

CHAPTER 179

AN ACT concerning certain provisions in the charter for the city of Gloucester City in the county of Camden and amending P.L.1868, c.44.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Common Council of Gloucester City in the County of Camden have petitioned the Legislature for the passage of a special law to amend the charter of the city of Gloucester City, as set forth in P.L.1868, c.44, in order to elect three common council members at large, and to elect one member of the common council from each of the three election wards in the city, and pursuant to Article IV, Section VII, paragraph 10 of the Constitution of 1947 in accordance with the procedure described by P.L.1948, c.199 (C.1:6-20 et seq.); now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. Section 2 of P.L.1868, c.44 is amended to read as follows:
2. For the better order and government of Gloucester City there shall be elected hereafter a Mayor who shall hold his or her office for a term of four (4) years, one (1) Common Council Person from each of the three (3) wards, who shall hold office for a period of three years, three (3) common council persons elected at large from the entire City and who with the Mayor shall form and be one body politic and corporate in deed, fact, name and law and be known by the name, style and title of "The Mayor and Common Council of Gloucester City."
2. Section 3 of P.L.1868, c.44 is amended to read as follows:
3. The Mayor and member of Common Council shall be elected at the general election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November and shall take office at a public meeting to be held between January 1 and January 7 of the year following the general election. In the first year after passage of P.L.2013, c.179 by the Legislature the members of Common Council shall continue to hold office for the remainder of their unexpired term and until their successors have been elected and qualified. After the adoption of an ordinance by the affirmative vote of a majority of all of the members of Common Council adopting P.L.2013, c.179 requiring that three members of Common Council shall serve at-large and three members of Common Council shall be elected from each of the city's three election wards, Common Council shall determine and designate, by subsequent ordinance, the seat of one member from each ward to thereafter be an at-large member. Those designations shall apply in all subsequent elections for those Common Council seats.
3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall become operative after the adoption of an ordinance by the affirmative vote of a majority of all of the members of Common Council as required in section 2 of this act.

Approved January 13, 2014.