

<p>An Act to incorporate the town of Gay, in the county of Meriwether, and to grant certain powers and privileges to said town, and for other purposes.</p>	
<p>Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, and it is hereby enacted by authority of the same, That from and after the passage of this Act the town of Gay, that the municipal government of the town of Gay shall be vested in a mayor and four councilmen, who are hereby constituted a body corporate under the name and style of the town of Gay, and by that name and style shall have perpetual succession, and shall have a common seal and be capable in law and equity to purchase have, hold receive and enjoy, possess and retain to them and their successors, for the use of the town of Gay, any estate, real or personal, of whatever kind or nature, and shall by the same name be capable to sue and be sued in any court of law or equity in this State, and to sell, alien and lease any estate, real or personal, the property of or belonging to said corporation, or convey the same or any part thereof in any manner or way whatever; that the territory embraced within the following boundary shall constitute the town of Gay: Beginning at the center of the crossing of the Greenville public road and the Flat Shoals public road at Gay, Georgia, in the ninth district of Meriwether county, and extending one-half mile from said point in every direction, making the limits of said town include all the territory embraced within a circle, being one mile in diameter, all of said territory embraced being in the Middle ninth district of Meriwether county, Georgia.</p>	<p>Gay, town of incorporated.</p> <p>Mayor and councilmen corporate powers</p> <p>Corporate limits</p>
<p>Sec. 2. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That W.F. Gay be, and he is, hereby appointed mayor of said town, and J.W. Estes, J.T. Mann, W.N. Estes and J.R. Gay be, and they are, hereby appointed councilmen of said town, to hold their offices until the first annual election in said town in the year 1908, and until their successors are elected and qualified. The above-named officers to enter upon the discharge of their duties upon their taking oath to well and truly administer the affairs of their said office, immediately upon passage of this Act.</p>	<p>Mayor and councilmen appointed</p>
<p>Sec. 3. 'Be it' further enacted by the authority aforesaid. That an election held in said town, at such place as the mayor of said town shall direct and designate, on the first Monday in January, 1908, and on the first Monday in January in each year thereafter, for a mayor and four councilmen, who shall hold their offices for one year or until their successors are elected and qualified, and should there fail to be an election in said town at the time specified for any cause whatever, the mayor of said town shall order an election held in said town by posting a notice in three public places. Said notice shall be posted ten days before said election. Said election shall be held under the law governing the election of members of the General Assembly, and only such qualified voters as reside within the corporate limits of said town shall be allowed to vote at said election. The managers of said election shall issue a certificate of election to the officers elected at said election, who shall take an oath to well and truly discharge the duties of the offices.</p>	
<p>Sec. 4. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the sale of liquor within the incorporate limits of said town is hereby prohibited.</p>	<p>Sale of liquor</p>
<p>Sec. 5. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the mayor and council of said town of Gay shall have power to make all ordinances, rules and regulations necessary to the proper management of the affairs of said town, and make all ordinances, rules and regulations necessary for the proper government of said Town, not inconsistent with the laws of this State; to preserve the good order and health of said town.; to open and lay out such new streets in said town as the public interest may</p>	<p>Powers of the Mayor and Councilmen</p>

<p>require; to widen and straighten or otherwise change the streets, lanes, alleys or sidewalks in said town; to lay off, open, close up, curb, pave, drain and bridge, when necessary, and keep in good order and repair the roads, streets, bridges, sidewalks, alleys, drains and gutters, and to remove all obstructions or nuisances from the same; to regulate and control all taverns and public houses; to establish markets, and regulate all butcher-pens, tan yards, livery-stables, blacksmith-shops, forges, stoves and chimneys in said town, and remove the same any of them, in case they should become dangerous or injurious to the health or property of any citizen of said town, and to remove or abate any other thing that may be deemed to be a public nuisance and destructive to the health, peace and quiet of said town; to protect places of public worship; to regulate the keeping of gunpowder and other combustible: to provide cemeteries for the burial of the dead, and regulate interments therein: to make regulations for guarding against fire; to organize and equip fire company; to fix and establish fire limits, and from time to time to enlarge or restrict the same, and prescribe what kind and class of buildings shall not be constructed within said limits: to fill open wells or other excavations on unenclosed premises: and the said mayor and council shall also have entire and absolute control and jurisdiction of all soil-pipes, private drains, and sewers, water-closets and privy-vaults and dry wells in said town, with full power to prescribe their location, structure, uses and preservation, and to make such regulations concerning them in all particulars as may seem best for the preservation of the health, of the inhabitants of said town; and with power, also to require changes in, or the total discontinuance of any such contrivances and structures already in existence, or that may hereafter be allowed, and to compel the owner of property to convey the water from housetops by means of guttering, or otherwise, to sewerage pipes; <i>provided</i>, said sewage pipe are laid within fifteen feet of the buildings required to be guttered.</p>	
<p>Sec. 6. Be it further enacted, That said mayor may hold police courts, try offenders for violation of the ordinances, rules, and regulations prescribed for the government of said town, and may punish violators of the same by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars, imprisonment not to exceed thirty days, and any one or more of these punishments may be ordered in the discretion of said mayor. And, when sitting as a court, said mayor may fine for contempt, not exceeding ten dollars, or imprisonment for five days, for such contempt for all decisions of said mayor imposing punishments or penalties for violations of such ordinances, rules and regulations, there may be an appeal to the mayor and council upon such terms as may be prescribed by said mayor and council.</p>	Mayors Court
<p>Sec. 7. Be it further enacted, That said mayor and council may appoint a clerk, treasurer and marshal, and prescribe their duties, not inconsistent with this Act and the laws of this State, and shall provide and take such bonds from said officers as may be necessary for the faithful performance of the duties of their offices, and fix their compensation. Said mayor and council are authorized to appoint a tax-assessor, or assessors, should more than one be required, to assess the taxable property of said town, and perform such other service as may be required in connection with said office, fix the compensation of such assessor and required bond for the faithful performance of his duties; <i>provided</i>, that nothing in this Act shall disqualify one person from holding the offices of clerk, treasurer and assessor at the same time.</p>	Municipal Officers
<p>SEC. 8. Be it further enacted, That said mayor and council shall have full power and authority to assess, levy and collect such taxes upon the real and personal property within the corporate limits of said town: <i>provided</i>, that the tax assessed shall not exceed the amount of the State tax: also to levy and collect such tax on business occupations, theatrical exhibitions or other performances exercised, performed or exhibited within the corporate limits of said town, and fix such license on circuses, menagerie shows,</p>	Taxation

<p>including all shows of domestic or wild animals. as may be deemed proper.</p> <p>Sec. 9. Be it further enacted, That should any property owners be dissatisfied with the assessment or valuation placed upon his or their property by the assessor, or assessors, provided for in the seventh section of this Act, he or they shall have the right to appeal from said assessment to the mayor and council; <i>provided</i>, said appeal shall be made within ten days after the returns of said assessor, or assessors, shall have been made to said mayor and council.</p> <p>Sec. 10. Be it further enacted, That said mayor and council may choose from their own number a member pro tempore, who shall in the absence, sickness or disqualification of the mayor, and in the case of the absence, sickness or disqualification of the mayor pro tempore, a majority of the councilmen shall choose one of themselves to act as mayor temporarily.</p> <p>Sec. 11. Be it further enacted, That the mayor and councilmen shall not receive any compensation for their services as such but shall be free from street duty during their term of office.</p> <p>Sec. 12. Be it further enacted, That said mayor and councilmen may require and compel the persons residing within the limits of said town, subject by law to road duty. to work on the streets and walks of said town not to exceed fifteen days in each year, but may receive in lieu thereof, to be expended upon said streets, a commutation tax from such persons. not to exceed five dollars.</p> <p>Sec. 13. Be it further enacted. That said mayor and councilmen are hereby authorized and empowered to make all ordinances, rules and regulations that they may deem proper to enforce the duties, powers, rights and privileges herein contained.</p> <p>Sec. 14. Be it further enacted, That all the powers and duties contained in sections 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705 of the Code of 1895 volume 1, are hereby adopted and made a part of this Act.</p> <p>Sec. 15. Be it further enacted, That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act be, and the same are, hereby repealed.</p> <p>Approved August 22, 1907</p>	<p>Appeals from tax assessments</p> <p>Mayor pro tem.</p> <p>Compensation of the mayor and councilmen</p> <p>Street work or commutation tax</p> <p>General Powers</p> <p>Statutory powers</p>
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TOWN OF GAY—CHARTER AMENDED—  
TERMS OF OFFICE CHANGED, ETC.

No. 1305 (House Bill No. 1983)

An Act to amend an Act incorporating the Town of Gay in Meriwether County and granting certain powers and privileges to said town, approved August 22, 1907 (Ga. L. 1907, p. 669), so as to change the terms of office of the mayor and councilmen; to change the provisions relative to the date of the election; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Georgia:

Section 1. An Act incorporating the Town of Gay in Meriwether County and granting certain powers and privileges to said town, approved August 22, 1907 (Ga. L. 1907, p. 669), is hereby amended by striking section 3 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new section 3 to read as follows:

Terms.

Election.

"Section 3. The present mayor and councilmen of the Town of Gay shall serve out the remainder of their terms of office. An election shall be held in said town, at such place as the mayor of said town shall direct and designate, on the first Tuesday in March, 1977, and on the first Tuesday in March every two years thereafter, for a mayor and four councilmen, who shall hold their offices for two years or until their successors are elected and qualified, and should there fail to be an election in said town at the time specified for any cause whatever, the mayor of said town shall order an election held in said town by posting a notice in three public places. Said notice shall be posted ten days before said election. Said election shall be held under the law governing the election of members of the General Assembly, and only such qualified voters as reside within the corporate limits of said town shall be allowed to vote at said election. The managers of said election shall issue a certificate of election to the officers elected at said election, who shall take an oath to well and truly discharge the duties of the offices."



Section 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Notice of Intention to Introduce Local Legislation

Notice is hereby given that there will be introduced at the regular 1976 session of the General Assembly of Georgia, a bill to amend the charter of the City of Gay, so as to change the term of office of the mayor; and for other purposes.

This 17th day of January, 1976.

/s/ Claude A. Bray, Jr.  
Representative,  
70th District

Georgia, Fulton County

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority, duly authorized to administer oaths, Claude A. Bray, Jr. who, on oath, deposes and says that he is Representative from the 70th District; and that the attached copy of Notice of Intention to Introduce Local Legislation was published in the Meriwether Vindicator which is the official organ of Meriwether County, on the following dates: January 22, 29, and February 5, 1976.

/s/ Claude A. Bray, Jr.  
Representative,  
70th District,

Sworn to and subscribed before me,  
this 18th day of February, 1976.

/s/ Susan Gordon  
Notary Public, Georgia State at Large.  
My Commission Expires Dec. 18, 1976.  
(Seal).

Approved March 31, 1976.

GEORGIA, FULTON COUNTY

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority, duly authorized to administer oaths, Clinton M. Day, who, on oath, deposes and says that he is Senator from the 48th District, and that the attached copy of Notice of Intention to Introduce Local Legislation was published in the Gwinnett Post-Tribune which is the official organ of Gwinnett County, on the following date: February 21, 1993.

/s/ Clinton M. Day  
Senator, 48th District

Sworn to and subscribed before me,  
this 4th day of March, 1993.

/s/ Connie S. Guzzetti  
Notary Public, Clayton County, Georgia  
My Commission Expires Oct. 26, 1993  
(SEAL)

Approved March 30, 1993.

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TOWN OF GAY — ORDINANCES, RULES, AND  
REGULATIONS; PENALTIES.

No. 170 (Senate Bill No. 385).

AN ACT

To amend an Act incorporating the Town of Gay in the County of Meriwether, approved August 22, 1907 (Ga. L. 1907, p. 669), as amended, so as to provide for penalties which may be imposed for violation of any ordinance, rule, or regulation of said town; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
GEORGIA:

Section 1. An Act incorporating the Town of Gay in the County of Meriwether, approved August 22, 1907 (Ga. L. 1907, p. 669), as amended, is amended by adding immediately following Section 13 a new Section 13.1 to read as follows:

"Section 13.1. Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, the town council shall be authorized to punish any person convicted of violating any ordinance, resolution, rule, or regulation enacted by said council by imposing any punishment up to the maximums specified by general law, including the maximums specified in subparagraphs (a)(2)(B) and (a)(2)(C) of Code Section 36-35-6 of the O.C.G.A., or any other punishment which may hereinafter be authorized by general law."

Section 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

#### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE LOCAL LEGISLATION

Notice is given that there will be introduced at the regular 1993 session of the General Assembly of Georgia a bill to amend an Act incorporating the Town of Gay in the County of Meriwether, approved August 22, 1907 (Ga. L. 1907, p. 669), as amended, so as to change the penalties which may be imposed for violation of town ordinances, rules, or regulations; and for other purposes.

This 26th day of February, 1993.

SENATOR STEVEN E.  
LANGFORD  
29th District

ED LONG  
Attorney at Law  
P.O.Box 508  
LaGrange, GA. 30241

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE  
LOCAL LEGISLATION

Notice is given that there will be introduced at the regular 1993 session of the General Assembly of Georgia a bill to amend an Act incorporating the Town of Gay in the County of Meriwether, approved August 22, 1907 (Ga. L. 1907, p. 669), as amended, so as to change the penalties which may be imposed for violation of town ordinances, rules, or regulations; and for other purposes.

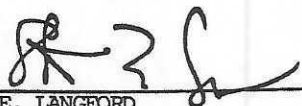
This 26th day of February, 1993.

SENATOR STEVEN E. LANGFORD  
29th District

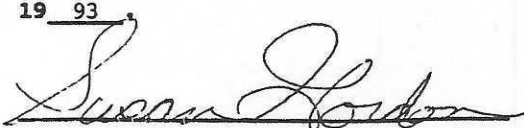
ED LONG  
Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 508  
LaGrange, GA. 30241  
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GEORGIA, FULTON COUNTY

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority, duly authorized to administer oaths, Steven E. Langford, who, on oath, deposes and says that he is Senator from the 29th District, and that the attached copy of Notice of Intention to Introduce Local Legislation was published in the Meriwether Vindicator, which is the official organ of Meriwether County, on the following date: March 5, 1993.

  
STEVEN E. LANGFORD  
Senator, 29th District

Sworn to and subscribed before me,  
this 8th day of March,  
19 93.

  
Notary Public

Notary Public, Cobb County, Georgia  
My Commission Expires Jan. 5, 1997



SECT. 5

ENROLLMENT

March 29, 1993  
The Committee of the Senate on Enrolling and Journals has examined the within and finds the same properly enrolled.

Waymond C. Higgins  
Chairman

Quinn Howard  
President of the Senate

Frank Eldridge Jr  
Secretary of the Senate

Thomas Murphy  
Speaker of the House

Robert E. Rivers Jr  
Clerk of the House

Received Lath W. Mason  
Secretary, Executive Department

This 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 1993

Approved

Joe Miller  
Governor  
This 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 1993

S.B.No. 385 Act No. 170

General Assembly



AN ACT

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IN SENATE

Read 1st time Mar. 9, 1993

Read 2nd time

Read 3rd time

And Passed 3/16/93

Yeas 43

Nays 0

Frank Eldridge Jr  
Secretary of the Senate

IN HOUSE

Read 1st time Mar. 16, 1993

Read 2nd time Mar. 17, 1993

Read 3rd time Mar. 23, 1993

And Passed

Yeas 96

Nays 7

Passed Both Houses

Robert E. Rivers Jr  
Clerk of the House

By: Senator Langford of the 29th

AN ACT

To amend an Act incorporating the Town of Gay in Meriwether County, approved August 22, 1907 (Ga. L. 1907, p. 669), as amended, so as to provide for the appointment of a mayor pro tempore; to provide for a quorum of the city council; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

Section 1. An Act incorporating the Town of Gay in Meriwether County, approved August 22, 1907 (Ga. L. 1907, p. 669), as amended, is amended by inserting immediately following Section 3 a new Section 3A to read as follows:

"Section 3A. The mayor and councilmen shall at the first meeting after taking office elect by majority vote a mayor pro tempore. The mayor or, in his absence, the mayor pro tempore shall preside at all council meetings. The presiding officer and two councilmen shall constitute a quorum of the council for the transaction of any business before the city council at any meeting, and a majority of the votes of those present shall be necessary to determine all questions and elections before the city council."

Section 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Notice is given that there will be introduced at the regular 1991 session of the General Assembly of Georgia a bill to amend an Act incorporating the Town of Gay in Meriwether County, approved August 22, 1907 (Ga. L. 1907, p. 669), as amended; and for other purposes.

**HONORABLE LEONARD MEADOWS  
REPRESENTATIVE,  
81st DISTRICT**

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority,  
duly authorized to administer oaths, Leonard R. Meadows  
, who, on oath, deposes and says that he  
is Representative from the 91st District, and that the  
attached copy of Notice of Intention to Introduce Local Legislation  
was published in the Meriwether Vindicator  
which is the official organ of Meriwether County,  
on the following date: February 8, 1991.

S/ LEONARD R. MEADOWS  
Representative, 91st District

Sworn to and subscribed before me,  
this 11th day of February,  
19 91.

*Connie S. Guzzetti*  
Notary Public s/Connie S. Guzzetti  
My Commission Expires Oct. 26, 1993

H. B. No. 667

Sec 2-1-14

ENROLLMENT

March 20 19 91  
The Committee of the House on Journals has  
examined the within and finds the same properly  
enrolled.

E. J. Ferguson  
Chairman

Thomas Murphy  
Speaker of the House

Ben McLeod  
Clerk of the House

Reese Howard  
President of the Senate

Hamilton McWhorter Jr.  
Secretary of the Senate

Received [Signature]  
Secretary, Executive Department

This 20th day of March 19 91

Approved

[Signature]  
Governor

This 4th day of April 19 91

H. B. No. 667 Act No. 78

General Assembly



AN ACT

To amend an Act incorporating the Town  
of Gay in Meriwether County, so as  
to provide for the appointment of a  
mayor pro tempore; and for other  
purposes.

IN HOUSE

Read 1st time 2-12-91  
Read 2nd time 2-13-91  
Read 3rd time 2-14-91

And

Ayes 110

Passed  
Nays 0

Ben McLeod  
Clerk of the House

IN SENATE

Read 1st time 2-15-91  
Read 2nd time  
Read 3rd time

And Passed 2-19-91

Ayes 49

Nays 0

Hamilton McWhorter Jr.  
Secretary of the Senate

By: Rep. Meadows of the 91st