

House Bill 1042

By: Representative Amerson of the 9<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act entitled "An Act to create a new charter for the City of Dahlonega in the  
2 County of Lumpkin" approved April 12, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 4353), as amended, so as to  
3 provide for special elections to fill vacancies in the offices of mayor and city council; to  
4 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 An Act entitled "An Act to create a new charter for the City of Dahlonega in the County of  
8 Lumpkin" approved April 12, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 4353), as amended, is amended by  
9 revising Section 5.12 as follows:

10 "Section 5.12. Special Elections; Vacancies. In the event that a vacancy occurs in one or  
11 more elected offices of the city for any cause whatsoever, the mayor or the council, or  
12 those remaining, or, if none, any three or more citizens and voters of the city, shall order  
13 a special election to fill the balance of the unexpired term of such office or offices;  
14 provided, however, that if such vacancy occurs within 180 days of the expiration of the  
15 term of office of the mayor or any councilman, said vacancy in office shall be filled at such  
16 regular election, and in such event, no special election shall be held. In all other respects,  
17 special elections shall be conducted in accordance with the applicable provisions of this  
18 charter and the Georgia Election Code."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.