

House Bill 1205

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to create a new Charter for the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia, approved
2 March 28, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 4961), as amended, so as to change the term of office for
3 the mayor; to change the term of office for city councilmembers; to provide for a transition
4 to the new terms of office; to provide for term limits for the mayor; to provide for term limits
5 for city councilmembers; 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 a new Charter for the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia, approved
9 March 28, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 4961), as amended, is amended by revising Section 2.11 as
10 follows:

11 "SECTION 2.11.

12 City council; terms and qualifications of office.

13 The members of the city council shall serve for terms of four years and until their
14 respective successors are elected and qualified. No person elected in the general municipal
15 election of 2012, or any election thereafter, shall serve as a city councilmember for more
16 than 12 consecutive years. Any person serving as mayor or councilmember shall be a
17 qualified elector of the city. No person shall be eligible to serve as mayor or
18 councilmember unless the person was a resident of the city immediately prior to the date
19 of the election and unless the person continues to reside therein during the term of office
20 for which the person was elected."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 2.27 as follows:

23 "SECTION 2.27.

24 Election of mayor; forfeiture; compensation.

25 The mayor shall be elected and serve a term of four years and until a successor is elected
 26 and qualified. No person elected in the general municipal election of 2012, or any election
 27 thereafter, shall serve as mayor for more than 12 consecutive years. A person holding
 28 office as mayor shall forfeit such office on the same grounds and under the same
 29 procedures as councilmembers forfeit their office."

30 **SECTION 3.**

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

32 "SECTION 5.11.

33 Election of the city council and mayor.

34 (a) Pursuant to the provisions of Code Sections 21-2-541.1 and 21-2-541.2 of the
 35 O.C.G.A., a municipal general election shall be held on the Tuesday next following the first
 36 Monday in November, 2012, and on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in
 37 November, 2013. Thereafter, a municipal general election shall be held on the Tuesday
 38 next following the first Monday in November biennially beginning in 2015.

39 (b) The mayor and two councilmembers shall be elected at the general municipal election
 40 in 2012. The remaining city council seats shall be filled at the election alternating with the
 41 first election so that a continuing body is created as provided for in Section 7.11 of this
 42 charter."

43 **SECTION 4.**

44 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 7.11 as follows:

45 "SECTION 7.11.

46 First election under the 2012 charter amendment.

47 The first municipal election under the 2012 charter amendment shall be held on the
 48 Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2012. At this election the mayor
 49 and two city councilmembers being Post No. 1 and Post No. 2 shall be elected. The mayor

50 and city councilmembers for Post No. 1 and Post No. 2 shall serve a term of three years,
51 and their successors shall be elected at a general municipal election to be conducted in
52 2015. The mayor and councilmembers elected to Post No. 1 and Post No. 2 at the general
53 election in 2015 and all elections thereafter shall serve a four-year term. On the Tuesday
54 next following the first Monday in November, 2013, two councilmembers shall be elected
55 to Post No. 3 and Post No. 4. The councilmembers elected in the general municipal
56 election in 2013 and all elections thereafter shall serve a term of four years."

57 **SECTION 5.**

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