

House Bill 295

By: Representatives LaRiccia of the 169th, Corbett of the 174th, and Pirkle of the 155th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Douglas, approved March 10, 1993
2 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4022), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2009 (Ga. L.
3 2009, p. 3776), so as to revise the provisions for the filling of vacancies in the office of
4 mayor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 An Act providing a new charter for the City of Douglas, approved March 10, 1993
8 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4022), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2009 (Ga. L.
9 2009, p. 3776), is amended by revising subsection (a) of Section 2.15 as follows:

10 "(a)(1) In the event that the office of mayor shall become vacant upon the incumbent's
11 death, resignation, forfeiture of office, or removal from office in any manner authorized
12 by this charter or the general laws of the State of Georgia and there are six months or less
13 remaining in such person's term of office, the city commission or those remaining shall
14 appoint a qualified individual to fill the balance of the unexpired term of such person.
15 In the event that there are more than six months remaining in such person's term of office,
16 the vacancy shall be filled by special election called and held in accordance with Code
17 Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A.

18 (2) In the event that the office of commission member shall become vacant upon the
19 incumbent's death, resignation, forfeiture of office, or removal from office in any manner
20 authorized by this charter or the general laws of the State of Georgia and there is one year
21 or less remaining in such person's term of office, the city commission or those remaining
22 shall appoint a qualified individual to fill the balance of the unexpired term of such
23 person. In the event that there is more than one year remaining in such person's term of
24 office, the vacancy shall be filled by special election called and held in accordance with
25 Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A.

26 (3) In the event that all seats on the commission are vacant, such vacancies shall be filled
27 in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 36-30-13 of the O.C.G.A."

28 **SECTION 2.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.