

HOUSE BILL 44

By Watson

AN ACT to amend Chapter 58 of the Private Acts of 2003; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to elections in the town of Decatur.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 58 of the Private Acts of 2003, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting the following language in Article III, Section 1:

A general town election shall be held on the fourth Saturday in April in each odd numbered year.

and substituting instead the following language:

A general town election shall be held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November in each even numbered year.

SECTION 2. Chapter 58 of the Private Acts of 2003, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting subsection (c) in Article IV, Section 1 and substituting instead the following:

(c) Election and Terms. The three (3) current Aldermen terms that are scheduled to expire in April 2011 shall be extended to November 2012 and the three (3) current Aldermen and Mayor terms that are scheduled to expire in April 2013 shall be extended to November 2014. In 2012, 2014 and thereafter, the elected official term shall commence at the first regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen following the certification of the election by the Meigs County Election Commissioners.

The Mayor and any Aldermen shall be eligible for re-election.

SECTION 3. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of the town of Decatur. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the town of Decatur and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 4. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 3.