

Senate Bill 580

By: Senator Strickland of the 17th

**AS PASSED**

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Madison, approved October 6, 1891  
2 (Ga. L. 1890-91, Vol. II, p. 827), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 4, 2006  
3 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4137), so as to revise provisions related to the mayor's vote when the city  
4 council is electing a mayor pro tempore; to revise provisions related to the compensation of  
5 the mayor, mayor pro tempore, and councilmembers; to provide for related matters; to repeal  
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act providing a new charter for the City of Madison, approved October 6, 1891  
10 (Ga. L. 1890-91, Vol. II, p. 827), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 4, 2006  
11 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4137), is amended by revising subsection (b) of Section IV as follows:  
12 "(b) Regular general municipal elections for the City of Madison shall be held on the  
13 Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2025, and on such day biennially  
14 thereafter. Persons elected to the office of mayor or councilperson in such municipal  
15 elections shall take office at the first meeting in January following their election and shall  
16 serve for terms of office of four years each and until their respective successors are duly  
17 elected and qualified. The mayor and councilmembers shall each be elected by majority

18 vote of the qualified electors voting in their respective elections. If no candidate for a  
19 particular office receives a majority of the votes cast for all candidates for such office, a  
20 run-off election shall be held as provided in Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the  
21 'Georgia Election Code.' At the first meeting of the mayor and council of said city after  
22 each election and after the swearing in of newly elected mayor and councilmembers, or as  
23 soon as practicable thereafter, one of such councilmembers shall be elected by the mayor  
24 and council to serve as mayor pro tempore for a term of office of two years and until his  
25 or her successor is duly elected and qualified. Nominations for said office shall be made  
26 from the floor, with no need for a second. No one may nominate more than one person for  
27 the office. The mayor shall only vote in the election of mayor pro tempore in the case of  
28 a tie."

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**SECTION 2.**

30 Said Act is further amended by revising Section XV as follows:

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**"SECTION XV.**

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Mayor and city council compensation.

33 The mayor, mayor pro tempore, and each councilmember shall receive compensation as  
34 set by ordinance adopted in accordance with state law."

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**SECTION 3.**

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