

House Bill 880

By: Representatives Spencer of the 180<sup>th</sup> and Corbett of the 174<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for a new charter for the City of St. Marys, Georgia, approved  
2 April 9, 1981 (Ga. L. 1981, p. 4763), as amended, so as to provide for the manner of election  
3 of the mayor and council; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
4 other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 An Act providing for a new charter for the City of St. Marys, Georgia, approved April 9,  
8 1981 (Ga. L. 1981, p. 4763), as amended, is amended by revising Section 3-102 as follows:

9 "SECTION 3-102.

10 (a) For the purpose of electing councilmembers, the City of St. Marys shall consist of one  
11 election district with six numbered posts. Each person seeking election as a  
12 councilmember shall designate the post for which he or she seeks election. The candidate  
13 receiving a simple majority of the votes cast for the designated city council post shall be  
14 elected. All councilmembers shall be elected for terms of four years and until their  
15 respective successors are elected and qualified.

16 (b) The mayor shall be elected from the city at large by a simple majority of the votes cast  
17 to fill such office for a term of four years and until his or her successor is elected and  
18 qualified.

19 (c) All municipal elections shall be nonpartisan, and the names of candidates shall be listed  
20 alphabetically upon the ballot without party label.

21 (d) The terms of all councilmembers elected to city council posts in 2011 shall be for three  
22 years. The next succeeding election to fill those posts shall be held in 2014, and the terms  
23 of councilmembers elected to those posts in that election and subsequent elections shall be  
24 for four years. The terms of all councilmembers elected to city council posts in 2013 shall  
25 be for three years. The next succeeding election to fill those posts shall be held in 2016,

26 and the terms of councilmembers elected to those posts in that election and subsequent  
27 elections shall be for four years.

28 (e) The term of the mayor who shall be elected in 2013 shall be for three years. The next  
29 succeeding election for mayor shall be held in 2016, and the term for the person elected  
30 mayor in that election and subsequent elections shall be for four years.

31 (f) There shall be a municipal general election biennially in even-numbered years on the  
32 Tuesday next following the first Monday in November. Candidates shall qualify in  
33 accordance with paragraph (3) of subsection (c) of Code Section 21-2-132 of the O.C.G.A."

34 **SECTION 2.**

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