

Senate Bill 507

By: Senators Sims of the 12th, Seay of the 34th, Crosby of the 13th and Hooks of the 14th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to amend, consolidate, and supersede the several Acts of the General
2 Assembly of the State of Georgia, pertaining to the City of Dawson in the County of Terrell,
3 and to provide a new charter therefore, approved March 21, 1970 (Ga. L. 1970, p. 3121), as
4 amended, so as to change the terms of the mayor and city councilmembers; to provide for
5 submission of this Act for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as
6 amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting
7 laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act to amend, consolidate, and supersede the several Acts of the General Assembly of
11 the State of Georgia, pertaining to the City of Dawson in the County of Terrell, and to
12 provide a new charter therefore, approved March 21, 1970 (Ga. L. 1970, p. 3121), as
13 amended, is amended by revising Sections 2.2 and 2.3 as follows:

14 "SECTION 2.2.

15 Upon the expiration of the term of office of each council member holding office at the time
16 of the effective date of this section, the term of office of his or her successor shall be for four
17 years. Thereafter, all council members shall serve for terms of four years and until his or her
18 successor shall have been duly elected and qualified. Council members shall take office on
19 the first day of January immediately following his or her election to office. Elections for
20 council members shall be held in the general election in November every two years to fill the
21 staggered terms of office of those councilpersons ending on December 31 of the year in
22 which the election is held.

55 **SECTION 4.**

56 Except as otherwise provided in Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon
57 its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

58 **SECTION 5.**

59 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.