

Senate Bill 25

By: Senator Staton of the 18th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the restructuring of the government of the  
2 City of Macon, the City of Payne City, and Bibb County," approved April 20, 2012 (Ga. L.  
3 2012, p. 5595), so as to provide for nonpartisan elections of the mayor and commissioners;  
4 to 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 provide for the restructuring of the government of the City of  
8 Macon, the City of Payne City, and Bibb County," approved April 20, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012,  
9 p. 5595), is amended by revising subsection (c) of Section 9 to read as follows:

10 "(c) The commission shall consist of nine members. The initial commissioners shall be  
11 elected at a nonpartisan election held on the third Tuesday in July, 2013, for terms of three  
12 years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Their successors shall be  
13 elected in nonpartisan elections for terms of four years. The members shall be elected from  
14 the nine districts specified in subsection (a) of this section by a majority of electors voting  
15 in such election from such district. All members of the commission shall be full voting  
16 members of the commission. The mayor shall be the presiding officer of the commission but  
17 shall not be a voting member of the commission; provided, however, that the mayor may cast  
18 a vote on any matter before the commission to break a tie. The mayor may propose  
19 ordinances in the same manner as a commissioner."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 Said Act is further amended by revising subsections (b) and (d) of Section 10 to read as  
22 follows:

23 "(b) The initial mayor shall be elected in a nonpartisan election to be held on the third  
24 Tuesday in July, 2013. Candidates shall be elected by majority vote as provided in this  
25 section. The person elected as mayor at such election shall take office on the second  
26 Tuesday of January, 2014, for an initial term of three years and until a successor is elected

27 and qualified. Thereafter, each successor to the office of mayor shall be elected at the  
28 general nonpartisan election to be held on the third Tuesday in July immediately preceding  
29 the expiration of a term of office, shall take office on the second Monday of January  
30 immediately following the date of the election, and shall have a term of office of four years  
31 and until a successor is elected and qualified. The mayor shall be elected by a majority vote  
32 on a county-wide basis by the electors of the entire county."

33 "(d) Except as otherwise provided in this section, all elections for the mayor and members  
34 of the commission shall be in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the  
35 O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code,' as now or hereafter amended. Any person who is a  
36 registered voter of Macon-Bibb County shall be eligible to vote in any election under this  
37 section."

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**SECTION 3.**

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