

House Bill 204 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To provide a new charter for the City of Sale City, approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003,
2 p. 4568), as amended, so as to provide for staggered, four-year terms of office for the city
3 council; to provide for four-year terms of office for the mayor; to provide for the manner of
4 election and transitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act to provide a new charter for the City of Sale City, approved June 3, 2003
9 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4568), as amended, is amended by revising Section 2.11 as follows:

10 "SECTION 2.11.

11 The members of the city council shall serve for terms of four years and until their
12 respective successors are elected and qualified. No person shall be eligible to serve as
13 mayor or councilmember unless that person shall have been a resident of the city for six
14 months prior to the date of election of mayor or member of the council; each person
15 holding city office shall continue to reside therein during his or her period of service and
16 to be registered and qualified to vote in municipal elections of this city."

17 **SECTION 2.**

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

19 "SECTION 2.27.

20 The mayor shall be elected and serve for a term of four years and until the mayor's
21 successor is elected and qualified. The mayor shall be a qualified elector of this city and
22 shall have been a resident of the city for six months preceding the election. The mayor
23 shall continue to reside in this city during the period of service. The mayor shall forfeit

24 the office on the same grounds and under the same procedures as for councilmembers.
25 The compensation of the mayor shall be established in the same manner as for
26 councilmembers."

27 **SECTION 3.**

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

29 "SECTION 5.11.

30 (a) On the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 2013, and every four years
31 thereafter, the mayor and the successors to the councilmembers representing Posts 1 and 2
32 shall be elected and shall serve for terms of office of four years and until their respective
33 successors are elected and qualified and shall take office on the first day of January
34 immediately following their election.

35 (b) On the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 2013, the successors to the
36 councilmembers representing Posts 3, 4, and 5 shall be elected and shall serve for terms of
37 office of two years and until their respective successors are elected and qualified and shall
38 take office on the first day of January immediately following their election. On the
39 Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 2015, successors to such
40 councilmembers shall be elected and shall serve for terms of four years and until their
41 respective successors are elected and qualified and shall take office on the first day of
42 January immediately following their election.

43 (c) Thereafter, on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of the last year of
44 the terms of the mayor and each of the councilmembers, an election shall be held to elect
45 their successors, each of whom shall serve for a term of office of four years and until his
46 or her successor is elected and qualified and shall take office on the first day of January
47 immediately following his or her election."

48 **SECTION 2.**

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