

Senate Bill 294

By: Senator Harrell of the 40th

**AS PASSED SENATE**

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT**

1 To amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Chamblee, approved March 28, 1935  
2 (Ga. L. 1935, p. 976), as amended, so as to change the election districts to provide for four  
3 council districts and one at-large district; to provide for terms of office; to define the  
4 boundaries of the four numbered districts; to provide for related matters; to provide an  
5 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

7 **SECTION 1.**

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

11 "(a) For purposes of electing members of the city council at the 2021 general municipal  
12 election, the City of Chamblee is divided into four council districts and one at-large district.  
13 One member of the city council shall be elected from each of the four council districts and  
14 one member of the city council shall be elected from the city at large. The four council  
15 districts shall be and shall correspond to those four numbered districts described in  
16 Section 1.1. At the time a candidate for the office of councilmember of any of the four

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17 election districts described in Section 1.1 qualifies as a candidate, and at the time such  
18 person is elected to such office, and throughout such person's term of service as such, such  
19 person shall be a bona fide resident of the election district within the city designated by  
20 such person when qualifying as a candidate. Candidates for the office of councilmember  
21 at large may reside anywhere within the corporate limits of the City of Chamblee. A  
22 candidate for the office of councilmember at large shall designate, at the time such person  
23 qualifies as a candidate, that such person is qualifying as an at-large candidate.

24 (a.1)(1) At the 2021 general municipal election, the mayor, the councilmember for  
25 District 1, and the at-large councilmember shall be elected to terms of office of four  
26 years.

27 (2) At the 2021 general municipal election, the councilmember for District 4 shall be  
28 elected for an initial term of office of two years.

29 (3) At the 2023 general municipal election, the councilmembers for Districts 2, 3, and  
30 4 shall be elected to terms of office of four years.

31 (4) The successors to the mayor and councilmembers elected pursuant to parts (1) and  
32 (3) of this subparagraph shall be elected to terms of office of four years.

33 (5) Nothing in this subparagraph shall affect the term of office of the mayor or any  
34 councilmember serving on the effective date of this Act."

35 **SECTION 2.**

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

38 "SECTION 1.1.

39 (a) For the 2021 general municipal election and all subsequent municipal elections, the  
40 corporate area of the City of Chamblee is divided into four districts for the purpose of  
41 electing councilmembers from each such district. For such purposes, said districts are to

42 be known as election districts and are to be numbered Election Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4  
43 respectively. One councilmember shall be elected from the city at large. Districts 1  
44 through 4 shall correspond to those four numbered districts described in a plan and attached  
45 to and made a part of this Act and further identified as 'User: Chamblee Plan:  
46 chamblee-2021 Plan Type: Local.'

47 (b)(1) For the purposes of such plan:

48 (A) The term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as  
49 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial  
50 census of 2010 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district  
51 description which are underneath a 'VTD' heading shall mean and describe individual  
52 blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the  
53 United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia; and

54 (B) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any district, whenever the  
55 description of any district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical  
56 boundaries of that city as shown on the census maps for the United States decennial  
57 census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

58 (2) Any part of City of Chamblee that is not included in any district described in  
59 subsection (a) of this section shall be included within that district contiguous to such part  
60 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census  
61 of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

62 (3) Any part of City of Chamblee which is described in subsection (a) of this section as  
63 being included in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such  
64 district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall  
65 instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least  
66 population according to the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of  
67 Georgia."

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**SECTION 3.**

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