

House Bill 826 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Watson of the 172nd, Taylor of the 173rd, and Campbell of the 171st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide for a new charter for the City of Meigs in Thomas County,
2 Georgia, and Mitchell County, Georgia, approved April 30, 2019 (Ga. L. 2019, p. 3695), so
3 as to provide for elections and terms of office; to eliminate one council post in the city; to
4 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 An Act providing a new charter for the City of Meigs in Thomas County, Georgia, and
8 Mitchell County, Georgia, approved April 30, 2019 (Ga. L. 2019, p. 3695), is amended by
9 revising subsection (b) of Section 2.11 as follows:

10 "(b) For the purpose of electing members of the council, each councilmember shall be
11 assigned a council seat No. 1 through No. 5. Council Seats One (1), Three (3), and Five (5)
12 shall be elected at the general election of the city to be held in 2019. Council Seats Two (2)
13 and Four (4) and the mayor shall be elected at the general election of the city to be held in
14 2021. The mayor and councilmembers in office on the effective date of this amended charter
15 shall continue to serve out the remainder of the terms to which they were elected and until
16 their respective successors are duly elected and qualified. Future successors shall be elected
17 at the general election of the city immediately preceding the expiration of term of the office
18 on the first day of January following election. The person who currently holds the office of
19 Council Seat 6, or any person appointed or elected to fill a vacancy in such office, shall serve
20 out his or her term. No election for such position shall be held following the end of such
21 term and such position shall be abolished."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 Said Act is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Section 5.11 as follows:

24 "(b) The mayor and councilmembers serving on April 1, 2019, shall serve out their terms and
25 until their successors have been elected and qualified. On the Tuesday next following the

26 first Monday in November, 2019, an election shall be held for the three councilmembers
27 whose terms of office expire the following January. The three candidates for the office of
28 councilmember elected pursuant to Section 5.13 of this charter shall be elected for terms of
29 four years each thereafter and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. On the
30 Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2021, an election shall be held for
31 the two councilmembers and the mayor whose terms of office expire the following January.
32 The two candidates for the office of councilmember and the candidate for the office of mayor
33 elected pursuant to Section 5.13 of this charter shall be elected for terms of four years each
34 thereafter and until their successors are duly elected and qualified."

35 **SECTION 3.**

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