

House Bill 539

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to reincorporate and provide a new charter for the City of Hampton in  
2 Henry County, Georgia, approved April 19, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 3613), so as to provide for  
3 the ability of the mayor pro tem or members selected to serve in the absence of the mayor  
4 and mayor pro tem to vote on matters before the council while serving in the absence of the  
5 mayor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act to reincorporate and provide a new charter for the City of Hampton in Henry County,  
9 Georgia, approved April 19, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 3613), is amended by revising  
10 paragraph (5) of Section 2.32 as follows:

11 "(5) The mayor shall have the right to vote on all questions before the council when said  
12 vote is a tie;".

13 **SECTION 2.**

14 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 2.33 as follows:

15 "SECTION 2.33.

16 Mayor pro tempore.

17 During the absence or physical or mental disability of the mayor for any cause, the mayor  
18 pro tempore of the city council, or in such person's absence or disability for any reason, any  
19 one of the councilmembers chosen by a majority vote of the city council, shall be clothed  
20 with all the rights and privileges of the mayor and shall perform the duties of the office of  
21 the mayor so long as such absence or disability shall continue. Any such absence or  
22 disability shall be declared by majority vote of all councilmembers. The mayor pro  
23 tempore or selected councilmember shall retain the right to vote on all questions before the

24 council while performing the duties of mayor. The mayor pro tempore or selected  
25 councilmember shall sign all contracts and ordinances in which the mayor has a  
26 disqualifying financial interest as provided in Section 2.14 of this charter."

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**SECTION 3.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.