

House Bill 1195

By: Representatives Lunsford of the 109th, Sanders of the 107th, Cash of the 108th and Yates of the 106th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Locust Grove, approved April 7,
2 1976 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 4426), as amended, so as to revise certain provisions relating to the
3 organizational meeting; to eliminate the requirement of a second reading of nonemergency
4 ordinances and the distinction between nonemergency and emergency ordinances; to provide
5 that all deadlines falling on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday may be met on the next day the
6 city is open for business; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act creating a new charter for the City of Locust Grove, approved April 7, 1976 (Ga. L.
10 1976, p. 4426), as amended, is amended by striking Section 2.30 and inserting in lieu thereof
11 a new Section 2.30 to read as follows:

12 "SECTION 2.30.
13 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

14 The council shall meet for organization on the first Monday in January each year. The
15 meeting shall be called to order by the city clerk and the oath of office shall be
16 administered to the newly elected members as follows:

17 I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will well and truly perform the duties of (mayor
18 or councilmember as the case may be) of the city, and that I will support and defend the
19 charter thereof as well as the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia and of the
20 United States of America."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 Said Act is further amended by striking Section 2.34 and inserting in lieu thereof a new
23 Section 2.34 to read as follows:

1 "SECTION 2.34

2 ACTION REQUIRING AN ORDINANCE

3 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this charter, every official action of the council which
 4 is to become law shall be by ordinance. Each proposed ordinance or resolution shall be
 5 introduced in writing and in the form required for final adoption. No ordinance shall
 6 contain a subject which is not expressed in its title. The enacting clause shall be 'The
 7 Council of the City of Locust Grove hereby ordains....'

8 (b) An ordinance may be introduced by any member of the council and read at a regular
 9 or special meeting of the council. Ordinances shall be considered and adopted or rejected
 10 by the council in accordance with the rules which it shall establish. Upon introduction of
 11 any ordinance, the clerk shall distribute a copy to the mayor, and to each councilmember,
 12 and shall file a reasonable number of copies in the office of the clerk and at such other
 13 public places as the council may designate."

14 **SECTION 3.**

15 Said Act is further amended by striking Section 2.35 and inserting in lieu thereof a new
 16 Section 2.35 to read as follows:

17 "SECTION 2.35

18 COMPUTATION OF TIME; HOLIDAYS

19 (a) Computation of time. Except as otherwise provided by time period computations
 20 specifically applying to other provisions of this charter, when a period of time measured
 21 in days, weeks, months, years, or other measurements of time except hours is prescribed
 22 for the exercise of any privilege or the discharge of any duty, the first day shall not be
 23 counted but the last day shall be counted; and, if the last day falls on Saturday or Sunday,
 24 the party having such privilege or duty shall have through the following Monday to
 25 exercise the privilege or to discharge the duty. When the last day prescribed for such
 26 action falls on a public or legal holiday as set forth in Code Section 1-4-1 of the O.C.G.A.
 27 or by city ordinance or resolution, the party having the privilege or duty shall have through
 28 the next business day to exercise the privilege or to discharge the duty.

29 (b) Holidays. The city is authorized to declare the days when it shall observe official
 30 holidays, to the extent permitted by law."

- 1 **SECTION 4.**
- 2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.