

House Bill 484

By: Representative Williamson of the 115th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act entitled "An Act to reincorporate the City of Monroe in the County of
2 Walton," approved April 8, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, p. 3221), as amended, so as to provide for the
3 jurisdiction of the municipal court; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

6 An Act entitled "An Act to reincorporate the City of Monroe in the County of Walton,"
7 approved April 8, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, p. 3221), as amended, is amended by revising Section
8 7.03 as follows:

9 style="text-align:center">"SECTION 7.03.

10 style="text-align:center">Jurisdiction.

11 The municipal court shall have jurisdiction to:

- 12 (1) Try and punish violations of this charter, all city ordinances, and such other
13 violations as provided by law;
- 14 (2) Try, hear, and abate nuisances as provided by the laws of this state;
- 15 (3) Try, hear, and determine as a committing court all warrants for the violation of any
16 state law and, while acting under the authority of the laws of the State of Georgia, to bind
17 over such persons to an appropriate higher court for the eventual trial of such case;
- 18 (4) Punish those in its presence for contempt, provided that such punishment shall not
19 exceed \$1,000.00 or 20 days in jail or both;
- 20 (5) Punish for violations within its jurisdiction not exceeding a fine of \$1,000.00 or
21 imprisonment for six months or both such fine and imprisonment or may fix punishment
22 by fine, imprisonment, or alternative sentencing as now or hereafter provided by law;
23 provided, however, that the municipal court shall have jurisdiction to try and dispose of

- 24 cases as provided in Article 1 of Chapter 32 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A. and Article 2 of
25 Chapter 13 of Title 40 of the O.C. G. A., as now or hereafter amended;
- 26 (6) Establish bail and recognizance to ensure the presence of those charged with
27 violations before such court;
- 28 (7) Probate, revoke, amend, remit, modify, alter, or suspend sentences imposed;
- 29 (8) Compel the production of books, papers, and other evidence in the possession of any
30 party with the same authority as magistrates of the state;
- 31 (9) Compel the presence of witnesses or all parties necessary to a proper disposal of each
32 case by issuance of summonses, subpoenas, warrants, orders, and all other process in
33 cases within its jurisdiction arising under the laws of the State of Georgia or this charter
34 or ordinances of the city with full power to enforce the same;
- 35 (10) Enforce obedience to its orders, judgments, and sentences with the same authority
36 as magistrates of the state;
- 37 (11) Administer all oaths as are necessary with the same authority as magistrates of the
38 state and take affidavits and attest other papers;
- 39 (12) Issue warrants for the arrest of persons charged with offenses against any ordinance
40 of the city, and each judge of the municipal court shall have the authority as magistrate
41 of the state to issue warrants for offenses against state laws committed within the city;
42 and
- 43 (13) Such other powers and duties as shall be provided by law or ordinance."

44 **SECTION 2.**

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