

HOUSE BILL 83

By Littleton

AN ACT to amend Chapter 121 of the Private Acts of 2004; as amended by Chapter 84 of the Private Acts of 2014; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the charter of Ashland City.

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

SECTION 1. Section 8 of Chapter 121 of the Private Acts of 2004, as rewritten and amended by Chapter 84 of the Private Acts of 2014, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting the following language from subsection (d):

Elections shall be held on the first Saturday in December in every odd-numbered year. At the election held in December 2001, and every other odd-numbered year thereafter, one (1) Councilman shall be elected for each ward. At the election held in December 2003, and every other odd-numbered year thereafter, one (1) Councilman for each ward and the Mayor shall be elected. The terms of office of the Mayor and Councilmen shall begin at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the Council in January next following their election, and they shall serve for a term of four (4) years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

and substituting instead the following:

Elections shall be held every even-numbered year on the first Thursday in August. At the election held in August 2024, and every other even-numbered year thereafter, one (1) Councilman for each ward and the Mayor shall be elected. At the election held in August 2026, and every other even-numbered year thereafter, one (1) Councilman shall be elected for each ward. The terms of the Mayor and Councilmen shall begin at the first regularly scheduled meeting of

the Council in September next following their election, and they shall serve for a term of four (4) years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

SECTION 2. The terms of office of the incumbent mayor and councilmen on the effective date of this act are extended until their successors are elected and qualified as provided in Section 8 of this charter as amended by this act. If a vacancy occurs in any of such offices during the period such terms are extended, a qualified person shall be appointed to serve the remainder of the unexpired term in the manner provided in Section 13 of this charter.

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

SECTION 4. 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 3.