's term of office, the city council or those remaining shall
18 appoint a qualified individual to fill the balance of the unexpired term of such person. In
19 the event that there is more than one year remaining in such person's term of office, the
20 vacancy shall be filled by special election called and held in accordance with Code
21 Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A. In the event that all seats on the city council are vacant,
22 such vacancies shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 36-30-13
23 of the O.C.G.A."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 The governing authority of the City of Denton shall through its legal counsel cause this Act
26 to be submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended,
27 no later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the Governor or
28 otherwise becomes law without such approval.

29 **SECTION 3.**

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.