

Senate Bill 30

By: Senators Hamrick of the 30th and Crosby of the 13th

**AS PASSED SENATE**

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 32 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to general provisions for municipal courts, so as to require municipal court judges  
3 to be attorneys; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting  
4 laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 1 of Chapter 32 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
8 general provisions for municipal courts, is amended by adding a new Code section to read  
9 as follows:

10 "36-32-1.1.

11 Municipal court judges shall be licensed to practice law in the State of Georgia and a  
12 member in good standing of the State Bar of Georgia; provided, however, that any judge  
13 -serving on June 30, 2011, who does not meet the qualifications required by this Code  
14 section may serve as municipal court judge in any municipality so long as such judge is in  
15 compliance with Code Section 36-32-27. The provisions of this Code section shall  
16 expressly supersede any conflicting local law of this state."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.