

House Bill 1589

By: Representative Thomas of the 21st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Holly Springs in the County of
2 Cherokee, approved March 18, 1980 (Ga. L. 1980, p. 3281), as amended, particularly by an
3 Act approved April 10, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 4161), and an Act approved April 29, 2014
4 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 4287), so as to provide for election by majority vote; to provide for a
5 referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act creating a new charter for the City of Holly Springs in the County of Cherokee,
10 approved March 18, 1980 (Ga. L. 1980, p. 3281), as amended, particularly by an Act
11 approved April 10, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 4161), and an Act approved April 29, 2014
12 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 4287), is amended by repealing subsection (f) of Section 5.02.

13 **SECTION 2.**

14 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 5.03 as follows:

15 "SECTION 5.03.

16 Election at large; majority vote.

17 The councilmember for each ward and the mayor shall be elected by the qualified electors
18 of the city at large, and each candidate for mayor and city council receiving a majority of
19 the votes cast from the city at large shall be declared elected."

20 **SECTION 3.**

21 The municipal election superintendent of the City of Holly Springs shall call and conduct a
22 special election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the
23 electors of the City of Holly Springs for approval or rejection. The municipal election
24 superintendent shall conduct such election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday
25 in November, 2022, and shall issue the call and conduct such election as provided by general
26 law. The municipal election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election
27 to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the
28 official organ of Cherokee County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the
29 words:

30 "() YES Shall the Act which provides that the mayor and councilmembers of the
31 () NO City of Holly Springs be elected by majority vote of the electors of the city
32 be approved?"

33 All persons desiring to vote for approval of this Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring
34 to vote for rejection of this Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on
35 such question are for approval of this Act, then Section 1 and Section 2 of this Act shall
36 become effective on January 1, 2023. If more than one-half of the votes cast on such
37 question are for rejection of the annexation, this Act shall not become effective and shall be
38 automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately following such election date.

39 The expense of such election shall be borne by the City of Holly Springs. It shall be the
40 election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State.

41 **SECTION 4.**

42 Except as otherwise provided in Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon
43 its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

44 **SECTION 5.**

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