

House Bill 1476

By: Representative Leverett of the 33rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to amend, consolidate, and supersede the several Acts incorporating the
2 City of Colbert, approved February 14, 1950 (Ga. L. 1950, p. 2417), as amended, particularly
3 by an Act approved May 6, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 3909), and an Act approved April 30, 2013
4 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 3994), so as to revise provisions regarding staggered, four-year terms of
5 office for the mayor and councilmembers; to designate city council posts; to provide for
6 manner of election; to provide for continuation in office of the current mayor and
7 councilmembers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
8 purposes.

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

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 An Act to amend, consolidate, and supersede the several Acts incorporating the City of
12 Colbert, approved February 14, 1950 (Ga. L. 1950, p. 2417), as amended, particularly by an
13 Act approved May 6, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 3909), and an Act approved April 30, 2013 (Ga.
14 L. 2013, p. 3994), is amended by revising Section 2.11 as follows:

"SECTION 2.11.

City councilmembers;
terms and qualifications for office.

(a) The members of the city council shall serve for terms of four years and until their respective successors are elected and qualified. The term of office of each member of the city council shall begin on the first Monday of January immediately following the election of such member.

(b) Each member of the city council shall represent a designated post.

(1) Post One and Post Two shall be designated as the two city council seats elected in the 2019 general municipal election and subsequent elections occurring every four years thereafter.

(A) Roger Fortson shall be the initial councilmember for Post 1.

(B) Jonathan Pou shall be the initial councilmember for Post 2.

(2) Post Three and Post Four shall be designated as the two city council seats elected in the 2021 general municipal election and subsequent elections occurring every four years thereafter.

(A) Ray Thomas shall be the initial councilmember for Post 3.

(B) Greg Magnum shall be the initial councilmember for Post 4.

(c) No person shall be eligible to serve as mayor or councilmember unless that person shall have been a resident of the city for 12 months prior to the date of the election of mayor or members of the city council; each person shall continue to reside therein during that person's period of service and to be registered and qualified to vote in municipal elections of this city. Each councilmember shall be elected by a majority vote, 50 percent plus one, of all the votes casts for each particular post. The mayor shall be elected by a majority vote, 50 percent plus one, of all the votes cast in each mayoral election. Each registered elector of the city shall be eligible to vote for mayor and each individual city

41 council post at large, and the posts designated in this section are neither electoral nor
42 residency districts."

43 **SECTION 2.**

44 The mayor and councilmembers of the City of Colbert who are serving as such on the
45 effective date of this Act and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office shall
46 continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective terms of
47 office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors.

48 **SECTION 3.**

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