

SENATE BILL 1400

By Summerville

AN ACT to amend Chapter 158 of the Private Acts of 1927; as amended and rewritten by Chapter 1 of the Private Acts of 1989, as amended by Chapter 172 of the Private Acts of 1994, and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the charter of the City of Springfield.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 158 of the Private Acts of 1927; as amended and rewritten by Chapter 1 of the Private Acts of 1989, as amended by Chapter 172 of the Private Acts of 1994, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Article IV, Section 2 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following new language:

Section 2. Election of Vice-Mayor. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen at the first regular meeting in December, after the general city election in every even numbered year, shall elect one (1) of their members as Vice-Mayor to carry out the duties of the Mayor in his or her absence, for a term of two (2) years. If the office of Mayor becomes vacant, the Vice-Mayor shall become Mayor for the remainder of the unexpired term or until the next general election, whichever occurs first, at which time the voters shall elect a Mayor to fill the unexpired term. If the vacancy occurs less than twenty (20) days before the latest time for filing nominating petitions for candidates in that election, the Vice-Mayor shall fill the vacancy until the end of the mayoral term. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen shall elect another of its members to the office of Vice-Mayor to serve the remainder of the unexpired two (2) year Vice-Mayor's term.

Upon the expiration of the Vice-Mayor's term on June 30, 2013, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen shall, at its regular meeting in June 2013, elect one (1) of its members to serve as Vice-Mayor from July 1, 2013 until the first regular meeting in

December 2014, at which time another election for Vice-Mayor shall be held for a term of two (2) years.

SECTION 2. Nothing in this act shall be construed as reducing the term of office of the Vice-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 the City of Springfield within ninety (90) days of its signing by the Governor of the State of Tennessee. 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.