

The House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation offers the following substitute to SB 362:

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 the manner of election of members of the governing authority; to
5 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act to provide a new charter for the City of Stockbridge, approved April 4, 1991
9 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4359), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 19, 2000
10 (Ga. L. 2000, p. 3766), is amended by revising subsection (b) of Section 2.12 as follows:

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

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

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

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

23 **SECTION 2.**

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

25 "SECTION 2.14.

26 Election of councilmembers by plurality; election of mayor by majority.

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

29 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the candidate
30 receiving a majority of the votes cast for the office of mayor shall be elected. In the event
31 that no candidate in the election receives a majority of the votes for the office of mayor,
32 then a runoff election between the candidates receiving the two highest numbers of votes
33 shall be conducted in accordance with law."

34 **SECTION 3.**

35 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.