

AN ACT

To amend an Act creating a charter for the City of Dacula, approved February 21, 1978 (Ga. L. 1978, p. 3040), as amended, so as to change certain provisions regarding a quorum and voting; to change certain provisions relating to emergencies; to change certain provisions regarding powers and duties of the mayor; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

An Act creating a charter for the City of Dacula, approved February 21, 1978 (Ga. L. 1978, p. 3040), as amended, is amended by striking Section 2.19 and inserting in its place a new Section 2.19 to read as follows:

**'SECTION 2.19.**

Quorum; voting.

Three council members shall constitute a quorum and shall be authorized to transact business of the council. Voting on the adoption of ordinances shall be taken by voice vote and the ayes and nays shall be recorded in the minutes of the council but any member of the council shall have the right to request a roll-call vote. The affirmative vote of the majority of those council members present shall be required for the adoption of any ordinance, resolution, or motion except as otherwise provided in this charter.'

**SECTION 2.**

Said Act is further amended by striking Section 2.22 and inserting in its place a new Section 2.22 to read as follows:

**'SECTION 2.22.**

Emergencies.

To meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property, or public peace, the council may convene on call of the mayor or one council member and promptly adopt an emergency ordinance, but such ordinance may not levy taxes; grant, renew, or extend a franchise; regulate the rate charged by any public utility for its services; or authorize the borrowing of money except for loans to be repaid within 30 days. An emergency ordinance

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shall be introduced in the form prescribed for ordinances generally, except that it shall be plainly designated as an emergency ordinance and shall contain, after the enacting clause, a declaration stating that an emergency exists and describing the emergency in clear and specific terms. An emergency ordinance may be adopted with or without amendment, or rejected at the meeting at which it is introduced. It shall become effective upon adoption or as such later time as it may specify. Every emergency ordinance shall automatically stand repealed 30 days following the date upon which it was adopted, but this shall not prevent reenactment of the ordinance in the manner specified in this section if the emergency still exists. An emergency ordinance may also be repealed by adoption of a repealing ordinance in the same manner specified in this section for adoption of emergency ordinances.'

### SECTION 3.

Said Act is further amended by striking subsection (f) of Section 2.27 and inserting a new subsection (f) and adding a new subsection (g) to read as follows:

'(f) be entitled to cast his or her vote in order to break a tie vote of the council on any matter; and

(g) perform other duties as may be required by general state law, charter, or ordinance.'

### SECTION 4.

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

ENROLLMENT

April 30 2003  
The Committee of the House on Journals has examined the within and finds the same properly enrolled.

Douglas Teper  
Chairman

Wm. Colma  
Speaker of the House

Robert Rivers  
Clerk of the House

[Signature]  
President of the Senate

Frank Eldridge  
Secretary of the Senate

Received [Signature]  
Secretary, Executive Department

This 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 2003

Approved [Signature]  
Governor

This 3 day of June 2002

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General Assembly



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IN HOUSE

Read 1<sup>st</sup> time 3-24-03  
Read 2<sup>nd</sup> time 3-25-03  
Read 3<sup>rd</sup> time 3-26-03

And Passed

Yeas 103 Nays 2  
Robert Rivers  
Clerk of the House

IN SENATE

Read 1<sup>st</sup> time 3-27-03  
Read 2<sup>nd</sup> time  
Read 3<sup>rd</sup> time

And Passed 4-17-03

Yeas 46 Nays 0

Passed Both Houses  
Frank Eldridge  
Secretary of the Senate

By: Reps. Sheldon of the 71<sup>st</sup>, Post 2, and Walker of the 71<sup>st</sup>, Post 1