

House Bill 978

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the restructuring of the government of the
2 City of Macon, the City of Payne City, and Bibb County," approved April 20, 2012 (Ga. L.
3 2012, p. 5595), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 14, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013,
4 p. 3501), so as to provide that the nonpartisan election of the mayor and commissioners shall
5 be held on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November in even-numbered
6 years; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act entitled "An Act to provide for the restructuring of the government of the City of
10 Macon, the City of Payne City, and Bibb County," approved April 20, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012,
11 p. 5595), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 14, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013,
12 p. 3501), is amended by revising subsection (c) of Section 9 to read as follows:

13 "(c) The commission shall consist of nine members. The initial commissioners shall be
14 elected at a nonpartisan election held on the third Tuesday in July, 2013, for terms of three
15 years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Their successors shall be
16 elected in nonpartisan elections for terms of four years and shall take office on the first day
17 of January immediately following the date of the election. Such nonpartisan elections shall
18 take place on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November in even-numbered
19 years. The members shall be elected from each of the nine districts specified in subsection
20 (a) of this section by a majority of electors voting in such election from such district. All
21 members of the commission shall be full voting members of the commission. The mayor
22 shall be the presiding officer of the commission but shall not be a voting member of the
23 commission; provided, however, that the mayor may cast a vote on any matter before the
24 commission to break a tie. The mayor may propose ordinances in the same manner as a
25 commissioner."

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SECTION 2.

27 Said Act is further amended by revising subsections (b) and (d) of Section 10 to read as
28 follows:

29 "(b) The initial mayor shall be elected in a nonpartisan election to be held on the third
30 Tuesday in July, 2013. Candidates shall be elected by majority vote as provided in this
31 section. The person elected as mayor at such election shall take office on the second
32 Tuesday of January, 2014, for an initial term of three years and until a successor is elected
33 and qualified. Thereafter, each successor to the office of mayor shall be elected at a
34 nonpartisan election to be held on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in
35 November immediately preceding the expiration of a term of office, shall take office on the
36 first day of January immediately following the date of the election, and shall have a term
37 of office of four years and until a successor is elected and qualified. The mayor shall be
38 elected by a majority vote on a county-wide basis by the electors of the entire county."

39 "(d) Except as otherwise provided in this section, all elections for the mayor and members
40 of the commission shall be in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of
41 the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code,' as now or hereafter amended. Any person who
42 is a registered voter of Macon-Bibb County shall be eligible to vote in any election under
43 this section. For the purpose of establishing the date of the nonpartisan election of the
44 mayor and members of the commission, such offices shall be considered municipal
45 offices."

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SECTION 3.

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