

House Bill 901(AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Hatchett of the 150<sup>th</sup> and Parrish of the 158<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to create and incorporate the City of Adrian in the Counties of Emanuel  
2 and Johnson, approved March 28, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 4745), so as to revise the terms of  
3 office of the mayor and members of the city council; to provide for related matters; to repeal  
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

7 An Act to create and incorporate the City of Adrian in the Counties of Emanuel and Johnson,  
8 approved March 28, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 4745), is amended by revising Section 2.11 as  
9 follows:

10 "Section 2.11. Terms and qualifications of office. For terms of office beginning after  
11 January 1, 2019, the members of the council shall serve for terms of four years and until  
12 their respective successors are elected and qualified. No person shall be eligible to serve  
13 as mayor or councilmember unless he or she shall have been a resident of the city for a  
14 period of one year immediately prior to the date of the election of mayor or members of the  
15 council, shall continue to reside therein during his or her period of service, shall be  
16 registered and qualified to vote in municipal elections of the City of Adrian, and shall have  
17 attained the age of 21 years at the beginning of the term."

18 SECTION 2.

19 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 2.25 as follows:

20 "Section 2.25. Organization meeting. (a) The council shall meet for organization on the  
21 date and at the time of the first regular meeting in January following the city elections.  
22 Prior to entering upon office, the oath of office shall be administered to the newly elected  
23 members by the mayor, mayor pro tempore, or anyone authorized to administer oaths as  
24 follows:

25 I do solemnly swear that I will well and truly perform the duties of mayor (or member of  
 26 council as the case may be) of the City of Adrian, and that I will support and defend the  
 27 charter thereof as well as the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia and the United  
 28 States of America.'

29 (b) The council shall have the right to elect one of its members to serve as mayor pro  
 30 tempore for a four-year term of office."

31 **SECTION 3.**

32 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 2.28 as follows:

33 "**Section 2.28.** Term, qualifications. The mayor shall be elected for a term of four years and  
 34 until his or her successor is elected and qualified. He or she shall be a qualified elector of  
 35 the City of Adrian, shall have attained the age of 21 years before the beginning of his or  
 36 her term, and shall have been a resident of the City of Adrian for a period of one year  
 37 immediately preceding his or her election. He or she shall continue to reside in the City of  
 38 Adrian during the period of his or her service."

39 **SECTION 4.**

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

41 "**Section 5.10.** Election of mayor and council. (a) For purposes of electing members of  
 42 the council under this charter, there shall be five council posts designated as Post 1, Post 2,  
 43 Post 3, Post 4, and Post 5. Any person offering for membership on the council shall  
 44 designate at the time of qualifying for election that post for which such person is offering.  
 45 Notwithstanding these post delegations, each member of the council, as well as the mayor,  
 46 shall be elected by the qualified voters voting in the entire city.

47 (b)(1) Successors to the incumbent mayor shall be elected at the general municipal  
 48 election immediately preceding the expiration of the incumbent's term of office in 2019.

49 (2) Successors to incumbent members of the council from Posts 2 and 3 shall be elected  
 50 at the general municipal election immediately preceding the expiration of the incumbent's  
 51 term of office in 2019.

52 (3) Successors to incumbent members of the council from Posts 1, 4, and 5 shall be  
 53 elected at the general municipal election immediately preceding the expiration of the  
 54 incumbent's term of office in 2020.

55 (c) Successors to the incumbent mayor and incumbent members of the council shall take  
 56 office on the first regular meeting of January following their election and shall serve for  
 57 a term of four years and until the election and qualification of their respective successors.

58 (d) The mayor and each member of the council shall be elected by majority vote."

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**SECTION 5.**

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