

Senate Bill 475

By: Senators Martin of the 9th and Butler of the 55th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Grayson, approved April 20, 2011
2 (Ga. L. 2011, p. 3567), so as to revise the terms of the mayor and city council; to provide for
3 elections by a plurality of votes; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

6 An Act to provide a new charter for the City of Grayson, approved April 20, 2011 (Ga. L.
7 2011, p. 3567), is amended by revising Section 2.11 as follows:

8 style="text-align:center">"SECTION 2.11

9 style="text-align:center">Terms and qualifications for office.

10 (a) The four members of the city council shall serve for terms of four years and until their
11 respective successors are elected and qualified. The councilmembers who hold Council
12 Posts 1 and 3 elected in 2020 shall serve for a period of three years until their successors are
13 elected in 2023; thereafter, councilmembers for Posts 1 and 3 shall serve terms of four years.
14 The mayor and councilmembers who hold Council Posts 2 and 4 elected in 2021 shall serve
15 terms of four years."

16 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

17 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 2.12 as follows:

18 style="text-align:center">"SECTION 2.12.

19 style="text-align:center">Election of mayor; forfeiture; compensation.

20 The mayor shall be elected for and shall serve for a term of four years and until his or her
21 successor is elected and qualified. The mayor shall be a qualified elector of this city and

22 shall have been a resident of the city for one year immediately preceding his or her election.
 23 The mayor shall continue to reside in this city during the period of his or her service. The
 24 mayor shall forfeit his or her office on the same grounds and under the same procedure as
 25 for councilmembers. The compensation of the mayor shall be established in the same
 26 manner as for councilmembers."

27 **SECTION 3.**

28 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 5.11 as follows:

29 "SECTION 5.11.

30 Election of the mayor and city council.

31 (a) After the municipal election of 2020, the municipal election shall be held in odd
 32 numbered years on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November.

33 (b) On the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November of 2021 and every four
 34 years thereafter, the successors to the position of mayor and such two councilmembers who
 35 hold Council Posts 2 and 4 (the seat currently held by Bob Foreman shall be Post 2; the seat
 36 currently held by Linda S. Jenkins shall be Post 4) shall be elected and shall serve terms of
 37 office of four years or until their successors are elected and qualified and shall take office on
 38 the day of the first meeting in January following their election.

39 (c) On the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November of 2020, the successors
 40 to such two councilmembers who hold Council Posts 1 and 3 (the seat currently held by
 41 James Gillespie shall be Post 1; the seat currently held by Gene L. Ussery, Jr. shall be Post
 42 3) shall be elected and shall serve terms of office of three years until their successors are
 43 elected and qualified in 2023 for a four-year term; thereafter, terms of office shall be for four
 44 years for Posts 1 and 3, and councilmembers shall take office on the day of the first meeting
 45 in January following their election."

46 **SECTION 4.**

47 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 5.13 as follows:

48 "SECTION 5.13.

49 Election by plurality.

50 The person receiving a plurality of the votes cast for any city office shall be elected."

51 **SECTION 5.**

52 The mayor and councilmembers in office on the effective date of this Act shall complete the
53 terms of office for which they were elected until their respective successors are elected and
54 qualified.

55 **SECTION 6.**

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