A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act incorporating the City of Culloden in the County of Monroe, approved October 24, 1887 (Ga. L. 1886-87, Vol. II, p. 655), as amended, particularly by an Act approved December 24, 1888 (Ga. L. 1888, p. 229), an Act approved April 4, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 5207), and an Act approved April 24, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 3685), so as to reduce the city council to five members; to define the term "councilmember"; to provide for four-year terms of office for the mayor and councilmembers; to provide for quorum and voting requirements of the city council; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act incorporating the City of Culloden in the County of Monroe, approved October 24, 1887 (Ga. L. 1886-87, Vol. II, p. 655), as amended, particularly by an Act approved December 24, 1888 (Ga. L. 1888, p. 229), an Act approved April 4, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 5207), and an Act approved April 24, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 3685), is amended by revising Section 1 as follows:

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"SECTION 1.

(a) Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that from and after the passage of this Act the City of Culloden is hereby incorporated. Its municipal government shall consist of a Mayor and five Aldermen, who shall be known by the corporate name of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Culloden, and by such name may sue and be sued, may have and use a common seal, purchase, take and hold real and personal property, exchange, sell and convey the same when and in such manner as they deem best for the interest of said city, and to make all contracts in their corporate capacity which they deem best for the welfare of said city.

(b) Aldermen shall also be known as councilmembers.

(c) Any sale, purchase or exchange of real estate having a value in excess of $10,000.00 is not to be made until the same is ratified by a majority of the legally qualified voters of said city at an election to be held under such regulations as provided by law; and further provided, that any sale, purchase, or exchange of real property having a value of $10,000.00 or less must be approved by at least two-thirds of the city council, or in the event the city council is evenly divided and a tie vote exists, the mayor's approval of the proposed transactions shall constitute full and legal approval by the city governing authority.

(d) The boundaries of the city shall be those existing on the effective date of the adoption of this act with such alterations as may be made from time to time in the manner provided by law."

SECTION 2.

Said Act is further amended by revising Section 2 as follows:
"SECTION 2.

(a) There shall be five councilmembers elected from the City of Culloden at large from five posts. The five posts shall be designated as Posts 1 through 5. Each candidate seeking the office of city council shall at the time of qualifying designate which of the five posts to which he or she is seeking election. The mayor and councilmembers may reside anywhere within the city limits of the City of Culloden.

(b) Those persons serving as mayor or councilmembers on the effective date of this act shall continue to serve the terms to which they were elected and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

(c) There shall be elected at the municipal general election held in November 2021 councilmembers representing Posts 1, 2, and 3. Such persons shall take office on January 1, 2022, and shall serve terms of four years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Elections for councilmembers representing Posts 1, 2, and 3 shall occur quadrennially thereafter.

(d) There shall be elected at the general election held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2022 a mayor and councilmembers representing Posts 4 and 5. Such persons shall take office on January 1, 2023, and shall serve until December 31, 2023. Their successors shall be elected at the municipal general election held in November 2023. Such persons shall take office on January 1, 2024, and shall serve terms of four years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Elections for the mayor and councilmembers representing Posts 4 and 5 shall occur quadrennially thereafter."

SECTION 3.

Said Act is further amended by revising Section 6 as follows:
SECTION 6.

The mayor and two councilmembers or three councilmembers without the mayor shall constitute a quorum and shall be authorized to transact business of the city council. Except as otherwise provided in this charter, or by law, the affirmative vote of three councilmembers or two councilmembers and the mayor shall be required for the adoption of any ordinance, resolution, or motion."

SECTION 4.

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