

House Bill 335

By: Representative Parent of the 81st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act reincorporating the City of Doraville in the County of DeKalb, approved
2 October 13, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, Ex. Sess., p. 2154), as amended, so as to change certain
3 provisions relating to tax levies; to change certain provisions relating to elections; to change
4 certain provisions relating to notice of candidacy; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act reincorporating the City of Doraville in the County of DeKalb, approved October 13,
9 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, Ex. Sess., p. 2154), as amended, is amended by revising Section 4.03 as
10 follows:

11 "SECTION 4.03.
12 Tax levy.

13 Be it further enacted that the council shall be authorized to levy an ad valorem tax on all
14 real and personal property within the corporate limits of the city for the purposes of raising
15 revenues to defray the costs of operating the city government, providing governmental
16 services, and for other public purposes as determined by the council in its discretion. The
17 council is also authorized to provide for sufficient levy to pay principal and interest on
18 general obligations. Said ad valorem tax levy, except such as may be made for bonded
19 indebtedness, shall not exceed ten mills."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 5.01 as follows:

22 "SECTION 5.01.
 23 Regular elections; time for
 24 holding and taking office.

25 Be it further enacted, that except as otherwise provided in this charter, the regular election
 26 for mayor and councilmen, or for councilmen as the case may be, shall be held on the
 27 Tuesday next following the first Monday in November in each odd-numbered year and
 28 terms shall be staggered as hereinafter provided. Runoff elections, if required, shall be held
 29 in accordance with O.C.G.A. Code Section 21-2-501 and any amendment thereto. Officials
 30 elected at any regular election shall take office on the first day of January next following
 31 such election."

32 **SECTION 3.**
 33 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 5.02 as follows:

34 "SECTION 5.02.
 35 Notice of candidacy.

36 Be it further enacted that any person desiring to become a candidate in any regular election
 37 shall file written notice of his or her candidacy with the municipal superintendent pursuant
 38 to O.C.G.A. Code Section 21-2-132 and any amendment thereto. Each municipal
 39 superintendent shall designate the days of the qualifying period, which shall be no less than
 40 three days and no more than five days. The days of the qualifying period shall be
 41 consecutive days. Qualifying periods shall commence no earlier than 8:30 A.M. on the last
 42 Monday in August immediately preceding the general election and shall end no later than
 43 4:30 P.M. on the following Friday; and, in the case of a special election, the municipal
 44 qualifying period shall commence no earlier than the date of the call and shall end no later
 45 than 25 days prior to the election. A qualifying fee of 3 percent of the total gross salary of
 46 the office paid in the preceding calendar year pursuant to O.C.G.A. Code Section 21-2-131
 47 and any amendment thereto shall be paid by each candidate in a regular or special election
 48 at the time his or her notice of candidacy is filed."

49 **SECTION 4.**
 50 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.