

House Bill 353 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Lumsden of the 12th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide a new charter for the Town of Trion, approved April 11, 2012
2 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5099), so as to provide for a quorum and voting by the mayor and council;
3 to provide for the continuation and support of the independent school system of the town; to
4 provide limitations on the holding of other offices by the school superintendent and members
5 of the board of education; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
6 other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act to provide a new charter for the Town of Trion, approved April 11, 2012
10 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5099), is amended by revising Section 2.21 as follows:

11 "SECTION 2.21.

12 Quorum; voting.

13 Three councilmembers shall constitute a quorum and shall be authorized to transact
14 business of the town council. Voting on the adoption of ordinances shall be by voice vote
15 and the vote shall be recorded in the journal, but any member of the town council shall
16 have the right to request a roll call vote and such vote shall be recorded in the journal.
17 Except as otherwise provided in this charter, the affirmative vote of a majority of the
18 councilmembers present at a meeting in which a quorum is present shall be required for the
19 adoption of any ordinance, resolution, or motion; provided, however, that, in the event of
20 a tie between councilmembers, the mayor may vote and cast the deciding vote for the
21 adoption of the ordinance, resolution, or motion being considered."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 Said Act is further amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

24 "SECTION 7.00.
25 Independent school system.
26 The town council shall have the right and power to continue in existence its independent
27 school system and shall have the power to levy taxes for the operation of such school
28 system. Subject to the taxing authority of the town council, the school board shall regulate,
29 supervise, and maintain such school system and may contract in any lawful way deemed
30 advisable by such school board for the operation, maintenance, and improvement of such
31 public school system."

32 **SECTION 3.**
33 Said Act is further amended by adding a new paragraph to Section 7.10 to read as follows:
34 "(h) Except where authorized by law, neither the school superintendent nor any member
35 of the board of education shall hold any other elective or appointive office in the town. In
36 addition, no former school superintendent and no former member of the board of education
37 shall hold any appointive office in the town until one year after the expiration of the term
38 for which that official was elected or serving."

39 **SECTION 4.**
40 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.