

A RESOLUTION**BY: COUNCILMEMBER H. LAMAR WILLIS****A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TAKE ACTION DURING THE 2005 SESSION TO RECONFIGURE THE OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT OF THE ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL.**

WHEREAS, the Atlanta City Council serves as the legislative body of the City of Atlanta; and,

WHEREAS, the Council President's Office has been in existence since 1974 and has served as the presiding officer of the Council; and,

WHEREAS, as the City of Atlanta continues to face financial challenges and streamlining the general operations of the Council can assist with efforts to address this issue; and,

WHEREAS, the Council President's office is largely a ceremonial position whose duties can be carried out by a sitting member of the Atlanta City Council; and,

WHEREAS, the abolishment of this office would save taxpayers \$347,888 a year and have no impact on the legislative process of the Atlanta City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, as follows:

Section 1: That the General Assembly of the State of Georgia take action to dissolve the office of the Council President of the City Council as specified by Article 2, Chapter 2, including all relevant references to the position in the Charter, to reconfigure the position to be held by a sitting member of the Atlanta City Council and rename the position President Pro Tempore.

Section 2: That the General Assembly make the necessary changes to the City Charter calling for the President Pro Tempore to be elected by members of the Atlanta City Council for a term of one year.

Section 3: That the General Assembly make the necessary changes to the City Charter to charge the President Pro Tempore with the following duties:

- (1) Preside at meetings of the council while serving as a member of that body;
- (2) Vote on all matters before Council;
- (3) Appoint the members and chairpersons of such committees as may be established by the council pursuant to its rules, and fill vacancies therein, provided any such appointments shall be subject to rejection by a majority vote of the total membership

of the council; and the president of the council shall be allowed to serve only as a member of no more than three committees and not as the chair of any said committees;

(4) Exercise all powers and discharge all duties of the mayor in the case of a vacancy in the office of mayor or during the disability of the mayor;

(5) Be authorized to compel the attendance of councilmembers by subpoena, subject to the rules of council;

(6) Be given further powers to perform such duties consistent with the law as may be provided by ordinance or resolution of council; and

(7) Speak to any pending matter before the council.

Section 4: That changes to the Charter of the City of Atlanta call for the first election of the President Pro Tempore to be held in December 2005.

Section 5: That the General Assembly in its consideration of this matter make the changes to the Charter effective immediately upon passage and adoption of legislation by the Governor.

Section 6: All resolutions in conflict herewith are repealed.

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NOT VOTING: 1
EXCUSED: 0
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Y Smith	Y Winslow	Y Shook	Y Martin	Y Mitchell
Y Starnes	Y Archibong	NV Muller	B Maddox	Y Norwood
Y Young	Y Fauver	Y Moore	Y Mosley	N Willis

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