

Senate Bill 352

By: Senator Crosby of the 13th

AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Chapter 18 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prosecuting attorneys, so as to provide for prosecuting attorneys in municipal courts and courts exercising municipal court jurisdiction; to provide for the process of such employment; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 18 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prosecuting attorneys, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 5

15-18-90.

(a) Municipal courts and courts exercising municipal court jurisdiction shall be authorized to employ full-time or part-time prosecuting attorneys to represent the jurisdiction in criminal proceedings in such court. The decision to employ prosecuting attorneys and the length and nature of each prosecuting attorney's employment shall be vested in the respective governing authority of the city served by such court. Any costs associated with creating an office for a prosecuting attorney, including approving personnel needs, shall be borne by the respective governing authority of the city served by such court.

(b) A prosecuting attorney in a municipal court or court exercising municipal court jurisdiction may be known as the 'Solicitor of the _____ Court of _____'."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.