

House Bill 1024 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Carter of the 175th, Sharper of the 177th, and Shaw of the 176th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Lake Park, approved April 17, 1973
2 (Ga. L. 1973, p. 3074), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 22, 1989 (Ga.
3 L. 1989, p. 4123), an Act approved February 18, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 4536), and an Act
4 approved May 6, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3743), so as to provide for the election and terms of
5 office of the mayor and councilmembers; to provide for related matters; to provide for an
6 effective date; to repeal 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 Lake Park, approved April 17, 1973 (Ga. L.
10 1973, p. 3074), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 22, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989,
11 p. 4123), an Act approved February 18, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 4536), and an Act approved
12 May 6, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3743), is amended by revising Section 2.11 as follows:

13 "SECTION 2.11.

14 Terms; Qualifications of Office.

15 Except as otherwise provided in Article V of this charter, councilmembers shall be elected
16 at large to serve for terms of four years and until their respective successors are elected and
17 qualified. No person shall be eligible to serve as a councilmember unless such person shall
18 have been a resident of the city for a period of 12 months immediately prior to the date of
19 such person's election, shall continue to reside therein while holding office, and shall be
20 registered and qualified to vote in the municipal elections of the City of Lake Park."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 2.20 as follows:

23 "SECTION 2.20.

24 Election of Mayor; Term of Office.

25 Except as otherwise provided in Article V of this charter, the mayor shall be elected at
 26 large and his or her term of office shall be for four years. No person shall be eligible to
 27 serve as the mayor unless such person shall have been a resident of the city for a period of
 28 12 months immediately prior to the date of such person's election, shall continue to reside
 29 therein while holding office, and shall be registered and qualified to vote in the municipal
 30 elections of the City of Lake Park."

31 **SECTION 3.**

32 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 5.10 as follows:

33 "SECTION 5.10.

34 Regular Elections; Terms.

35 (a) The councilmembers and the mayor in office on January 1, 2017, shall continue to
 36 serve until their successors are elected and qualified as provided in subsection (b) of this
 37 section.

38 (b) There shall be elections held for members of the city council according to the
 39 following schedule:

40 (1) There shall be an election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in
 41 November, 2017, to elect two councilmembers to succeed two councilmembers who have
 42 terms of office expiring December 31, 2017. Such councilmembers shall serve terms of
 43 office beginning on January 1, 2018, and expiring on December 31, 2021. Their
 44 successors and future successors shall be elected in the same manner on the Tuesday next
 45 following the first Monday in November immediately preceding the expiration of terms
 46 of office and shall take office on the first day of January immediately following their
 47 election for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

48 (2) There shall be an election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in
 49 November, 2018, to elect two councilmembers to succeed two councilmembers who have
 50 terms of office expiring December 31, 2018. Such councilmembers shall serve terms of
 51 office beginning on January 1, 2019, and expiring on December 31, 2023. Their
 52 successors and future successors shall be elected in the same manner on the Tuesday next

53 following the first Monday in November immediately preceding the expiration of terms
54 of office and shall take office on the first day of January immediately following their
55 election for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

56 (3) There shall be an election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in
57 November, 2018, to elect the mayor who shall serve a term of office beginning on
58 January 1, 2019, and expiring on December 31, 2023. His or her successor and future
59 successors shall be elected in the same manner on the Tuesday next following the first
60 Monday in November immediately preceding the expiration of terms of office and shall
61 take office on the first day of January immediately following their election for terms of
62 four years and until their successors are elected and qualified."

63 **SECTION 4.**

64 Said Act is further amended by repealing and reserving Section 5.11.

65 **SECTION 5.**

66 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2017.

67 **SECTION 6.**

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