

House Bill 240

By: Representatives Hatchett of the 150<sup>th</sup>, Pruett of the 149<sup>th</sup>, and Mathis of the 144<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide a new charter for the Town of East Dublin, approved April 9,  
2 1981 (Ga. L. 1981, p. 4645), as amended, so as to provide a new term for the mayor pro  
3 tempore; to provide for the filling of vacancies; to provide for removal of the municipal court  
4 judge; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 An Act to provide a new charter for the Town of East Dublin, approved April 9, 1981 (Ga.  
8 L. 1981, p. 4645), as amended, is amended by revising Section 2.17 as follows:

9 "Section 2.17 Mayor Pro Tempore.

10 At the first regular meeting of the mayor and council in January of the first year of the new  
11 four-year term of office, the council of the City of East Dublin shall elect one of its  
12 members as mayor pro tempore to hold such office for a period of four years and until the  
13 first regular meeting of the mayor and council in January of the next four-year term of  
14 office. The mayor pro tempore shall, in the absence, disability, or disqualification of the  
15 mayor, perform all of the duties and execute all of the rights, powers, and privileges of the  
16 office of mayor."

17 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

18 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 2.19 as follows:

19 "Section 2.19 Vacancies - Generally.

20 In case of vacancy in the office of mayor, or any member of the council from death,  
21 removal, disability, or any cause whatever, in the first two years of the four-year term of  
22 office, said vacancy shall be filled by an election ordered by the mayor and council of said  
23 city to take place in accordance with the provisions of Title 21 of the Official Code of  
24 Georgia Annotated. In the last two years of the four-year term of office, said vacancy shall  
25 be filled by the mayor and council, by majority vote, appointing a person to serve out the

26 unexpired term of office. If the vacancy is for the position of mayor, the mayor pro  
27 tempore shall assume the office of mayor, and council vacancy created by the elevation of  
28 the mayor pro tempore shall be filled according to terms of this section."

29 **SECTION 3.**

30 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 4.11 as follows:

31 "Section 4.11 Judge of the Municipal Court.

32 The municipal court shall be presided over by the judge of the municipal court who shall  
33 have such qualifications as required by general law. The judge shall be appointed by the  
34 mayor and confirmed by the council. The judge may be removed from office pursuant to  
35 the terms of general law."

36 **SECTION 4.**

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