

House Bill 1530 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to repeal and replace the charter of the City of Fairmount, approved April  
2 17, 1975 (Ga. L. 1975, p. 3136), as amended, so as to provide that future mayors shall be  
3 elected to four-year terms of office; to conform compensation provisions with general law;  
4 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 to repeal and replace the charter of the City of Fairmount, approved April 17, 1975  
8 (Ga. L. 1975, p. 3136), as amended, is amended by revising Section 2.11 read as follows:

9 "SECTION 2.11.

10 Terms and qualifications of office

11 The mayor and council members in office on the effective date of this Act shall continue  
12 to serve out the term of office to which elected. The mayor and council members shall be  
13 elected from the city at large. The mayor elected in 2027, and all successors to such  
14 mayor, shall serve for a term of four years and until his or her successor is elected and  
15 qualified. There shall be four council posts designated as Posts 1, 2, 3, and 4. In all  
16 elections held by the city for the purpose of selecting new members of the city council,

17 candidates must declare by number the post on the city council which they are offering to  
18 fill. The candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast for each respective position shall  
19 be elected to the city council to fill that particular vacancy on the council. All members of  
20 the council shall be elected for and shall serve terms of four years and until their respective  
21 successors are elected and qualified. City council elections shall be staggered so Posts 1  
22 and 3 shall be elected at one municipal election, and Posts 2 and 4 shall be elected at the  
23 subsequent municipal election held two years later. No person shall be eligible to serve as  
24 mayor or councilperson unless he or she has been a resident of the City of Fairmount for  
25 a period of one year immediately prior to the date of election of mayor or members of the  
26 council, continues to reside therein during his or her period of service, is registered and  
27 qualified to vote in municipal elections of the City of Fairmount, and meets the  
28 qualification standards required for members of the Georgia House of Representatives, as  
29 are now or may in the future be prescribed by the Georgia Constitution."

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**SECTION 2.**

31 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 2.13 as follows:

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**"SECTION 2.13.**

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**Compensation and expenses**

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The mayor and council shall determine the salary of the mayor and councilperson by ordinance; provided, however, no ordinance increasing the salary of the mayor or councilperson shall become effective until after the taking of office of those elected at the next regular municipal election which is held immediately following the date on which the action to increase the compensation was taken. Each councilperson and the mayor, when authorized by the mayor and council and upon presentation of itemized vouchers, shall receive their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties of office."

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**SECTION 3.**

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