

House Bill 599 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Erwin of the 32nd and Powell of the 33rd

BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide a new charter for the Town of Martin, approved March 18, 1980
 2 (Ga. L. 1980, p. 3215), as amended, so as to change the number of city council members; to
 3 provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for special meetings; to
 4 provide for a quorum; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to
 5 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 Town of Martin, approved March 18, 1980 (Ga. L.
 9 1980, p. 3215), as amended, is amended by revising Section 2.10 as follows:

10 "Section 2.10.

11 Form of government.

12 The governing authority of the government of this city, except as otherwise specifically
 13 provided in this charter, shall be vested in a city council to be composed of a mayor and four
 14 councilmembers. The city council established shall in all respects be a successor to and

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15 continuation of the governing authority under prior law. The mayor and councilmembers
16 shall be elected in the manner provided by general law and this charter."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 Said Act is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Section 2.20 as follows:

19 "(b) Special meetings of the city council may be held on call of the mayor or two members
20 of the city council. Notice of such special meetings shall be served on all other members
21 personally, or by telephone personally, at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting. Such
22 notice to councilmembers shall not be required if the mayor and all councilmembers are
23 present when the special meeting is called. Such notice of any special meeting may be
24 waived by a councilmember in writing before or after such a meeting, and attendance at the
25 meeting shall also constitute a waiver of notice on any business transacted in such
26 councilmember's presence. Only the business stated in the call may be transacted at the
27 special meeting."

28 **SECTION 3.**

29 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 2.22 as follows:

30 "Section 2.22.
31 Quorum; voting.

32 The mayor or mayor pro tem and two councilmembers shall constitute a quorum and shall
33 be authorized to transact business of the council. Voting on the adoption of ordinances shall
34 be taken by voice vote, and the ayes and nays shall be recorded in the journal. Any member
35 of the council shall have the right to request a roll-call vote. Except as otherwise provided
36 in this charter, the affirmative vote of two councilmembers or, in the case of a tie vote, two

37 councilmembers and the vote of the mayor shall be required for the adoption of any
38 ordinance, resolution, or motion."

39 **SECTION 4.**

40 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
41 without such approval.

42 **SECTION 5.**

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