

SENATE BILL 1543

By Stevens

AN ACT to amend Chapter 88 of the Private Acts of 2006; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the charter of the Town of Gibson.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Chapter 88 of the Private Acts of 2006, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting the language "six (6)" and substituting instead "the" in subsection (c).

SECTION 2. Section 5 of Chapter 88 of the Private Acts of 2006, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by designating subsection (c) as subdivision (c)(1) and adding the following language as a new subdivision:

(2) The alderman seat that is vacant after the November 2018 election and is not filled by appointment shall be permanently abolished.

SECTION 3. Section 7 of Chapter 88 of the Private Acts of 2006, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting the language "six (6)" in subsection (a).

SECTION 4. Section 7 of Chapter 88 of the Private Acts of 2006, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting subsection (d) and substituting instead the following:

(d) A simple majority of the board shall constitute a quorum. The ayes and nays of all votes shall be recorded in the journal. The board may, by ordinance, adopt rules and bylaws to govern the conduct of its business, including procedures and penalties for compelling the attendance of absent members. The board may subpoena and examine witnesses and order the production of books and papers.

SECTION 5. Section 12 of Chapter 88 of the Private Acts of 2006, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting subsection (b) and substituting instead the following:

(b) Ordinances and resolutions shall be in written form before being introduced.

The enacting clause of ordinances shall be, "Be it ordained by the board of aldermen of the town of Gibson." Every ordinance must be approved on two (2) readings, and there shall be no more than one (1) reading on any one (1) day. Passage of any ordinance shall require an affirmative vote of at least three (3) of the aldermen on the second and final reading. An ordinance may receive first reading upon its introduction.

SECTION 6. Nothing in this act shall be construed as having the effect of removing any incumbent from office or abridging the term of any official prior to the end of the term for which such official was elected.

SECTION 7. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of the Town of Gibson. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the legislative body and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 8. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 7.