

House Bill 1758

By: Representatives Golick of the 30th, Collins of the 29th, Wix of the 33rd and Johnson of the 35th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To authorize the City of Smyrna to exercise all redevelopment and other powers under
2 Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII of the Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the
3 O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to
4 provide effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 The City of Smyrna shall be and is authorized to exercise all redevelopment and other
9 powers under Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as
10 amended. The intention of this Act is to authorize the City of Smyrna to undertake and carry
11 out community redevelopment, to create tax allocation districts, to issue tax allocation bonds,
12 and to incur other obligations within the meaning of and as fully permitted under the
13 provisions of Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII of the Constitution of the State of Georgia
14 of 1983, as amended, and to authorize the City of Smyrna to exercise redevelopment powers
15 as fully as the "Redevelopment Powers Law" may now or hereafter permit and not to limit
16 any redevelopment powers permitted under the "Redevelopment Powers Law."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 Unless prohibited by the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, the election
19 superintendent of the City of Smyrna shall call and conduct an election as provided in this
20 section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of the City of Smyrna for
21 approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that election at the time of
22 the state-wide general election in November, 2002. The superintendent shall cause the date
23 and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately
24 preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Cobb County. The ballot shall have written
25 or printed thereon the words:

"() YES Shall the Act be approved which authorizes Smyrna to undertake and carry out community redevelopment of economically distressed areas

() NO through the use of tax allocation districts, to issue tax allocation bonds, to incur other obligations, and to exercise redevelopment powers under the 'Redevelopment Powers Law,' as it may be amended from time to time?"

All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and those persons desiring to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on such question are for approval of the Act, then Section 1 of this Act shall become of full force and effect immediately. If Section 1 of this Act is not so approved or if the election is not conducted as provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately following that election date. The expense of such election shall be borne by the City of Smyrna. It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 3.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 2 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 4.

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