

House Bill 1011

By: Representatives Gasaway of the 28th and Powell of the 32nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide a new charter for the Town of Martin, approved March 18, 1980
2 (Ga. L. 1980, p. 3215), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 21, 1989
3 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 3883), so as to change certain provisions relating to the mayoral term; to
4 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 An Act to provide a new charter for the Town of Martin, approved March 18, 1980
8 (Ga. L. 1980, p. 3215), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 21, 1989
9 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 3883), as amended, is amended by revising Section 2.11 as follows:

10 "Section 2.11. Terms and qualifications of office. The members of the council shall
11 serve for terms of three years and until their respective successors are elected and qualified.

12 The mayor shall serve for a term of four years and until his or her successor is elected and
13 qualified. No person shall be eligible to serve as mayor or councilman unless he or she:

14 (1) Has been a resident of the town for a period of one year immediately prior to the
15 date of the election of mayor or councilmen;

16 (2) Continues to reside within the town during his or her period of service;

17 (3) Is registered and qualified to vote in municipal elections of the Town of Martin; and

18 (4) Meets the qualification standards required for members of the Georgia House of
19 Representatives as are now or may in the future be prescribed by the Georgia
20 Constitution."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 Said Act is further amended by revising subsection (d) of Section 5.10 as follows:

23 "(d)(1) The mayor in office on January 1, 2018, shall continue in office until December
24 31, 2019. At the election in 2019, and quadrennially on the 2nd Monday in October
25 thereafter, the mayor shall be elected for a term of four years and until his or her

26 successor is elected and qualified. A candidate for the office of mayor shall designate
27 that he or she is a candidate for mayor. The candidate for mayor shall be elected by
28 plurality so that in any election as provided herein the candidate for mayor receiving the
29 highest number of votes cast shall be elected. Notwithstanding any provision of
30 subsection (e) of this section to the contrary, the mayor shall take office on the first day
31 of January immediately following his or her election.

32 (2) Councilmen and their successors shall be elected on the second Monday in October
33 during the term that their respective terms of office expire for terms of three years and
34 until their successors are elected and qualified. A candidate for the office of councilman
35 shall designate that he or she is a candidate for councilman. All candidates for the office
36 of councilman shall be elected by plurality so that in any election as provided herein the
37 two candidates for councilman receiving the highest number of votes cast shall be
38 elected, and the candidate for councilman, in those years when only one councilman is
39 elected, who receives the highest number of votes cast at said election shall be elected.
40 Notwithstanding any provision of subsection (e) of this section to the contrary, the
41 councilmen or councilman shall take office on the first day of January immediately
42 following his or her election."

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SECTION 3.

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