

House Bill 278

By: Representative Greene of the 151st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act reincorporating the City of Arlington in the County of Calhoun and Early,
2 State of Georgia, approved April 10, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, p. 3885), as amended, particularly
3 by an Act approved May 16, 2007 (Ga. L. 2007, p. 3622), and an Act approved March 28,
4 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, p. 3525), so as to provide for duties of the mayor; to provide for
5 administrative departments and officers thereof; to repeal provisions relating to the
6 appointment, qualifications, powers and duties, and compensation of a city manager; to
7 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act reincorporating the City of Arlington in the County of Calhoun and Early, State of
11 Georgia, approved April 10, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, p. 3885), as amended, particularly by an Act
12 approved May 16, 2007 (Ga. L. 2007, p. 3622), and an Act approved March 28, 2011 (Ga.
13 L. 2011, p. 3525), is amended by revising Sections 2.28 and 2.29 as follows:

14 "SECTION 2.28.

15 Chief executive officer; delegation of powers.

16 The mayor shall be the chief executive officer of this city. The mayor shall possess all of the
17 executive and administrative power granted to the city under the Constitution and laws of the
18 State of Georgia, and all the executive powers contained in this charter.

19 SECTION 2.29.

20 Powers and duties of mayor.

21 As the chief executive officer of this city, the mayor shall:

22 (1) See that all laws and ordinances of the city are faithfully executed;

- 23 (2) Exercise supervision over all executive and administrative work of the city and over
 24 all employees and departments of the city and provide for the coordination of
 25 administrative activities;
- 26 (3) Prepare and submit to the councilmembers a recommended operating budget and
 27 capital budget;
- 28 (4) Submit to the councilmembers at least once a year a statement covering the financial
 29 conditions of the city and from time to time such other information as the
 30 councilmembers may request;
- 31 (5) Recommend to the councilmembers such measures relative to the affairs of the city,
 32 improvement of the government, and promotion of the welfare of the city's inhabitants
 33 as the mayor may deem expedient;
- 34 (6) Call special meetings of the councilmembers as provided for in subsection (b) of
 35 Section 2.19 of this charter;
- 36 (7) Preside at all meetings of the city council and vote only in the event of a tie or when
 37 an affirmative or negative vote by the mayor constitutes a majority of four votes;
- 38 (8) Provide for an annual audit of all accounts of the city;
- 39 (9) Require any department or agency of the city to submit written reports whenever the
 40 mayor deems it expedient; and
- 41 (10) Perform such other duties as may be required by law, this charter, or ordinance."

42 **SECTION 2.**

43 Said Act is further amended by revising subsections (d) and (e) of Section 3.10 as follows:
 44 "(d) There shall be a director of each department or agency who shall be its principal officer.
 45 Each director shall, subject to the direction and supervision of the mayor, be responsible for
 46 the administration and direction of the affairs and operations of that director's department
 47 or agency.

48 (e) All appointed officers, directors, and department heads under the supervision of the
 49 mayor shall be nominated by the mayor with confirmation of appointment by the city
 50 council. All appointed officers, directors, and department heads shall be employees at will
 51 and subject to removal or suspension at any time by the mayor unless otherwise provided by
 52 law or ordinance."

53 **SECTION 3.**

54 Said Act is further amended by repealing Sections 3.12 through 3.14 and by redesignating
 55 Sections 3.15 through 3.17 as Sections 3.12 through 3.14, respectively.

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SECTION 4.

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