

House Bill 724 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Fleming of the 125th and Jackson of the 128th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Thomson, approved March 15, 1973
2 (Ga. L. 1973, p. 2132), as amended, so as to provide for staggered elections of the mayor and
3 city councilmembers; to provide for initial terms; to modernize provisions regarding
4 elections; to 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 creating a new charter for the City of Thomson, approved March 15, 1973
8 (Ga. L. 1973, p. 2132), as amended, is amended by revising Section 5.01 as follows:

9 "SECTION 5.01.

10 Regular elections, staggered terms.

11 (a) Regular municipal general elections for the mayor and councilmembers shall be held
12 on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered year. An
13 official elected at the regular municipal general election shall take office on the second

14 Thursday in January following such election, and except as provided for in subsection (b)
15 of this section, shall each serve a term of office of four years.

16 (b) At the municipal general election held in November, 2023, the mayor and all
17 councilmembers shall be elected, and notwithstanding any other provision of this charter
18 to the contrary, shall serve the following terms:

19 (1) The mayor and the councilmembers elected from District 1, Post 1A and District 2,
20 Post 2A shall each serve a term of office of two years, with the successor to each such
21 official being elected at the regular municipal general election to be held in
22 November, 2025.

23 (2) The councilmembers elected from District 1, Post 1B, District 2 Post 2B, and
24 District 3 shall each serve a term of office of four years, with the successor to each such
25 official being elected at the regular municipal general election to be held in
26 November, 2027."

27 **SECTION 2.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.