

House Bill 340 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Houston of the 170th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Enigma, approved April 9, 1993
2 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 5205), so as to provide for four-year terms for the mayor and city council;
3 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 **SECTION 1.**

6 An Act to provide a new charter for the City of Enigma, approved April 9, 1993
7 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 5205), is amended by revising subsection (b) of Section 2.10 as follows:

8 "(b) The mayor and councilmembers shall serve for terms of four years and until their
9 respective successors are elected and qualified. No person shall be eligible to serve as
10 mayor or councilmember unless that person shall have been a resident of this city for 12
11 months immediately preceding the election of mayor or councilmembers; each such person
12 shall continue to reside within the city during such period of service and shall be registered
13 and qualified to vote in municipal elections of this city. No person's name shall be listed
14 as a candidate on the ballot for election for either mayor or councilmember unless such
15 person shall file a written notice with the clerk of such city that such person desires his or
16 her name to be placed on such ballot as a candidate either for mayor or councilmember.
17 No person shall be eligible for the office of mayor or councilmember unless such person
18 shall file such notice within the time provided for in Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A.,
19 the 'Georgia Election Code.'"

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 Said Act is further amended by revising subsections (b) and (e) of Section 2.11 as follows:

22 "(b) All primaries and elections shall be held and conducted in accordance with Chapter 2
23 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code.' Except as otherwise provided by
24 this charter, the city council shall, by ordinance, prescribe such rules and regulations it
25 deems appropriate to fulfill any options and duties under the Georgia Election Code."

26 "(e)(1) On the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 2013, there shall be
27 elected a mayor and two councilmembers to succeed the mayor and two councilmembers
28 whose terms are expiring in January, 2014. Those persons who are elected in such
29 election shall serve for terms of two years and until their respective successors are elected
30 and qualified. On the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 2015, and
31 quadrennially thereafter, successors to the mayor and such councilmembers shall be
32 elected for terms of four years and until their respective successors are elected and
33 qualified.

34 (2) On the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 2014, there shall be elected
35 two councilmembers to succeed the remaining two councilmembers whose terms are
36 expiring in January, 2015. Those persons who are elected in such election shall serve for
37 terms of three years and until their respective successors are elected and qualified. On the
38 Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 2017, and quadrennially thereafter,
39 successors to such councilmembers shall be elected for terms of four years and until their
40 respective successors are elected and qualified.

41 (3) It is the purpose of this section to provide a rotation system for the office of mayor
42 and councilmembers. The terms of office shall begin at the time of taking the oath of
43 office as provided in Section 3.11 of this charter."

44 **SECTION 3.**

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