

House Bill 622 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Poulan, approved April 10, 1998 (Ga.
2 L. 1998, p. 4367), as amended, so as to change the terms of office of the mayor and
3 councilmembers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
4 purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 An Act creating a new charter for the City of Poulan, approved April 10, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998,
8 p. 4367), as amended, is amended by revising Section 2.11 as follows:

9 "SECTION 2.11.

10 City councilmembers; terms and qualifications for office.

11 The mayor and the members of the city council shall serve for terms of four years except
12 as temporarily otherwise specified in Section 5.11 of this charter and shall serve until their
13 respective successors are elected and qualified. No person shall be eligible to serve as
14 mayor or councilmember unless that person shall have been a resident of the city for six
15 months prior to the date of the election of mayor or members of the city council. The
16 mayor and each councilmember shall continue to reside in the city during such person's
17 period of service and to be registered and qualified to vote in municipal elections of the
18 city."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 Said Act is further amended by revising 2.27 as follows:

21 "SECTION 2.27.

22 Election of mayor; forfeiture; compensation.

23 The mayor shall be elected and serve for a term of four years and until the mayor's
24 successor is elected and qualified. The mayor shall be a qualified elector of this city and
25 shall have been a resident of the city for six months immediately preceding the mayor's
26 election. The mayor shall continue to reside in the city during the period of the mayor's
27 service. The mayor shall forfeit that office on the same grounds and under the same
28 procedure as for councilmembers. The compensation of the mayor shall be established in
29 the same manner as for councilmembers."

30 **SECTION 3.**

31 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 5.11 as follows:

32 "SECTION 5.11.

33 Regular elections; time for holding.

34 (a) On the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November of 2011 and every four
35 years thereafter, the mayor and the successors to the councilmembers representing Posts
36 1, 2, and 3 shall be elected and shall serve for terms of office of four years and until their
37 respective successors are elected and qualified and shall take office on the first day of
38 January immediately following their election.

39 (b) On the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November of 2012, the successors
40 to the councilmembers representing Posts 4 and 5 shall be elected and shall each serve a
41 one-year term of office and until their respective successors are elected and qualified and
42 shall take office on the first day of January immediately following their election. On the
43 Tuesday next following the first Monday in November of 2013, the successors to the
44 councilmembers representing Posts 4 and 5 shall be elected and shall serve for terms of
45 office of four years and until their respective successors are elected and qualified and shall
46 take office on the first day of January immediately following their election.

47 (c) Thereafter on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November of the last
48 year of the terms of the mayor and each of the councilmembers, an election shall be held
49 to elect their successors, each of whom shall serve for a term of four years and until their
50 successors have been elected and qualified."

51 **SECTION 4.**

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