

House Bill 985 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative McCall of the 33rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an act to incorporate the town of Hull, partly in Clarke County and partly in the
2 county of Madison, Georgia, approved August 24, 1905 (Ga. L. 1905, p. 893), as amended,
3 so as to revise the terms of office and timing of elections for the mayor and councilmembers;
4 to provide for posts; to revise provisions related to the appointment of a mayor pro tem; to
5 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An act to incorporate the town of Hull, partly in Clarke County and partly in the county of
9 Madison, Georgia, approved August 24, 1905 (Ga. L. 1905, p. 893), as amended, is amended
10 by revising Sections 5 and 6 as follows:

11 "SECTION 5.

12 Election of the city council and mayor.

13 (a) For the purposes of electing members of the city council, the city of Hall shall have four
14 council posts designated as Posts 1, 2, 3, and 4.

15 (b) There shall be a municipal general election held on the Tuesday after the first Monday
16 in November in each odd-numbered year.

17 (c)(1) The councilmember elected to a term ending December 31, 2019, shall continue
18 in such position until the end of his or her term and his or her successor is elected and
19 qualified as provided in this charter.

20 (2) The two councilmembers elected to terms ending December 31, 2020, shall continue
21 in such positions until December 31, 2021, and until their successors are elected and
22 qualified as provided in this charter.

23 (3) The mayor and councilmember elected to terms ending December 31, 2022, shall
24 continue in such positions until December 31, 2023, and until their successors are elected
25 and qualified as provided in this charter.

26 (d)(1) At the 2019 municipal general election, there shall be elected at large for a term
27 of two years, a councilmember to fill Post 1.

28 (2) At the 2021 municipal general election and at every other municipal general election
29 thereafter, there shall be elected at large a councilmember to fill Post 1, and a
30 councilmember to fill Post 2.

31 (3) At the 2023 municipal general election and at every other municipal general election
32 thereafter, there shall be elected at large the mayor, a councilmember to fill Post 3, and
33 a councilmember to fill Post 4.

34 (e) The mayor and councilmembers shall take office on January 1 following their election.

35 (f) Except as specifically provided this section, all members of the governing authority shall
36 serve for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified as provided
37 in this charter.

38 **SECTION 6.**

39 **Mayor pro tem.**

40 The mayor and council of the city of Hull shall have the power to elect a mayor pro tem who
41 shall be vested with all the powers, rights, privileges, and duties of mayor-elect, when and
42 during the sickness of the mayor or his or her absence from the city of Hull, or from any
43 cause that may disqualify said mayor to act as such, upon the said mayor pro tem taking the
44 oath prescribed for mayor and not otherwise. If, however, the mayor pro tem and the
45 mayor-elect are both unable from any cause to attend to their duties, the council shall elect
46 another mayor pro tem, who shall thereby be vested with all the powers, rights, privileges,
47 and duties of the mayor of the city of Hull, upon taking the oath of mayor, and who shall
48 serve only during the absence of the said mayor and mayor pro tem proper."

49 **SECTION 2.**

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