

House Bill 912

By: Representative Buckner of the 137th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act incorporating the City of Manchester, approved August 16, 1909
2 (Ga. L. 1909, p. 1071), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 9, 1999
3 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 3668) and an Act approved March 20, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 4486), so as to
4 provide for staggered terms of office for members of the governing authority; to provide for
5 the manner of election and transition terms; to provide for related matters; to repeal
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act incorporating the City of Manchester, approved August 16, 1909 (Ga. L. 1909,
10 p. 1071), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 9, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 3668)
11 and an Act approved March 20, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 4486), is amended by revising
12 Section 4 as follows:

13 **"SECTION 4.**

14 (a)(1) Those members of the city council in office on the effective date of this section
15 shall serve out the terms to which they were elected.

16 (2) On the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November 2015, successors to
17 the members of the city council shall be elected. The person elected as mayor and the
18 councilmembers elected to fill Post 2 in each district shall serve for initial terms of four
19 years and until their respective successors are elected. The councilmembers elected to
20 fill Post 1 in each district shall serve initial terms of two years and until their respective
21 successors are elected and qualified. The persons so elected shall take office on
22 January 1, 2016.

23 (3) Successors to the mayor and councilmembers shall be elected on the Tuesday next
24 following the first Monday in November immediately preceding the end of their
25 respective terms of office. Such successors shall take office on January 1 immediately

26 following their election and shall serve terms of office of four years and until their
27 respective successors are elected and qualified.

28 (b) In the event that a member moves his or her residence from the district the member
29 represents, that position on the city council shall immediately become vacant. Vacancies
30 on the city council created by death, resignation, or otherwise shall be filled by a special
31 election held in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A.,
32 the 'Georgia Election Code.'"

33 **SECTION 2.**

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