

House Bill 600 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Carter of the 92nd, Kendrick of the 93rd, Jones of the 91st, Bennett of the 94th, and Stephenson of the 90th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to incorporate the City of Stonecrest in DeKalb County, approved April 21,
2 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 3538), so as to provide a term limit for the mayor; to modify provisions
3 related to voting by the governing authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 An Act to incorporate the City of Stonecrest in DeKalb County, approved April 21, 2016
8 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 3538), is amended by revising subsection (c) of Section 2.02 as follows:

9 "(c)(1) The number of successive terms an individual may hold a position as a
10 councilmember shall be unlimited.

11 (2) No mayor elected and qualified for two consecutive terms shall be eligible for the
12 succeeding term."

13 **SECTION 2.**

14 Said Act is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Section 2.10 as follows:

15 "(a) Four councilmembers shall constitute a quorum and shall be authorized to transact
16 business for the city council. The mayor shall be counted toward the making of a quorum.
17 Voting on the adoption of ordinances shall be taken by voice vote and the yeas and nays
18 shall be recorded in the minutes, but on the request of any member there shall be a roll-call
19 vote. In order for any ordinance, resolution, motion, or other action of the city council to
20 be adopted, the measure shall receive at least three affirmative votes and shall receive the
21 affirmative votes of a majority of those voting. Neither any councilmember nor the mayor,
22 in the event of a tie vote, shall abstain from voting on any matter properly brought before
23 the city council for official action except when such council member or the mayor has a
24 reason which is disclosed in writing prior to or at the meeting and made a part of the

25 minutes. Each councilmember when present at a meeting shall have one vote on all matters
26 brought before the council. The mayor shall only vote in the event of a tie."

27 **SECTION 3.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.