

House Bill 88 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Prince of the 127th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Stapleton, approved March 30, 2000
2 (Ga. L. 2000, p. 3543), as amended, particularly by an Act approved October 25, 2001
3 (Ga. L. 2001, Ex. Sess., p. 743), so as to change the terms of office of the mayor and
4 councilmembers; to provide for at-large elections; to provide for related matters; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act creating a new charter for the City of Stapleton, approved March 30, 2000 (Ga. L.
9 2000, p. 3543), as amended, particularly by an Act approved October 25, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001,
10 Ex. Sess., p. 743), is amended by striking Section 2.05 in its entirety and inserting in lieu
11 thereof a new Section 2.05 to read as follows:

12 "SECTION 2.05.

13 Election of the city council and mayor.

14 (a) On the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 2016, an election shall be
15 conducted by the municipal election superintendent at the same hours and places for
16 general elections to elect three councilmembers. The three candidates for city council
17 elected at that time to the councilmember positions held on January 1, 2015, by Kevin E.
18 Prescott (Seat No. 1), Willie A. Moss (Seat No. 2), and Lisa M. Cranford (Seat No. 3) shall
19 take office on January 1, 2017, and serve for terms expiring December 31, 2017, and until
20 such city councilmembers' successors are elected and qualified as provided in
21 subsection (c) of this section.

22 (b) On the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 2015, an election shall be
23 conducted by the municipal election superintendent at the same hours and places for
24 general elections to elect a mayor and two councilmembers. The mayor elected at that time

25 shall take office on January 1, 2016, at the expiration of the term of office of the person
26 serving as mayor on January 1, 2014, Paul Frank Parrish. The two candidates for city
27 council elected at that time to the councilmember positions held on January 1, 2014, by
28 Tara L. Parrish (Seat No. 4) and Jason V. Irby (Seat No. 5) shall take office on
29 January 1, 2016. The mayor and city councilmembers elected in November, 2015, shall
30 serve for terms expiring December 31, 2019, and until such mayor's and city
31 councilmembers' successors are elected and qualified as provided in subsection (c) of this
32 section.

33 (c) Thereafter, the successors to the positions held by Prescott (Seat No. 1), Moss
34 (Seat No. 2), and Cranford (Seat No. 3) shall be elected on the Tuesday following the first
35 Monday in November 2017 and continuing every fourth year in odd-numbered years
36 thereafter. Such successors shall take office on January 1 of the following year at the
37 expiration of the then current terms of office. The successors to the positions held by
38 Parrish (Mayor), Parrish (Seat No. 4), and Irby (Seat No. 5) shall be elected on the Tuesday
39 following the first Monday in November 2019 and continuing every fourth year in
40 odd-numbered years thereafter. Such successors shall take office on January 1 of the
41 following year at the expiration of the then current terms of office. The mayor and all
42 councilmembers elected as provided in this subsection shall serve for terms of office of
43 four years each so that a continuing body is created.

44 (d) Each councilmember and mayor shall be elected at large by the voters of the entire
45 municipality."

46 **SECTION 2.**

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