

The House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation offers the following substitute to SB 294:

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2.

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

"SECTION 1.1.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SECTION 3.

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