

Senate Bill 533

By: Senator Kennedy of the 18th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Fort Valley, approved August 22,
2 1907 (Ga. L. 1907, p. 651), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2019 (Ga.
3 L. 2019, p. 4170), so as to provide for vacancies on the Fort Valley Utility Commission; to
4 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 An Act providing a new charter for the City of Fort Valley, approved August 22, 1907 (Ga.
8 L. 1907, p. 651), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2019 (Ga. L. 2019, p.
9 4170), is amended in Section 1.1 by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

10 "(c.1) In the event a vacancy occurs among the membership of the commission, for
11 whatever reason, the remaining members of the commission shall:

12 (1) If the vacancy occurs within the first two years of the member's term, call, within 30
13 days of the vacancy, a special election to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the
14 unexpired term. Such election shall be held on the earliest date established pursuant to
15 subparagraph (c)(1)(A) of Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A. in an odd-numbered
16 year and shall be conducted in all respects in accordance with the provisions of this
17 charter relating to general elections. The commission shall also appoint, within 30 days
18 of the vacancy, a qualified resident of the city to fill the vacancy until such election can
19 be conducted; or

20 (2) If the vacancy occurs within the last two years of the member's term, appoint, within
21 30 days of the vacancy, a qualified resident of the city to fill the vacancy for the
22 remainder of the unexpired term."

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24 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.