House Bill 1205 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend an Act to create a new Charter for the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia, approved March 28, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 4961), as amended, so as to change the term of office for the mayor; to change the term of office for city councilmembers; to provide for a transition to the new terms of office; to provide for term limits for the mayor; to provide for term limits for city councilmembers; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act to create a new Charter for the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia, approved March 28, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 4961), as amended, is amended by revising Section 2.11 as follows:

"SECTION 2.11.

City council; terms and qualifications of office.

The members of the city council shall serve for terms of four years and until their respective successors are elected and qualified. No person elected in the general municipal election of 2012, or any election thereafter, shall serve as a city councilmember for more than 12 consecutive years. Any person serving as mayor or councilmember shall be a qualified elector of the city. No person shall be eligible to serve as mayor or councilmember unless the person was a resident of the city immediately prior to the date of the election and unless the person continues to reside therein during the term of office for which the person was elected."

SECTION 2.

Said Act is further amended by revising Section 2.27 as follows:

″SECTION 2.27.

Election of mayor; forfeiture; compensation.

The mayor shall be elected and serve a term of four years and until a successor is elected and qualified. No person elected in the general municipal election of 2012, or any election thereafter, shall serve as mayor for more than 12 consecutive years. A person holding office as mayor shall forfeit such office on the same grounds and under the same procedures as councilmembers forfeit their office.″

SECTION 3.

Said Act is further amended by revising Section 5.11 as follows:

″SECTION 5.11.

Election of the city council and mayor.

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of Code Sections 21-2-541.1 and 21-2-541.2 of the O.C.G.A., a municipal general election shall be held on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2012, and on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2013. Thereafter, a municipal general election shall be held on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November biennially beginning in 2015.

(b) The mayor and two councilmembers shall be elected at the general municipal election in 2012. The remaining city council seats shall be filled at the election alternating with the first election so that a continuing body is created as provided for in Section 7.11 of this charter.″

SECTION 4.

Said Act is further amended by revising Section 7.11 as follows:

″SECTION 7.11.

First election under the 2012 charter amendment.

The first municipal election under the 2012 charter amendment shall be held on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2012. At this election the mayor and two city councilmembers being Post No. 1 and Post No. 2 shall be elected. The mayor

and city councilmembers for Post No. 1 and Post No. 2 shall serve a term of three years, and their successors shall be elected at a general municipal election to be conducted in 2015. The mayor and councilmembers elected to Post No. 1 and Post No. 2 at the general election in 2015 and all elections thereafter shall serve a four-year term. On the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2013, two councilmembers shall be elected to Post No. 3 and Post No. 4. The councilmembers elected in the general municipal election in 2013 and all elections thereafter shall serve a term of four years.″

SECTION 5.

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