

House Bill 1062 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives LaRiccia of the 169th 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 March 27, 1998 (Ga.
3 L. 1998, p. 3855), so as to stagger the terms of the members of the governing authority; to
4 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 March 27, 1998 (Ga.
9 L. 1998, p. 3855), is amended by revising Section 2.11 as follows:

10 "SECTION 2.11.

11 Election of mayor; forfeiture; compensation.

12 The term of office of the mayor to be elected in 2019 shall be four years and until his or her
13 successor is elected and qualified. Thereafter, the term of office of the mayor shall be four
14 years and until his or her successor is elected and qualified. The mayor shall be elected at
15 large. The mayor shall be a qualified elector of this city and shall have been a resident of the
16 city for 12 months immediately preceding his or her election. The mayor shall continue to
17 reside in this city during the period of his or her service and to be registered and qualified to
18 vote in municipal elections of this city. The mayor shall forfeit his or her office on the same
19 grounds and under the same procedure as for commission members. The compensation of
20 the mayor shall be established in the same manner as for commission members."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 2.14 as follows:

23 "SECTION 2.14.

24 City commission members; terms; qualifications.

25 (a) The terms of office of members of the city commission representing Posts 2, 3, and 6 to
 26 be elected in 2019 shall be four years and until their respective successors are elected and
 27 qualified. Thereafter, their terms of office shall be four years and until their respective
 28 successors are elected and qualified.

29 (b) The terms of office of members of the city commission representing Posts 1, 4, and 5 to
 30 be elected in 2019 shall be two years and until their respective successors are elected and
 31 qualified. Thereafter, their terms of office shall be four years and until their respective
 32 successors are elected and qualified.

33 (c) No person shall be eligible to serve as commission member unless that person shall have
 34 been a resident of the ward he or she seeks to represent for 12 months immediately preceding
 35 the election of mayor or commission members; each such person shall continue to reside
 36 within the ward he or she is representing during said period of service and shall be registered
 37 and qualified to vote in municipal elections of this city."

38 **SECTION 3.**

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

40 "SECTION 5.10.

41 Election date.

42 Elections for members of the governing authority of the city shall be held on the first
 43 Monday in November."

44 **SECTION 4.**

45 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 5.14 as follows:

46 "SECTION 5.14.

47 Continuation in office.

48 The mayor and commission members who are in office on January 1, 2018, shall serve until
 49 the expiration of the term of office to which they are elected and until their successors are
 50 elected and qualified."

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SECTION 5.

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