

House Bill 1117 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Hitchens of the 161<sup>st</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to incorporate the City of Port Wentworth, and to grant a charter to such  
2 city, approved February 6, 1957 (Ga. L. 1957, p. 2003), as amended, so as to change the  
3 penalties which may be imposed by the municipal court; to provide for related matters; to  
4 provide an effective date; 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 incorporate the City of Port Wentworth, and to grant a charter to such city,  
8 approved February 6, 1957 (Ga. L. 1957, p. 2003), as amended, is amended by revising  
9 Section 32 as follows:

10 "SECTION 32.

11 The city judge, as the presiding officer of the police court, shall have the power to impose  
12 fines for the offense of breaking the laws or ordinances of the city in an amount not to  
13 exceed \$1,000.00 or to imprison offenders in the Chatham County jail or in the barracks  
14 of such city for a period of not more than six months. The presiding officer of the police  
15 court shall also have the power to punish for contempt of court by a fine not to exceed  
16 \$1,000.00 or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days. He or she shall also have the  
17 power to issue warrants for state offenses committed within the corporate limits of the city,  
18 which warrants may be executed by any member of the city police force or by any sheriff  
19 or deputy sheriff of this state, and to hold hearings on such offenses and to commit the  
20 offenders to the jail in Chatham County, or admit them to bail if the offense is bailable, for  
21 their appearance at next term of a court of competent jurisdiction to be held in Chatham  
22 County."

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**SECTION 2.**

24 This Act shall become effective on the first day of the month following the month in which  
25 it is approved by the Governor or becomes law without such approval.

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**SECTION 3.**

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.