

HOUSE BILL 2159

By Hurley

AN ACT to amend Chapter 298 of the Private Acts of 1972; as amended by Chapter 226 of the Private Acts of 1988, Chapter 184 of the Private Acts of 1996, and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the charter of the City of Kingston.

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

SECTION 1. Article 3 of Chapter 298 of the Private Acts of 1972; as amended by Chapter 226 of the Private Acts of 1988, Chapter 184 of the Private Acts of 1996, and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the Charter of the City of Kingston is amended by deleting Section 3.03 in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

Beginning with the regular November election to be held in November 2014, and biennially thereafter, the Mayor and Councilmen shall be elected by the qualified voters of said city, at an election held biennially on the date of the general state election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even numbered years in accordance with the general election laws of the state of Tennessee. The term of office for the Mayor and all Councilmen shall be four (4) years, except as provided in Section 3.04 of this Charter. The Mayor and Councilmen shall serve during the term of office, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

SECTION 2. Article 3 of Chapter 298 of the Private Acts of 1972, relative to the Charter of the City of Kingston is further amended by deleting Section 3.04 in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

The terms of the Mayor and three (3) Councilmen elected for a term of four (4) years at the regular City election in June, 2009 shall be extended to serve a term that will expire on December 1, 2014. The terms of the three (3) City Council members elected for a term of four (4) years at the regular City election in June, 2011 shall be extended to

serve a term that will expire on December 1, 2016. In each and every regular City election thereafter, the Council seats then becoming vacant shall be filled by Council members elected for terms of four (4) years.

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