

SENATE BILL 2088

By Herron

AN ACT to amend Chapter 350 of the Acts of 1903; as amended by Chapter 694 of the Private Acts of 1917; Chapter 373 of the Private Acts of 1935; Chapter 103 of the Private Acts of 1953; Chapter 307 of the Private Acts of 1959; Chapter 20 of the Private Acts of 1973; Chapter 69 of the Private Acts of 1973; Chapter 7 of the Private Acts of 1981; Chapter 7 of the Private Acts of 1997 and Chapter 147 of the Private Acts of 1998; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the Charter of the City of Camden.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 350 of the Acts of 1903, as amended by Chapter 694 of the Private Acts of 1917, Chapter 7 of the Private Acts of 1997, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Section 4 and substituting instead the following:

Section 4. That the officers of the City of Camden, to be chosen by the people, shall be a Mayor and a Board of Aldermen, constituting a City Council, each of whom shall be citizens and voters in the city. The Board of Aldermen shall consist of five (5) members chosen by the qualified voters of the city. Any Alderman, or the Mayor, after their election, removing from the city, shall vacate their office.

SECTION 2. Chapter 350 of the Acts of 1903, as amended by Chapter 307 of the Private Acts of 1959, Chapter 7 of the Private Acts of 1997, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Section 5 and substituting instead the following:

Section 5. After each regular city election the city council shall employ or appoint a Recorder, a Chief of Police and such other officers, servants or agents as they may deem necessary, and shall have power to prescribe the duties of the same. The city council shall also fix the compensation of the Recorder, Chief of Police and other such officers, servants or agents so employed. The city council shall have power to dismiss

the Recorder, Chief of Police and any other officer, servant or agent employed by them, a majority of the council concurring in the dismissal for any misdemeanor, neglect of duty, misconduct or inefficiency.

SECTION 3. Chapter 350 of the Acts of 1903, as amended by Chapter 373 of the Private Acts of 1935, Chapter 20 of the Privates of 1973, Chapter 7 of the Private Acts of 1997, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Section 7 and substituting instead the following:

Section 7. Elections for the City of Camden shall be conducted as provided by general law in June, 2011 and June, 2013. All city elections after June, 2013 shall be held as provided by general law at the regular November election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in every even-numbered year.

SECTION 4. Chapter 350 of the Acts of 1903, as amended by Chapter 20 of the Private Acts of 1973, Chapter 69 of the Private Acts of 1973, Chapter 7 of the Private Acts of 1981, Chapter 7 of the Private Acts of 1997, Chapter 147 of the Private Acts of 1998, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Section 9 and substituting instead the following:

Section 9. In order to increase the participation of the voters in municipal elections and to save considerable expense for the taxpayers of the City of Camden, after the city election in June, 2013, city elections shall be held at the regular general election in November of even-numbered years.

The two (2) candidates for alderman receiving the most votes in the June, 2011, election shall be elected to a term expiring the first Monday in December, 2014. The candidate for aldermen receiving the third highest number of votes in the June, 2011, election shall be elected to a term expiring the first Monday in July, 2013. The term of the mayor elected at the June, 2011, election shall expire the first Monday in December, 2014. The terms of the three (3) aldermen elected at the June, 2013, election shall expire the first Monday in December, 2016.

The terms of the officers elected In June, 2011, and June, 2013, shall begin on the first Monday in July following their election, after the November, 2014, election the

terms of all officers of the City of Camden shall begin on the first Monday in December following their election for a term of four (4) years and they shall hold office as hereinafter provided and until their successors are elected and qualified.

The board of mayor and aldermen shall receive compensation for their services. The rate of compensation shall be set by the board and may be paid on a per diem, monthly, or other basis. Provided, however, neither the compensation of the mayor nor any other member of the board of aldermen shall be altered until the end of their term to which that member was elected.

SECTION 5. Chapter 350 of the Acts of 1903, as amended by Chapter 103, of the Private Acts of 1953, Chapter 7 of the Private Acts of 1997, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting the first sentence in Section 13 and substituting instead the following:

The Mayor shall hold office until a successor shall be elected and qualified.

SECTION 6. 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 Camden. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the City of Camden and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 7. 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 6.