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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the City of Lake Butler, Union County;
 3 amending chapter 63-1499, Laws of Florida, as amended;
 4 providing for numbered commission seats; providing for
 5 qualifications for office; providing for filling of seat
 6 when only one candidate qualifies; revising the qualifying
 7 period; providing an effective date.

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 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 11 Section 1. Sections 30 and 31 of chapter 63-1499, Laws of
 12 Florida, as amended by chapter 99-477, Laws of Florida, are
 13 amended to read:

14 Section 30. Election of city commission; numbered seats;
 15 election registration officer.--

16 (a) The regular municipal election of the city shall be
 17 held on the fourth Tuesday in June of each even numbered year,
 18 beginning in 1982. In order that terms of city commission
 19 members may be staggered, the two members elected in the
 20 election held in June of 1981 shall serve for terms of 3 years
 21 and the three members elected in the election held in June of
 22 1982 shall serve for terms of 4 years. Thereafter, all members
 23 shall serve terms of 4 years.

24 (b) Each commission seat shall be designated with an
 25 assigned number, 1 through 5, and qualified for according to the
 26 following procedure:

27 (1) In the election years that two member seats are
 28 scheduled for election, the seats shall be numbered 1 and 2.

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29 (2) In the election years that three member seats are
 30 scheduled for election, the seats shall be numbered 3, 4, and 5.

31 (3) Any individual desiring to qualify for election as a
 32 city commissioner shall be required to qualify as designated in
 33 section 31.

34 (4) Any individual desiring to qualify for election as a
 35 city commissioner shall so designate which seat he or she wishes
 36 to occupy at the time of qualifying as a candidate for election
 37 to the city commission.

38 (5) If no more than one individual qualifies as a
 39 candidate for a seat scheduled for election, an election will
 40 not be required and the sole qualifying candidate shall be
 41 declared elected following the close of the official qualifying
 42 period.

43 (c) The city commission shall appoint the election
 44 registration officer of the City of Lake Butler at least 30 days
 45 prior to any city election. The city commission may elect to
 46 contract elections supervision to the county elections
 47 supervisor when deemed to be in the best interest of the city.

48 Section 31. Qualifications of candidate.--Any person who
 49 is a resident of the city and has been a resident for at least 6
 50 months and has the qualifications of an elector therein may
 51 become a candidate for election to the office of the city
 52 commissioner by petition of twenty (20) qualified electors of
 53 the city and filing with the election registration officer a
 54 qualifying fee as prescribed by ordinance and by taking and
 55 subscribing to an oath or affirmation in compliance with current
 56 state election laws before the election registration officer.
 57 The qualifying period for candidates for city commission shall

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58 consist of a 5-day period, beginning at noon Monday and ending
59 at noon on the following ~~through~~ Friday, as designated by the
60 city commission and must occur not less than 30 ~~60~~ days prior to
61 the scheduled election. The filing of necessary documents for
62 qualifying as a candidate shall occur on these days during
63 established hours at the office of the election registration
64 officer.

65 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.