

House Bill 12 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Comer, approved May 1, 2002 (Ga.  
2 L. 2002, p. 5306), so as to increase the term of mayor from two to four years; to revise  
3 provisions relating to municipal elections to address changes to the mayoral term of office;  
4 to provide for the continuance in office of the current mayor and councilmembers; to provide  
5 for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act to provide a new charter for the City of Comer, approved May 1, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002,  
9 p. 5306), is amended by revising Section 2.28 as follows:

10 "SECTION 2.28.

11 Election of mayor; forfeiture; compensation.

12 The mayor shall be elected and, as of January 1, 2024, shall serve for a term of four years and  
13 until the mayor's successor is elected and qualified. The mayor shall be a qualified elector  
14 of this city and shall have been a resident of the city for six months prior to the election. The

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15 mayor shall continue to reside in this city during the period of the mayor's service. The  
16 mayor shall forfeit the office of mayor on the same grounds and under the same procedure  
17 as for councilmembers. The compensation of the mayor shall be established in the same  
18 manner as for councilmembers."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 5.11 as follows:

21 "SECTION 5.11

22 Regular elections; time for holding.

23 (a) Municipal general elections shall be held on the Tuesday next following the first  
24 Monday in November of each odd-numbered year. The mayor and each councilmember  
25 shall serve terms of four years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

26 (b) At the municipal election held in 2023, there shall be elected a mayor and  
27 councilmembers for Posts 2 and 3 to serve terms beginning on January 1, 2024, and ending  
28 on December 31, 2027.

29 (c) At the municipal election held in 2025, there shall be elected councilmembers for  
30 Posts 1 and 4 to serve terms beginning on January 1, 2026, and ending on  
31 December 31, 2029."

32 **SECTION 3.**

33 The mayor and councilmembers serving as such on the effective date of this Act shall  
34 continue to serve as such officers until the regular expiration of the respective terms to which  
35 such officers were elected and until the election and qualification of their respective  
36 successors.

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**SECTION 4.**

38 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.