

HB 818 -- CITIES OF THE FOURTH CLASSIFICATION

SPONSOR: Terry

This bill prohibits any person from holding office as either mayor or alder for more than eight years in any city of the fourth classification.

The bill prohibits mayors and alders in cities of the fourth classification from receiving compensation for their service, except for a monthly stipend. Mayors and alders are ineligible for employment benefits.

Currently, mayors in cities of the fourth classification may cast a tie-breaking vote on any question before the board of alders. This bill allows a mayor to cast a tie-breaking vote only on a question relating to the adoption of the city's budget.

This bill prohibits the mayor of a city of the fourth classification from appointing any person who contributed to the mayor's campaign for the current term of office to the positions of treasurer, city attorney, city assessor, street commissioner, or security guard.

The bill prohibits any alder of a city of the fourth classification from voting to elect any person who contributed to the alder's campaign for current office to the position of city clerk.

Currently, the City of Savannah has a petition process for the proposal of ordinances to the board of alders. This bill repeals that process.

This bill is similar to HB 1635 (2024).