

House Bill 159

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to amend, consolidate and supersede the several Acts of the General  
2 Assembly of the State of Georgia pertaining to the City of Molena in the County of Pike (Ga.  
3 L. 1982, p. 4935), as amended, so as to provide for four-year terms of office for the mayor  
4 and councilmembers; to provide initial terms of office for the mayor and councilmembers  
5 elected in 2019 and 2020; to provide for related matters; to provide for the continuation of  
6 terms of office in effect at the time of adoption; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
7 purposes.

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

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act to amend, consolidate and supersede the several Acts of the General Assembly of the  
11 State of Georgia pertaining to the City of Molena in the County of Pike (Ga. L. 1982, p.  
12 4935), as amended, is amended by revising Section 2.2 as follows:

13 "Section 2.2. Terms of Councilmembers. (a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c)  
14 of this Section, each councilmember shall be elected for a term of four years, said election  
15 to be held on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November immediately  
16 preceding the expiration of their term of office, and shall take office on the first Monday  
17 in January of the year following the election.

18 (b) To succeed the Post 1 and 2 councilmember terms expiring on December 31, 2019,  
19 councilmembers to represent Posts 1 and 2 shall be elected on the Tuesday next following  
20 the first Monday in November 2019, and these initial terms of office shall expire on  
21 December 31, 2021.

22 (c) To succeed the Post 3, 4, and 5 councilmember terms expiring on December 31, 2020,  
23 councilmembers to represent Posts 3, 4, and 5 shall be elected on the Tuesday next  
24 following the first Monday in November 2020, and these initial terms of office shall expire  
25 on December 31, 2023."

26 **SECTION 2.**

27 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 2.3 as follows:

28 "Section 2.3. Term of Mayor. (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this Section, any  
29 person elected mayor shall serve a four-year term of office. The election of mayor shall  
30 be on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November immediately preceding  
31 the expiration of his or her term of office, and the newly elected mayor shall take office on  
32 the first Monday in January of the year next following.

33 (b) To succeed the mayoral term expiring on December 31, 2019, the mayor shall be  
34 elected on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November 2019, and this initial  
35 term of office shall expire on December 31, 2021."

36 **SECTION 3.**

37 The mayor and councilmembers in office on the effective date of this Act shall complete the  
38 terms of office for which they were elected.

39 **SECTION 4.**

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