

House Bill 1639

By: Representatives Harrell of the 62nd, Davis of the 60th, Watson of the 70th, Ragas of the 64th, Sailor of the 71st and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Chamblee, approved March 28, 1935 (Ga. L. 1935, p. 976), as amended, so as to change the election districts to provide for two at-large districts and three numbered districts; to define the boundaries of the three numbered districts; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this Act for approval under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act creating a new charter for the City of Chamblee, approved March 28, 1935 (Ga. L. 1935, p. 976), as amended, is amended by striking subparagraph (a) of Section 1 of Article 3 and substituting in lieu thereof a new subparagraph (a) to read as follows:

"(a) For purposes of electing members of the city council, the City of Chamblee is divided into three council districts and two at-large districts. One member of the city council shall be elected from each of the three council districts and two members of the city council shall be elected from the city at large. The three council districts shall be and correspond to those three numbered districts described in Section 1.1 of this Article 3. At the time a candidate for the office of councilmember of any of the three election districts described in Section 1.1 of this Article 3 qualifies as a candidate, and at the time he is elected to such office, and throughout such person's term of service as such, such person shall be a bona fide resident of the election district within the city designated by such person when qualifying as a candidate. Candidates for the office of councilmember at large may reside anywhere within the corporate limits of the City of Chamblee. A candidate for the office of councilmember at large shall designate, at the time such person qualifies as a candidate, that such person is qualifying as an at-large candidate. Council districts numbered 1, 2, and 3 as they exist immediately prior to the effective date of this Act shall continue to be designated as Council Districts 1, 2, and 3, respectively, but as newly described under this

1 Act and as set forth in Section 1.1 of this Article 3, and on and after the effective date of
2 this Act, such councilmembers serving from former districts 4 and 5 shall be deemed to be
3 serving as councilmembers at large."

4 **SECTION 2.**

5 Said Act is further amended in Section 1 of Article 3 by striking subparagraphs (b) and (g)
6 in their entirety; by redesignating subparagraphs (c), (d), (e), (f), and (h) as subparagraphs
7 (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g); and by striking newly designated subparagraph (g) in its entirety
8 and substituting in lieu thereof a new subparagraph (g) to read as follows:

9 "(g) The office of a councilmember shall become vacant upon such person's removal of
10 such person's residence from the district from which elected or such person's removal of
11 such person's residence from the city."

12 **SECTION 3.**

13 Said Act is further amended by striking Section 1.1 of Article 3 in its entirety and
14 substituting in lieu thereof a new heading and new Section 1.1 to read as follows:

15 **"SECTION 1.1.**

16 The corporate area of the City of Chamblee is divided into three districts for the purpose
17 of electing councilmembers from each such district. For such purposes, said districts are
18 to be known as election districts and are to be numbered Election Districts 1, 2, and 3
19 respectively. Two councilmembers shall be elected from the city at large.

20 (1) Election District 1 shall include the area lying within the following described lines
21 and boundaries: Beginning at the point where the centerline of New Peachtree Road
22 intersects the centerline of Clairmont Road, and from said point of intersection running
23 southwesterly along the centerline of New Peachtree Road to a point where the centerline
24 of New Peachtree Road, if extended in a straight line in a southwesterly direction would
25 intersect the centerline of Eighth Street, and running thence in a westerly direction along
26 the centerline of Eighth Street to the point where the centerline of Eighth Street, if
27 extended in a straight line in a westerly direction, would intersect the centerline of
28 Peachtree Road, and running thence in a northeasterly direction along the centerline of
29 Peachtree Road so as to reach the point where the west line of Land Lot 278 of the 18th
30 District of DeKalb County intersects the centerline of Peachtree Road; thence northerly
31 along the west line of Land Lot 278 of said 18th District and continuing northerly also
32 along the west line of Land Lot 300 of said 18th District, and also along the west line of
33 Land Lot 307 of said 18th District to the point where the centerline of Harts Mill Road
34 intersects the western line of Land Lot 307 of the 18th District; running thence in a

1 northerly, easterly and northeasterly direction along the centerline of Harts Mill Road
2 following the curvature thereof to the point where the centerline of Harts Mill Road
3 would intersect the centerline of Spring Street, if the centerline of Spring Street was
4 extended northerly in a straight line; thence southerly along the centerline of Spring
5 Street to the point where the centerline of Mendenhall Street would intersect the
6 centerline of Spring Street, if the centerline of Mendenhall Street was extended westerly
7 in a straight line; thence easterly along the centerline of Mendenhall Street to the point
8 where the centerline of Mendenhall Street would intersect the centerline of
9 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road if the centerline of Mendenhall Street was extended easterly
10 in a straight line; thence southeasterly along the centerline of Chamblee-Dunwoody Road
11 to the point where the centerline of Chamblee-Dunwoody Road would intersect the
12 centerline of Pierce Drive, if the centerline of Pierce Drive was extended easterly in a
13 straight line; thence westerly and southerly along the centerline of Pierce Drive to the
14 point where the centerline of Pierce Drive would intersect the centerline of New
15 Peachtree Road, if the centerline of Pierce Drive was extended in a straight line in a
16 southerly direction; thence northeasterly along the centerline of New Peachtree Road to
17 the point where the centerline of New Peachtree Road intersects the centerline of
18 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road; thence continuing southeasterly from said point of
19 intersection along the centerline of Chamblee-Dunwoody Road to the point where the
20 centerline of Catalina Drive would intersect the centerline of Chamblee-Dunwoody Road
21 if the centerline of Catalina Drive was extended northerly in a straight line; thence
22 southerly along the centerline of Catalina Drive to the point where the centerline of
23 Catalina Drive would intersect the centerline of Coronado Place, if the centerline of
24 Coronado Place was extended westerly in a straight line; thence easterly along the
25 centerline of Coronado Place to the point where the centerline of Coronado Place would
26 intersect the centerline of Blackburn Way if the centerline of Blackburn Way was
27 extended southerly in a straight line; thence northerly along the centerline of Blackburn
28 Way to the point where the centerline of Blackburn Way would intersect the centerline
29 of Chamblee-Dunwoody Road, if the centerline of Blackburn Way was extended
30 northerly in a straight line; thence southeasterly along the centerline of
31 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road to a point where the centerline of West Hospital Avenue
32 would intersect the centerline of Chamblee-Dunwoody Road, if the centerline of West
33 Hospital Avenue was extended northerly in a straight line; thence southerly along the
34 centerline of West Hospital Avenue to a point where the centerline of West Hospital
35 Avenue would intersect the centerline of Reeves Street, if the centerline of Reeves Street
36 was extended westerly in a straight line; thence easterly and southerly along the
37 centerline of Reeves Street to a point where the centerline of Reeves Street would

1 intersect the centerline of Lu Jan Drive if the centerline of Lu Jan Drive was extended
2 westerly in a straight line; thence easterly along the centerline of Lu Jan Drive to a point
3 where the centerline of Lu Jan Drive would intersect the centerline of Cumberland Drive,
4 if the centerline of Lu Jan Drive was extended easterly in a straight line; thence
5 southeasterly along the centerline of Cumberland Drive to the point where the centerline
6 of Cumberland Drive would intersect the centerline of the northern most end of
7 Cumberland Court, if the centerline of Cumberland Court was extended westerly in a
8 straight line; thence southerly along the centerline of Cumberland Court to the point
9 where the centerline of Cumberland Court would intersect the centerline of Cumberland
10 Drive, if the centerline of Cumberland Court was extended westerly in a straight line;
11 thence running southerly along the centerline of Cumberland Drive to the point where the
12 centerline of Cumberland Drive would intersect the centerline of Chamblee-Tucker Road,
13 if the centerline of Cumberland Drive was extended southerly in a straight line; thence
14 westerly along the centerline of Chamblee-Tucker Road to the point where the centerline
15 of Chamblee-Tucker Road intersects the centerline of New Peachtree Road; thence
16 westerly along the centerline of New Peachtree Road to the point where the centerline of
17 Hardee Avenue would intersect the centerline of New Peachtree Road, if the centerline
18 of Hardee Avenue was extended northerly in a straight line; thence southerly along the
19 centerline of Hardee Avenue to the point where the centerline of Hardee Avenue would
20 intersect the centerline of Sixth Street, if the centerline of Sixth Street was extended
21 easterly in a straight line; thence westerly along the centerline of Sixth Street to the point
22 where the centerline of Sixth Street would intersect the centerline of Clairmont Road; if
23 the centerline of Sixth Street was extended westerly in a straight line; thence northerly
24 along the centerline of Clairmont Road to the point where the centerline of Clairmont
25 Road intersects the centerline of New Peachtree Road, this point being the point of
26 beginning in this description of Election District 1.

27 (2) Election District 2 shall include the area lying within the following described lines
28 and boundaries: Beginning on the eastern corporate limit line at a point where the
29 centerline of Chamblee-Dunwoody Road would intersect said eastern corporate limit line,
30 if the centerline of Chamblee-Dunwoody Road was extended in a straight line in an
31 easterly direction, thence westerly along the centerline of Chamblee-Dunwoody Road to
32 the point where the centerline of Chamblee-Dunwoody Road intersects the centerline of
33 Cumberland Drive if the centerline of Cumberland Drive was extended in a straight line
34 in a northerly direction, thence southerly along the centerline of Cumberland Drive to the
35 point where the centerline of Cumberland Drive would intersect the centerline of Lu Jan
36 Drive, if the centerline of Lu Jan Drive was extended in a straight line in an easterly
37 direction; thence westerly along the centerline of Lu Jan Drive to the point where the

1 centerline of Lu Jan Drive would intersect the centerline of Reeves Street, if the
2 centerline of Reeves Street was extended in a straight line in a southerly direction; thence
3 northerly and westerly along the centerline of Reeves Street to a point where the
4 centerline of Reeves Street would intersect the centerline of West Hospital Avenue, if the
5 centerline of Reeves Street was extended in a straight line in a westerly direction; thence
6 northerly along the centerline of West Hospital Avenue to a point where the centerline
7 of West Hospital Avenue would intersect the centerline of Chamblee-Dunwoody Road,
8 if the centerline of West Hospital Avenue was extended in a straight line in a northerly
9 direction, thence westerly along the centerline of Chamblee-Dunwoody Road to a point
10 where the centerline of Chamblee-Dunwoody Road would intersect the centerline of
11 Blackburn Way, if the centerline of Blackburn Way was extended in a northerly direction
12 in a straight line, thence southerly along the centerline of Blackburn Way to a point where
13 the centerline of Blackburn Way would intersect the centerline of Coronado Place, if the
14 centerline of Coronado Place was extended in an easterly direction in a straight line,
15 thence westerly along the centerline of Coronado Place to a point where the centerline of
16 Coronado Place would intersect the centerline of Catalina Drive, if the centerline of
17 Coronado Place was extended in a westerly direction in a straight line, thence northerly
18 along the centerline of Catalina Drive to a point where the centerline of Catalina Drive
19 would intersect the centerline of Chamblee-Dunwoody Road, if the centerline of Catalina
20 Drive was extended in a northerly direction in a straight line, thence northwesterly along
21 the centerline of Chamblee-Dunwoody Road to the point where the centerline of
22 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road intersects the centerline of New Peachtree Road, thence
23 southwesterly along the centerline of New Peachtree Road to the point where the
24 centerline of New Peachtree Road would intersect the centerline of Pierce Drive, if the
25 centerline of Pierce Drive was extended in a straight line in a southerly direction; thence
26 northwesterly and then easterly along the extended centerline of Pierce Drive to a point
27 where the centerline of Pierce Drive would intersect the centerline of
28 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road, if the centerline of Pierce Drive was extended in a straight
29 line in an easterly direction, thence northerly along the centerline of
30 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road to a point where the centerline of Chamblee-Dunwoody
31 Road would intersect the centerline of Mendenhall Street, if the centerline of Mendenhall
32 Street was extended in a straight line in an easterly direction, thence westerly along the
33 centerline of Mendenhall Street to a point where the centerline of Mendenhall Street
34 would intersect the centerline of Spring Street, if the centerline of Mendenhall Street was
35 extended in a straight line in a westerly direction, thence northerly along the centerline
36 of Spring Street to a point where the centerline of Spring Street would intersect the
37 centerline of Harts Mill Road if the centerline of Spring Street was extended in a straight

1 line in a northerly direction, thence continuing easterly along the centerline of Harts Mill
2 Road to a point where the centerline of Harts Mill Road would intersect the centerline of
3 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road if the centerline of Harts Mill Road was extended in a
4 straight line in an easterly direction, thence southeasterly along the centerline of
5 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road to a point where the northern corporate limit line of the City
6 of Chamblee intersects the centerline of Chamblee-Dunwoody Road if the said northern
7 corporate limit line was extended southwesterly in a straight line; then northerly and
8 easterly following the said corporate limit line of the City of Chamblee in all its courses,
9 curves and meandering to a point where the eastern corporate limit line intersects the
10 centerline of Chamblee-Dunwoody Road, if the centerline of Chamblee-Dunwoody Road
11 was extended in a straight line in an easterly direction, this being the point of beginning
12 of this description of Election District 2.

13 (3) Election District 3 shall include the area lying within the following described lines
14 and boundaries: Beginning at the point where the centerline of New Peachtree Road, if
15 extended in a straight line in a southwesterly direction, would intersect the centerline of
16 Eighth Street, if extended in a straight line in an easterly direction, and running thence
17 in an easterly and southerly direction and following the corporate limit line of the City
18 of Chamblee in all its courses, distances, curves and meanderings so as to reach a point
19 where the said corporate limit line reaches the east side of Shallowford Road; thence
20 running in a northeasterly direction and following the said corporate limit line of the City
21 of Chamblee in all its courses, distances, curves and meanderings so as to reach a point
22 where the said corporate limit line of the City would intersect the centerline of
23 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road, if the centerline of Chamblee-Dunwoody Road was
24 extended in a straight line in an easterly direction; thence westerly along the centerline
25 of Chamblee-Dunwoody Road to the point where the centerline of Chamblee-Dunwoody
26 Road would intersect the centerline of Cumberland Drive, if the centerline of Cumberland
27 Drive was extended in a straight line in a northerly direction; thence southerly along the
28 centerline of Cumberland Drive to the point where the centerline of Cumberland Drive
29 would intersect the northernmost end of Cumberland Court, if the centerline of
30 Cumberland Court was extended westerly in a straight line; thence southerly along the
31 centerline of Cumberland Court to the point where the centerline of Cumberland Court
32 would intersect the centerline of Cumberland Drive, if the centerline of Cumberland
33 Court was extended westerly in a straight line; thence running southerly along the
34 centerline of Cumberland Drive to the point where the centerline of Cumberland Drive
35 would intersect the centerline of Chamblee-Tucker Road, if the centerline of Cumberland
36 Drive was extended southerly in a straight line; thence westerly along the centerline of
37 Chamblee-Tucker Road to the point where the centerline of Chamblee-Tucker Road

1 intersects the centerline of New Peachtree Road; thence westerly along the centerline of
2 New Peachtree Road to the point where the centerline of Hardee Avenue would intersect
3 the centerline of New Peachtree Road, if the centerline of Hardee Avenue was extended
4 northerly in a straight line; thence southerly along the centerline of Hardee Avenue to the
5 point where the centerline of Hardee Avenue would intersect the centerline of Sixth
6 Street, if the centerline of Sixth Street was extended easterly in a straight line; thence
7 westerly along the centerline of Sixth Street to the point where the centerline of Sixth
8 Street would intersect the centerline of Clairmont Road, if the centerline of Sixth Street
9 was extended westerly in a straight line; thence northerly along the centerline of
10 Clairmont Road to the point where the centerline of Clairmont Road intersects the
11 centerline of New Peachtree Road; thence southwesterly along the centerline of New
12 Peachtree Road to a point where the centerline of New Peachtree Road, if extended in a
13 straight line in a southwesterly direction, would intersect the centerline of Eighth Street,
14 if extended in a straight line in an easterly direction, this point being the point of
15 beginning in this description of Election District 3."

16 **SECTION 4.**

17 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the City of Chamblee to submit this Act for approval
18 pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

19 **SECTION 5.**

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