

House Bill 1024

By: Representatives Corbett of the 174<sup>th</sup>, Carter of the 175<sup>th</sup>, Sharper of the 177<sup>th</sup>, and Shaw of the 176<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Lake Park, approved April 17, 1973  
2 (Ga. L. 1973, p. 3074), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 22, 1989 (Ga.  
3 L. 1989, p. 4123), an Act approved February 18, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 4536), and an Act  
4 approved May 6, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3743), so as to provide for the election and terms of  
5 office of the mayor and councilmembers; to provide for related matters; to provide for an  
6 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act creating a new charter for the City of Lake Park, approved April 17, 1973 (Ga. L.  
10 1973, p. 3074), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 22, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989,  
11 p. 4123), an Act approved February 18, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 4536), and an Act approved  
12 May 6, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3743), is amended by revising Section 2.11 as follows:

13 "SECTION 2.11.  
14 Terms; Qualifications of Office.

15 Except as otherwise provided in Article V of this charter, councilmembers shall be elected  
16 at large to serve for terms of four years and until their respective successors are elected and  
17 qualified. No person shall be eligible to serve as a councilmember unless such person shall  
18 have been a resident of the city for a period of 12 months immediately prior to the date of  
19 such person's election, shall continue to reside therein while holding office, and shall be  
20 registered and qualified to vote in the municipal elections of the City of Lake Park."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 2.20 as follows:

23 "SECTION 2.20.

24 Election of Mayor; Term of Office.

25 Except as otherwise provided in Article V of this charter, the mayor shall be elected at  
 26 large and his or her term of office shall be for four years. No person shall be eligible to  
 27 serve as the mayor unless such person shall have been a resident of the city for a period of  
 28 12 months immediately prior to the date of such person's election, shall continue to reside  
 29 therein while holding office, and shall be registered and qualified to vote in the municipal  
 30 elections of the City of Lake Park."

31 **SECTION 3.**

32 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 5.10 as follows:

33 "SECTION 5.10.

34 Regular Elections; Terms.

35 (a) The councilmembers and the mayor in office on January 1, 2017, shall continue to  
 36 serve until their successors are elected and qualified as provided in subsection (b) of this  
 37 section.

38 (b) There shall be elections held for members of the city council according to the  
 39 following schedule:

40 (1) There shall be an election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in  
 41 November, 2017, to elect two councilmembers to succeed two councilmembers who have  
 42 terms of office expiring December 31, 2017. Such councilmembers shall serve terms of  
 43 office beginning on January 1, 2018, and expiring on December 31, 2021. Their  
 44 successors and future successors shall be elected in the same manner on the Tuesday next  
 45 following the first Monday in November immediately preceding the expiration of terms  
 46 of office and shall take office on the first day of January immediately following their  
 47 election for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

48 (2) There shall be an election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in  
 49 November, 2018, to elect two councilmembers to succeed two councilmembers who have  
 50 terms of office expiring December 31, 2018. Such councilmembers shall serve terms of  
 51 office beginning on January 1, 2019, and expiring on December 31, 2023. Their  
 52 successors and future successors shall be elected in the same manner on the Tuesday next

53 following the first Monday in November immediately preceding the expiration of terms  
54 of office and shall take office on the first day of January immediately following their  
55 election for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

56 (3) There shall be an election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in  
57 November, 2018, to elect the mayor who shall serve a term of office beginning on  
58 January 1, 2019, and expiring on December 31, 2023. His or her successor and future  
59 successors shall be elected in the same manner on the Tuesday next following the first  
60 Monday in November immediately preceding the expiration of terms of office and shall  
61 take office on the first day of January immediately following their election for terms of  
62 four years and until their successors are elected and qualified."

63 **SECTION 4.**

64 Said Act is further amended by repealing and reserving Section 5.11.

65 **SECTION 5.**

66 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2017.

67 **SECTION 6.**

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