THE STATE OF TENNESSEE



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

I, Tre Hargett, Secretary of State of the State of Tennessee, do hereby certify that the annexed is a true copy of

Private Chapter No. 46

House Bill No. 2637

Senate Bill No. 2699

114th General Assembly



the original of which is now on file and a matter of record in this office. In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and by order of the Governor affixed the Great Seal of Tennessee at the Department in the City of Nashville, this 29th day of April, A.D. 2026.

Tre Hargett, Secretary of State

State of Tennessee

PRIVATE CHAPTER NO. 46

HOUSE BILL NO. 2637

By Representative Cochran

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2699

By Senator Lowe

AN ACT to amend Chapter 455 of the Private Acts of 1953; as amended by Chapter 136 of the Private Acts of 1971; Chapter 121 of the Private Acts of 1986; Chapter 164 of the Private Acts of 1998 and Chapter 60 of the Private Acts of 2024; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the City of Athens.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 455 of the Private Acts of 1953, as amended by Chapter 136 of the Private Acts of 1971, Chapter 121 of the Private Acts of 1986, Chapter 164 of the Private Acts of 1998, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Article V, Section 4 and substituting:

> **Section 4.** Be it further enacted. The compensation of the Mayor and Council members shall be established from time to time by ordinance duly adopted by the City Council, subject to any limitations imposed by Tennessee law. No change in compensation shall take effect during the term for which the Mayor or any Councilmember was elected; however, such changes may take effect for subsequent terms of office.

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

SECTION 3. 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 2.

HOUSE BILL NO. 2637

PASSED: April 2, 2026

CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 16th day of April 2026

BILL LEE, GOVERNOR