

Senate Bill 621

By: Senator Harrell of the 40th

AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Doraville, approved October 13, 1971
2 (Ga. L. 1971, Ex. Sess., p. 2154), as amended, so as to provide that certain councilmembers
3 are elected by districts; to revise city council districts; to provide definitions and inclusions;
4 to provide for initial terms of office; to provide for the continuance in office for current
5 members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act creating a new charter for the City of Doraville, approved October 13, 1971 (Ga. L.
9 1971, Ex. Sess., p. 2154), as amended, is amended by revising Section 2.01 as follows:

10 "SECTION 2.01.

11 Establishment of city government.

12 The corporate governmental powers of the City of Doraville shall be vested in a city
13 council to be composed of a mayor and councilmembers as described in this charter. The
14 councilmembers shall represent the respective districts in which they reside. The mayor

15 and councilmembers shall exercise their powers in the manner prescribed by this charter,
16 the Constitution, and applicable laws of the State of Georgia, or if not so prescribed, then
17 in such manner as prescribed by the duly established ordinances of the City of Doraville."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 5.08 as follows:

20 "SECTION 5.08

21 Election districts, election of mayor and councilmembers.

22 (a)(1) For the purpose of electing councilmembers, the City of Doraville shall be divided
23 into two council districts. Three councilmembers shall be elected from and reside in each
24 district. Candidates for the district posts must reside in the district which they seek to
25 represent. Except as otherwise provided in this Act, one councilmember from each
26 district shall be elected by a majority vote of the qualified electors of his or her respective
27 district voting at the elections of the city, and two councilmembers from each district
28 shall be elected by a majority vote of the qualified electors of the city at large voting in
29 the elections of the city. Districts 1 and 2 shall be and correspond to those two numbered
30 districts described in Appendix B attached to and made a part of this Act and further
31 identified as 'User: Doraville Plan Name: DoravilleCC-2022 Plan Type: Local'.

32 (2) For the purposes of such plan:

33 (A) The term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as
34 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial
35 census of 2020 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district
36 description which are underneath a VTD heading shall mean and describe individual
37 Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the
38 United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia; and

(B) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any district, whenever the description of any district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the census maps for the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

(3) Any part of the City of Doraville which is not included in any district described in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

(4) Any part of the City of Doraville which is described in paragraph (1) of this subsection as being included in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

(5) Any territory purportedly described as being in a district in paragraph (1) of this subsection that is not within the corporate limits of the City of Doraville shall not be part of any such district.

(b)(1) The council district seat for District 1, as it exists immediately prior to the effective date of this Act, with a term of office expiring December 31, 2025, shall be designated as Post 1 of District 1 but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of this Act, such councilmember serving from that district shall be deemed to be serving from and representing his or her respective district as newly described under this Act;

(2) The council district seat for District 1, as it exists immediately prior to the effective date of this Act, with a term of office expiring December 31, 2023, shall be designated as Post 2 of District 1 but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of this Act, such councilmember serving from that district shall be deemed

to be serving from and representing his or her respective district as newly described under this Act;

(3) The council district seat for District 2, as it exists immediately prior to the effective date of this Act, with a term of office expiring December 31, 2023, shall be designated as Post 3 of District 1 but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of this Act, such councilmember serving from that district shall be deemed to be serving from and representing his or her respective district as newly described under this Act;

(4) The council district seat for District 3, as it exists immediately prior to the effective date of this Act, with a term of office expiring December 31, 2025, shall be designated as Post 1 of District 2 but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of this Act, such councilmember serving from that district shall be deemed to be serving from and representing his or her respective district as newly described under this Act;

(5) The council district seat for District 3, as it exists immediately prior to the effective date of this Act, with a term of office expiring December 31, 2023, shall be designated as Post 2 of District 2 but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of this Act, such councilmember serving from that district shall be deemed to be serving from and representing his or her respective district as newly described under this Act; and

(6) The council district seat for District 2, as it exists immediately prior to the effective date of this Act, with a term of office expiring December 31, 2025, shall be designated as Post 3 of District 2 but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of this Act, such councilmember serving from that district shall be deemed to be serving from and representing his or her respective district as newly described under this Act.

(c) Except as provided for in subsection (d) of this section:

(1) The mayor shall be elected to four-year terms of office by a majority of the qualified electors of the city;

(2) All councilmembers shall be elected to four-year terms of office;

(3) The councilmembers elected from Posts 1 and 2 of Districts 1 and 2 shall be elected by majority vote of the qualified electors of the city voting at large; and

(4) The councilmembers elected from Post 3 of Districts 1 and 2 shall be elected by majority vote of the qualified electors of their respective district.

(d)(1) At the general municipal election held in 2023, the mayor, the councilmember for Post 2 of District 1, and the councilmember for Post 2 of District 2 shall be elected to an initial term of office of four years by a majority of the qualified electors of the city voting at large.

(2) At the general municipal election held in 2023, the councilmember for Post 3 of District 1 shall be elected to an initial term of office of two years by a majority of the qualified electors of the city voting at large.

(3) At the general municipal election held in 2025, the councilmember for Post 1 of District 1 and the councilmember for Post 1 of District 2 shall be elected to an initial term of office of four years by a majority of the qualified electors of the city voting at large.

(4) At the general municipal election held in 2025, the councilmember for Post 3 of District 1 and the councilmember for Post 3 of District 2 shall be elected to an initial term of office of four years by majority vote of the qualified electors of their respective district."

SECTION 3.

Those members of the City of Doraville City Council who are serving as such on the effective date of this Act, and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office shall

117 continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective terms of
118 office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors.

119 **SECTION 4.**

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

121 APPENDIX B

122 User: Doraville

123 Plan Name: DoravilleCC-2022

124 Plan Type: Local

125 District 001

126 County DeKalb GA

127 VTD Doraville North (DOR)

128 Block 021301:

129 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1009 1010 1018 1019

130 1021 3009 3010

131 Block 021305:

132 2001 2002

133 Block 021306:

134 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1014 1015

135 1016 1017 1018 1019 1020 1021 1022 1023 1024 2000 2001 2002

136 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014

137 2015 3000 3001 3002 3003 3004 3005 3006 3007 3008 3009 4000

138 4001 4002

139 District 002

140 County DeKalb GA

141 VTD Doraville North (DOR)

142 Block 021301:

143 1008 1011 1012 1013 1014 1015 1016 1017

144 Block 021306:

145 1010 1011 1012 1013
 146 Block 021307:
 147 3000
 148 Block 021309:
 149 2001 2003
 150 Block 021310:
 151 1000 1001 1002 1004 1019 1022 1023 1032 2000 2001 2002 2003
 152 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 3000 3002 3003
 153 VTD Doraville South (DOR)
 154 Block 021307:
 155 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011
 156 1012 1013 1014 1016 1017 1018 1019 1020 1021 2006 2010 2011
 157 2012 2013 3001 3002 3003 3004 3012 3013 3014 3015 3016 3017
 158 3018 3019 3020 3021 3022
 159 VTD Oakcliff Elem
 160 Block 021307:
 161 2002 2003 2004 2021
 162 Block 021309:
 163 1000 1001 2000
 164 Block 021310:
 165 1003 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011 1012 1015 1016 1017
 166 1018 1021 1025 3001 3008