

HOUSE BILL 2928

By Littleton

AN ACT to amend Chapter 121 of the Private Acts of 2004; as amended by Chapter 108 of the Private Acts of 2008; Chapter 84 of the Private Acts of 2014 and Chapter 58 of the Private Acts of 2018; 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 19 of 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, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

Section 19. ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES OF MAYOR. The Mayor shall be the executive head of the City government, responsible for the efficient and orderly administration of the affairs of the City. The Mayor shall be responsible for the enforcement of laws, rules and regulations, ordinances, and franchises of the City, and may appoint special policemen when the Mayor deems such appointments to be necessary. Further, the Mayor shall designate a Financial Director to assist with the budget and to manage all financial affairs of the City. The City Attorney shall take such legal actions as the Mayor may direct for such purposes, may conduct inquiries and investigations into the affairs of the City, and shall have such other powers and duties as may be provided by ordinance not inconsistent with this Charter.

SECTION 2. Section 20 of Chapter 121 of the Private Acts of 2004, as amended by Chapter 108 of the Private Acts of 2008, Chapter 84 of the Private Acts of 2014, Chapter 58 of the Private Acts of 2018, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

Section 20. CITY RECORDER. The City Council shall appoint or elect a City Recorder who shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) To keep and preserve the City seal and all official records not required by law or ordinance to be filed elsewhere;

(b) To attend all meetings of the Council and to maintain a journal showing the proceedings of such meetings, the members of Council present and absent, each motion considered, the title of each resolution and ordinance considered, and the vote of each member of Council on each question. This journal shall be open to the public during the City's regular office hours, subject to reasonable restrictions exercised by the City Recorder. The City Recorder may also appoint a designee in the City Recorder's absence for attendance at meetings;

(c) To prepare and certify copies of official records in the City Recorder's office. Fees for such services may be established by ordinance, to be deposited into the City treasury;

(d) To prepare the agenda for City Council meetings in consultation with the Mayor, Council members and department heads; and

(e) To perform such other duties as may be required by the Council or by the Mayor.

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.