

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to SB 354:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 36 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to annexation pursuant to application by owners of 60 percent of land and 60 percent
3 of electors, so as to provide for additional notice to all affected electors; to provide for related
4 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 3 of Chapter 36 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 annexation pursuant to application by owners of 60 percent of land and 60 percent of
9 electors, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 36-36-36, relating to
10 requirement of public hearing, notice of time and place, persons entitled to be heard, and
11 right of property owner to withdraw consent, as follows:

12 "(a) The municipal governing body shall hold a public hearing on any application which
13 has been determined to meet the requirements of this article. The hearing shall be held not
14 less than 15 nor more than 45 days from the time the governing body makes a
15 determination that the petition is valid. Notice of the time and place of the hearing shall
16 be given in writing to the persons presenting the application and shall be advertised once

17 a week for two consecutive weeks immediately preceding the hearing in a newspaper of
18 general circulation in the municipal corporation and in the area proposed for annexation.
19 Written notice of the time and place of the hearing shall also be sent by mail to the mailing
20 address reflected in the property tax records for each property owner whose property is in
21 the area proposed for annexation. The written notice required under this subsection shall
22 be mailed not less than 15 nor more than 45 days before the date of the hearing required
23 by this subsection."

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SECTION 2.

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.