

**ADOPTED**

Senators Watson of the 1st, Gooch of the 51st, Cowser of the 46th, Kirk of the 13th and McKoon of the 29th offered the following amendment:

1 *Amend HB 618 (LC 28 8612S) by striking "At" at the end of line 236 and inserting in lieu*  
 2 *thereof "Except for the initial election under this charter, at" and by striking lines 718*  
 3 *through 733 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

4 (c)(1) Except for the initial election under this charter, when qualifying to seek election  
 5 to the city council, the individual qualifying shall specify the position for which he or she  
 6 is offering for election. Members of the city council and the mayor shall be elected by  
 7 the voters of the city at-large. The member representing Council Post 1 shall be a  
 8 resident of the portions of the city that are not contained in the subdivision known as "The  
 9 Landings on Skidaway Island."

10 (2) In the initial election under this charter, all candidates shall qualify to seek election  
 11 to the city council, but shall not be required to specify the post that they are seeking. The  
 12 candidate who lives in the portions of the city that are not contained in the subdivision  
 13 known as "The Landings on Skidaway Island" who receives the most votes shall be  
 14 elected to Council Post 1. Of the remaining candidates, the two candidates who receive  
 15 the highest numbers of votes shall be elected to Council Posts 2 and 3, respectively, and  
 16 the three candidates who receive the next highest numbers of votes shall be elected to  
 17 Posts 4, 5, and 6, respectively.

18 (d) In the initial election under this charter to be held on the third Tuesday in March 2019,  
 19 the mayor and six council posts shall be filled. The initial terms of office for those  
 20 individuals elected to the positions of mayor and Council Posts 1, 2, and 3 shall take office  
 21 immediately upon the certification of the results of such initial election and shall serve until  
 22 December 31, 2023, and until their respective successors are elected and qualified. The  
 23 individuals elected to Council Posts 4, 5, and 6 shall take office immediately upon the  
 24 certification of the results of such initial election and shall serve until December 31, 2021,  
 25 and until their respective successors are elected and qualified. Thereafter, all members of the  
 26 city council shall be elected in November immediately preceding the end of their respective  
 27 terms of office and shall take office on January 1 immediately following such election for  
 28 terms of office of four years and until their respective successors are elected and qualified.