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House Bill 349 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Trammell of the 132nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

- 1 To amend an Act providing for a new charter for the City of Grantville, approved March 28,
- 2 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 5030), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 4, 1997 (Ga.
- 3 L. 1997, p. 3865), so as to provide for elections in odd-numbered years for the mayor and the
- 4 councilmembers from Posts 1 and 2; to provide for the lengthening of the terms of office of
- 5 the mayor and the councilmembers from Posts 1 and 2; to provide for a referendum with
- 6 respect to the lengthening of said terms of office; to provide for related matters; to provide
- 7 for contingent effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 SECTION 1.

- 10 An Act providing a new charter for the City of Grantville, approved March 28, 1985 (Ga. L.
- 11 1985, p. 5030), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 4, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p.
- 12 3865), is amended by revising subsection (d) of Section 2.02 as follows:
- 13 "(d) The terms of office of the mayor and the two councilmembers from Posts 1 and 2, all
- elected in 2014, shall be extended through and including December 31, 2019, and until
- their respective successors are elected and qualified. Their respective successors shall be
- 16 elected on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 2019, and shall take
- office on the first day of January following their election and qualification. Thereafter,
- successors shall be elected quadrennially in odd-numbered years and shall take office on
- the first day of January following their election and qualification."

SECTION 2.

- 21 The election superintendent of the City of Grantville shall call and conduct an election as
- 22 provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of the City of
- 23 Grantville for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that election
- 24 on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 2017, and shall issue the call and
- 25 conduct that election as provided by general law. The election superintendent shall cause the

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date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Coweta County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

"() YES Shall the Act be approved which provides for amending the election date for 29 the office of the mayor and the two councilmembers from Posts 1 and 2 of 30 the City of Grantville from even-numbered years to odd-numbered years 31 32 and lengthening the current terms of office of the mayor and two 33 () NO councilmembers from Posts 1 and 2, all elected in November of 2014, so 34 that such terms shall end on December 31, 2019, instead of December 31,

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All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on such question are for approval of the Act, then Section 1 of this Act shall become of full force and effect immediately. If the Act is not so approved or if the election is not conducted as provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately following that election date. The expense of such election shall be borne by the City of Grantville. It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State.

44 **SECTION 3.**

Except as otherwise provided in Section 2 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon 45 its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval. 46

47 **SECTION 4.**

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