

House Bill 711

By: Representative Yearta of the 152nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Sylvester, approved May 13, 2008
2 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 4219), so as to provide ward residence requirements for city
3 councilmembers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
4 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 Sylvester, approved May 13, 2008
8 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 4219), is amended by revising Section 2.11 as follows:

9 "SECTION 2.11.

10 City council terms and qualifications for office.

11 (a) The members of the city council shall serve for terms of four years and until their
12 respective successors are elected and qualified. No person shall be eligible to serve as
13 mayor or councilmember unless that person shall have been a resident of the city for at
14 least 12 months prior to the date of election of the mayor or member of the council; each

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15 shall continue to reside therein during that member's period of service and to be registered
16 and qualified to vote in municipal elections of this city.

17 (b) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this section, no person shall be
18 eligible to serve as a councilmember unless that person shall have been a resident of the
19 ward he or she represents for at least 12 months prior to the date of election and shall
20 continue to reside therein during that member's period of service. Nothing in this
21 subsection shall effect the qualifications or terms of councilmembers serving on the
22 effective date of this Act."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.