

House Bill 549 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Stovall of the 74th, Douglas of the 78th, Glanton of the 75th, Bazemore of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Lovejoy in the County of Clayton,
2 approved March 31, 1976 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 3897), as amended, so as to provide for a
3 governing authority; to create districts for the election of members of the governing
4 authority; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for method of election; to
5 provide for the continuation in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to
6 provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act to provide a new charter for the City of Lovejoy in the County of Clayton, approved
10 March 31, 1976 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 3897), as amended, is amended by revising Section 2.01 as
11 follows:

12 **"Section 2.01. Establishment of city government.** The corporate governmental powers
13 of the City of Lovejoy shall be vested in a mayor and four councilmembers to the known
14 as the 'mayor and council.' The mayor shall be elected at large by the qualified voters of
15 the city. The councilmembers shall be elected in the manner provided by general law and
16 this charter."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 2.03 as follows:

19 **"Section 2.03. Election of mayor and councilmembers.**

20 (a) For the purpose of electing the four councilmembers of the City of Lovejoy, the city
21 shall be divided into two districts. Districts 1 and 2 shall correspond to those two
22 numbered districts described in a plan and attached to and made a part of this Act and
23 further identified as 'Plan: lovejoy-p2-2016 Plan Type: Local Administrator: HD74 User:
24 Gina'.

25 (b)(1) For the purposes of such plan:

26 (A) The term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as
27 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial
28 census of 2010 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district
29 description which are underneath a 'VTD' heading shall mean and describe individual
30 blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the
31 United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia; and

32 (B) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any district, whenever the
33 description of any district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical
34 boundaries of that city as shown on the census maps for the United States decennial
35 census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

36 (2) Any part of City of Lovejoy that is not included in any district described in
37 subsection (a) of this section shall be included within that district contiguous to such part
38 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of
39 2010 for the State of Georgia.

40 (3) Any part of City of Lovejoy which is described in subsection (a) of this section as
41 being included in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such
42 district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall
43 instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least
44 population according to the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of
45 Georgia.

46 (c) There shall be two members of the city council elected by each district each holding
47 Post 1 or Post 2. A candidate shall designate the district and post for which such candidate
48 offers for election. A candidate shall have been a resident of the district for which such
49 candidate offers for election at least 12 months prior to election. Members of the city
50 council shall be elected by qualified voters of the district for which they offer for election.
51 The election of members of the city council shall be conducted in accordance with the
52 provisions of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code.'

53 (d) The members of the city council elected in the November, 2015, general election shall
54 continue in office for the terms to which they were elected and until successors are elected
55 and qualified as provided in this Act.

56 (e) The first members of the reconstituted governing authority of City of Lovejoy from
57 District 1 shall be elected in the November, 2019, general election. Such members shall
58 take office on January 1 following their election for terms of two years and until their
59 successors are elected and qualified.

60 (f) The first members of the reconstituted governing authority of City of Lovejoy from
61 District 2 shall be elected in the November, 2019, general election. Such members shall

62 take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four years and until their
63 successors are elected and qualified.

64 (g) Successors to members elected under subsections (e) and (f) of this section shall be
65 elected in the November general election next preceding the expiration of such terms of
66 office and shall take office on January 1 following their election for terms of four years and
67 until their successors are elected and qualified."

68 **SECTION 3.**

69 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 6.01 as follows:

70 "**Section 6.01. Regular elections.** The regular elections for mayor and councilmembers
71 shall be held in November of odd-numbered years."

72 **SECTION 4.**

73 The provisions of this Act relating to and necessary for the 2019 regular election of members
74 of the governing authority of the City of Lovejoy shall become effective upon its approval
75 by the Governor or upon its becoming effective without such approval; and this Act shall
76 otherwise become effective January 1, 2020.

77 **SECTION 5.**

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

Plan: lovejoy-p2-2016
Plan Type: Local
Administrator: HD74
User: Gina

District 001
Clayton County
VTD: 063LJ3 - LOVEJOY 3
040606:
2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031
040608:
1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1009 1046 1047 1048 1049 1050
1051 1052 1058 1059 1060 1061 1062 1063 1064 1102 1104

District 002
Clayton County
VTD: 063LJ1 - LOVEJOY 1
040606:
1024
VTD: 063LJ2 - LOVEJOY 2
040606:
1009 1011 1028 1029 1030 1031
040621:
2027
VTD: 063LJ3 - LOVEJOY 3
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1032 1033 1034 1035 1036 1038 1039 1041 1048 1049 2001 2002
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