

House Bill 453 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Spencer of the 180th and Corbett of the 174th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to incorporate the City of Kingsland in Camden County, Georgia, approved
2 August 15, 1927 (Ga. L. 1927, p. 1241), as amended, so as to provide for election of the
3 mayor and council by majority vote; to provide for related matters; to provide for a
4 referendum; to provide for a contingent effective date; to provide for automatic repeal under
5 certain circumstances; 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 incorporate the City of Kingsland in Camden County, Georgia, approved
9 August 15, 1927 (Ga. L. 1927, p. 1241), as amended, is amended by revising Section 10 as
10 follows:

11 "SECTION 10.

12 The candidate for the office of mayor or councilmember who receives a majority of the
13 votes cast for such office shall be declared duly elected."

14 **SECTION 2.**

15 The election superintendent of the City of Kingsland shall call and conduct an election as
16 provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of the City of
17 Kingsland for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct such election
18 on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2015. The election
19 superintendent shall issue the call and conduct such election as provided by general law. The
20 election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once
21 a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of the City
22 of Kingsland. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

23 "() YES Shall the Act be approved which changes the manner of election for the
24 () NO mayor and council from a plurality vote to a majority vote?"

25 All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring
26 to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on
27 such question are for approval of the Act, Section 1 of this Act shall become of full force and
28 effect immediately. If the Act is not so approved or if the election is not conducted as
29 provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective and this Act shall
30 be automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately following such election
31 date. The expense of such election shall be borne by the City of Kingsland. It shall be the
32 duty of the election superintendent of the City of Kingsland to certify the results thereof to
33 the Secretary of State.

34 **SECTION 3.**

35 Except as otherwise provided in Section 2 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon
36 its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

37 **SECTION 4.**

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