

House Bill 597

By: Representatives Deffenbaugh of the 1<sup>st</sup>, Tarvin of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Hill of the 3<sup>rd</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act reincorporating and providing a new charter for the City of Trenton in  
2 Dade County, approved March 26, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 4725), as amended, so as to change  
3 the position of city clerk from elective to appointive; to provide for the current city clerk to  
4 serve out the remainder of his or her term; to provide for the appointment of city clerks; to  
5 provide for the election of certain city officers; to provide for related matters; to provide for  
6 an 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 reincorporating and providing a new charter for the City of Trenton in Dade County,  
10 approved March 26, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 4725), as amended, is amended in Section 3.10  
11 by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

12 "(e) The city clerk serving in office as of January 1, 2017, shall serve the remainder of such  
13 elective term through and including the day before the first Monday in January, 2018, and  
14 no election shall be conducted for the position of city clerk in 2017. Beginning on the first  
15 Monday in January, 2018, there shall be an appointed city clerk who shall carry out the  
16 duties of a city clerk as set forth in this charter and other applicable law. The city clerk  
17 shall be appointed by the mayor, subject to confirmation by the city council, and shall serve  
18 at the pleasure of the governing authority of the city."

19 **SECTION 2.**

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

21 "**Section 5.11.** Regular elections; time for holding. On the first Tuesday in December,  
22 1987, there shall be elected a mayor, police commissioner, street commissioner, parks and  
23 recreation commissioner, and fire and utilities commissioner. The mayor, street  
24 commissioner, and fire and utilities commissioner shall each be elected for a four-year  
25 term, and the police commissioner and parks and recreation commissioner shall each be

26 elected for a two-year term. On the first Tuesday in December, 1989, the police  
27 commissioner and parks and recreation commissioner shall each be elected for a four-year  
28 term. The terms of office shall begin at the time of taking the oath of office as provided  
29 in Section 2.18 of this charter."

30

**SECTION 3.**

31 The initial appointment of a city clerk of the City of Trenton as authorized in Section 1 of  
32 this Act may occur at any time after the effective date of this Act, provided that such city  
33 clerk shall assume the duties of city clerk no earlier than the first Monday in January, 2018.

34

**SECTION 4.**

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