House Bill 727

By: Representative DeLoach of the 167th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Darien, approved May 5, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4328), as amended, so as to increase a residency requirement to one year; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act providing a new charter for the City of Darien, approved May 5, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4328), as amended, is amended by revising Section 2.10 of Article II as follows:

"SECTION 2.10

(a) The legislative authority of the government of this city, except as otherwise specifically provided in this charter, shall be vested in a city council to be composed of a mayor and four councilmembers.

(b) The mayor shall serve for terms of four years and the terms of councilmembers shall be for four years. No person shall be eligible to serve as councilmember unless that person shall have been a resident of the district in which they are seeking the post for one year immediately preceding the election. No councilmember shall, however, become ineligible

to serve on such council due to such councilmember's failure to satisfy the one-year residency requirement if such member began serving on the council prior to the lengthening of the residency requirement for councilmembers from six months to one year and such councilmember satisfied the prior six-month residency requirement. Any person running for the post of mayor must have lived in the city for one year immediately preceding the election. Each such person shall continue to reside within the city during said period of service and shall be registered and qualified to vote in municipal elections of this city. No person's name shall be listed as a candidate on the ballot for election for either mayor or councilmember unless such person shall file a written notice with the clerk of the city that he or she desires his or her name to be used to be place on the ballots as a candidate either for mayor or councilmember. No persons shall be eligible for the office of mayor or councilmember unless such person shall file the notice within the time provided for in Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the, 'Georgia Election Code.'"

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.