

House Bill 431 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Dickey of the 140th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act incorporating the City of Culloden in the County of Monroe, approved
2 October 24, 1887 (Ga. L. 1886-87, Vol. II, p. 655), as amended, particularly by an Act
3 approved March 15, 1988 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 4086), and an Act approved April 4, 1990 (Ga.
4 L. 1990, p. 5207), so as to provide for elections and terms of members of the city council;
5 to change the election of councilmembers from district to at-large; to provide for submission
6 of this Act for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; 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 incorporating the City of Culloden in the County of Monroe, approved October 24,
11 1887 (Ga. L. 1886-87, Vol. II, p. 655), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March
12 15, 1988 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 4086), and an Act approved April 4, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 5207),
13 is amended by revising Section 2 to read as follows:

14 "SECTION 2.

15 (a) There shall be six councilmembers elected from the City of Culloden at large from six
16 posts. The six posts shall be designated as Posts 1 through 6. Candidates seeking the
17 office of city council shall at the time of qualifying designate which of the six posts to
18 which he or she is seeking election. Councilmembers may reside anywhere within the city
19 limits of the City of Culloden.

20 (b) Those persons currently serving on the city council shall continue to serve until their
21 successors are duly elected and qualified.

22 (c) There shall be elected at the municipal election held November, 2013, councilmembers
23 representing Posts 1, 2, and 3. Such persons shall take office January 1, 2014, and shall
24 serve terms of two years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Their

25 successors shall be elected at the municipal election in odd-numbered years and shall take
26 office on January 1 of the following year for terms of two years.

27 (d) There shall be elected at the general election held on the Tuesday after the first
28 Monday in November, 2014, councilmembers representing Posts 4, 5, and 6. Such persons
29 shall take office January 1, 2015, and shall serve terms of two years and until their
30 successors are duly elected and qualified. The successors to Posts 4, 5, and 6 and future
31 successors shall be elected at the general election immediately preceding the expiration of
32 their respective terms of office and shall take office on the first day of January immediately
33 following their election for terms of two years and until their successors are elected and
34 qualified."

35 **SECTION 2.**

36 The governing authority of the City of Culloden shall through its legal counsel cause this Act
37 to be submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended;
38 and such submission shall be made to the United States Department of Justice or filed with
39 the appropriate court no later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the
40 Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

41 **SECTION 3.**

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