

House Bill 1103

By: Representative Allison of the 8<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to grant a new charter to the City of Young Harris, approved March 24,  
2 1978 (Ga. L. 1978, p. 4470), as amended, so as to revise the terms of office and manner of  
3 election of the mayor and council; to revise the compensation and manner of setting the  
4 compensation of the mayor and council; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting  
5 laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act to grant a new charter to the City of Young Harris, approved March 24, 1978  
9 (Ga. L. 1978, p. 4470), as amended, is amended by revising Section 2.02 as follows:

10 "SECTION 2.02.

11 Terms and Qualifications for Office.

12 The members of the council shall serve for terms of four years and until their respective  
13 successors are elected and qualified. The terms of office shall be staggered such that three  
14 members of the council are elected every two years. The mayor shall serve for a term of  
15 four years and until his or her respective successor is elected and qualified. Successors to  
16 the mayor and members of the council who were elected in 2013 shall be elected in the  
17 2017 general election, and successors to the members of the council elected in 2011 shall  
18 be elected in the 2015 general election. Thereafter, a successor shall be elected at the  
19 municipal general election immediately preceding the end of each person's term of office.  
20 No person shall be eligible to serve as mayor or councilmember unless such person:

- 21 (1) Has been a resident of the City of Young Harris for a period of at least one year  
22 immediately prior to the date of the election for mayor or councilmember;  
23 (2) Continues to reside therein during his or her period of service;  
24 (3) Is registered and qualified to vote in municipal elections in the City of Young Harris;  
25 and

26 (4) Meets the qualification standards required for members of the Georgia House of  
27 Representatives as are now or may in the future be prescribed by the Georgia  
28 Constitution."

29 **SECTION 2.**

30 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 2.04 as follows:

31 "SECTION 2.04.

32 Compensation and Expenses.

33 Beginning with the first organizational meeting in 2015, the councilmembers shall receive  
34 \$200.00 per month as compensation for their service. The mayor shall receive a monthly  
35 salary of \$700.00 per month for his or her service. In addition, each member of the city  
36 council and the mayor shall receive compensation for each quarterly working session  
37 attended in the amount of \$100.00. Thereafter, the mayor and council shall fix the salaries  
38 and compensation to be received by the mayor and each councilmember as set forth in  
39 Code Section 36-35-4 of the O.C.G.A. The mayor and councilmembers shall be entitled  
40 to receive their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties."

41 **SECTION 3.**

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