

Senate Bill 362

By: Senators Jones of the 10th and Jeffares of the 17th

AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Stockbridge, approved April 4,
2 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4359), as amended, so as to change provisions relating to the filling
3 of vacancies in the offices of members of the governing authority; to provide for an
4 exception; to provide for related matters; 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 provide a new charter for the City of Stockbridge, approved April 4, 1991
8 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4359), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 19, 2000
9 (Ga. L. 2000, p. 3766), is amended by revising subsection (b) of Section 2.12 as follows:

10 "(b) Unless otherwise provided for by O.C.G.A. Section 36-30-13, a vacancy in the office
11 of the mayor or any councilmember shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term,
12 if any, as follows:

13 (1) If the vacancy occurs when six months or more remain in the term of office of the
14 seat vacated, then such vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term of office at a special
15 election held in accordance with Georgia law; or

16 (2) If the vacancy occurs when fewer than six months remain in the term of office of the
17 seat vacated, then the remaining members of the city governing authority shall, by
18 majority vote of a quorum present and voting, select a qualified person to serve the
19 remainder of the unexpired term.

20 The candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast in a special election under this
21 subsection shall be elected."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 2.14 as follows:

24 "SECTION 2.14.
25 Election by plurality; exception.

26 Except as provided in subsection (b) of Section 2.12 of this charter, the candidate receiving
27 a plurality of the votes cast for any city office shall be elected."

28 **SECTION 3.**
29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.