

House Bill 1782

By: Representatives Burkhalter of the 41<sup>st</sup>, Willard of the 44<sup>th</sup> and Campbell of the 42<sup>nd</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide for an additional \$10,000.00 homestead exemption from certain  
2 City of Alpharetta ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes, approved April 23, 1999  
3 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 4836), so as to increase the exemption amount; to provide for a referendum,  
4 effective dates, and automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws;  
5 and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act to provide for an additional \$10,000.00 homestead exemption from certain City of  
9 Alpharetta ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes, approved April 23, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999,  
10 p. 4836), is amended by striking subsection (b) of Section 1 and inserting in lieu thereof a  
11 new subsection (b) to read as follows:

12 "(b) Each resident of the City of Alpharetta is granted a \$20,000.00 exemption on that  
13 person's homestead from all City of Alpharetta ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes.  
14 The value of the homestead in excess of any exemption granted therefor shall remain  
15 subject to ad valorem taxation."

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 The exemption granted by this Act shall apply to all taxable years beginning on or after  
18 January 1, 2003.

19 **SECTION 3.**

20 Unless prohibited by the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, the election  
21 superintendent of the City of Alpharetta shall call and conduct an election as provided in this  
22 section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of the City of Alpharetta for  
23 approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that election on the date of  
24 the state-wide general election in November, 2002, and shall issue the call and conduct that

1 election as provided by general law. The superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of  
 2 the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date  
 3 thereof in the official organ of Fulton County. The ballot shall have written or printed  
 4 thereon the words:

5 " YES Shall the Act be approved which increases the homestead exemption from  
 6 all City of Alpharetta ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes for residents  
 7  NO of the City of Alpharetta from \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00?"

8 All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and those persons  
 9 desiring to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes  
 10 cast on such question are for approval of the Act, then Sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall  
 11 become of full force and effect on January 1, 2003, and shall be applicable to all taxable  
 12 years beginning on or after January 1, 2003. If Sections 1 and 2 of this Act are not so  
 13 approved or if the election is not conducted as provided in this section, Sections 1 and 2 of  
 14 this Act shall not become effective and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first  
 15 day of January immediately following that election date. The expense of such election shall  
 16 be borne by the City of Alpharetta. It shall be the superintendent's duty to certify the result  
 17 thereof to the Secretary of State.

18 **SECTION 4.**

19 Except as otherwise specified in Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon  
 20 its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

21 **SECTION 5.**

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