

Senate Bill 284

By: Senator Mullis of the 53rd

**AS PASSED**

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act reincorporating and providing a new charter for the City of Trenton in  
2 Dade County, approved March 26, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 4725), so as to change the position  
3 of city clerk from an elective to an appointive position; to provide for the current city clerk  
4 to serve out the remainder of his or her term of office; to provide for the appointment of city  
5 clerks; to provide for the election of certain city officers; to provide for related matters; to  
6 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act reincorporating and providing a new charter for the City of Trenton in Dade County,  
10 approved March 26, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 4725), is amended in Section 3.10 by adding a  
11 new subsection to read as follows:

12 "(e) The city clerk serving in office as of January 1, 2017, shall serve the remainder of the  
13 term of office for which such city clerk was elected; however, no further elections shall be  
14 conducted for the position of city clerk and the term of such elected city clerk shall end on  
15 the first Monday in January, 2018. Beginning on the first Monday in January, 2018, there  
16 shall be an appointed city clerk who shall carry out the duties of city clerk as set forth in  
17 this charter and other applicable law. The city clerk shall be appointed by the mayor,  
18 subject to confirmation by the city council, and shall serve at the pleasure of the governing  
19 authority of the city."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 5.11 as follows:

22 "**Section 5.11.** Regular elections; time for holding. Municipal general elections for the city  
23 shall be held biennially in the odd-numbered years on the Tuesday next following the first  
24 Monday in November. There shall be elected the mayor, street commissioner, and fire and  
25 utilities commissioner at one election and at every other regular election thereafter. The

26 offices of police commissioner and parks and recreation commissioner shall be filled at the  
27 election alternating with the first election so that a continuing body is created. The mayor  
28 and the commissioners shall serve for terms of four years and until their respective  
29 successors are elected and qualified. The terms of office shall begin at the time of taking  
30 the oath of office as provided in Section 2.18 of this charter. The mayor, street  
31 commissioner, fire and utilities commissioner, police commissioner, and parks and  
32 recreation commissioner in office on July 1, 2017, shall serve out the terms to which they  
33 were elected and until their respective successors are elected and qualified."

34 **SECTION 3.**

35 The initial appointment of a city clerk of the City of Trenton as authorized in Section 1 of  
36 this Act may occur at any time after the effective date of this Act, provided that such city  
37 clerk so appointed shall not assume the duties of city clerk prior to the first Monday in  
38 January, 2018.

39 **SECTION 4.**

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