

Senate Bill 358

By: Senators Jones of the 10th and Jeffares of the 17th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Stockbridge, approved April 4,  
2 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4359), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2005  
3 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 3832), so as to provide for an oath of office and its administration; to  
4 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 An Act to provide a new charter for the City of Stockbridge, approved April 4, 1991  
8 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4359), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2005  
9 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 3832), is amended by revising subsection (a) of Section 3.11 to read as  
10 follows:

11 "(a)(1) On or prior to the first day of January immediately following their election, the  
12 oath of office shall be administered to the newly elected members by any person  
13 authorized to administer oaths and shall, to the extent that it comports with federal and  
14 state law, be as follows:

15 Oath Administrator: 'Do you solemnly (swear)(affirm) that you will faithfully perform  
16 the duties of (mayor)(councilmember) of this city and that you will support and defend  
17 the charter thereof as well as the Constitutions and laws of the State of Georgia and of  
18 the United States of America. That you are not the holder of any unaccounted for  
19 public money due this state or any political subdivision or authority thereof. That you  
20 are not the holder of any office of trust under the government of the United States, any  
21 other state, or any foreign state which you by the laws of the State of Georgia are  
22 prohibited from holding. That you are otherwise qualified to hold said office according  
23 to the Constitution and laws of Georgia. That you have been a resident the City of  
24 Stockbridge for the time required by the Constitution and laws of this state and by the  
25 municipal charter. That you will perform the duties of your office in the best interest

26 of the City of Stockbridge to the best of your ability without fear, favor, affection,  
27 reward, or expectation thereof.'

28 Newly Elected Member: 'I do.'

29 (2) The same or substantially similar oath shall be executed in proper written form by  
30 such newly elected member. Such oath shall be filed with the city clerk on or before the  
31 first day of January immediately following their election and the probate judge thereafter.

32 (3) In the event the oath is taken prior to the first day of January immediately following  
33 their election, each newly elected member may, but shall not be required to, retake such  
34 oath in a ceremony at the first regular meeting of the city council in such year  
35 immediately following their election."

36 **SECTION 2.**

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