

House Bill 912 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Buckner of the 137<sup>th</sup>

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.