

House Bill 1808

By: Representative Stephens of the 150th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Bloomingdale, approved March 25,
2 1974 (Ga. L. 1974, p. 3439), as amended, so as to extend the present corporate limits of said
3 municipality and annex and incorporate certain additional land to said municipality; to
4 provide for a referendum; to provide for matters related to the foregoing; to provide an
5 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act creating a new charter for the City of Bloomingdale, approved March 25, 1974 (Ga.
9 L. 1974, p. 3439), as amended, is amended by adding at the end of Section 1.03 a new
10 paragraph to read as follows:

11 "In addition to the present corporate limits of Bloomingdale, Georgia, as they exist at the
12 time of the approval of this Act, the corporate limits of Bloomingdale shall also include the
13 following described tract of land, to wit:

14 All that certain tract or parcel of land situate, lying, and being in Chatham County,
15 Georgia, contiguous to the present southern/southwestern city limits of the City of
16 Bloomingdale, containing portions of Old River Road, Pine Barren Road, Fort Argyle
17 Road, Little Neck Road, Bush Road, and being bounded as follows: On the Northeast by
18 the existing city limits of Bloomingdale, Georgia, the existing city limits of Pooler,
19 Georgia, and the Little Ogeechee River; on the Southeast by the southeastern
20 right-of-way line of Bush Road; on the Southwest by the Ogeechee River and the
21 Bryan/Chatham County line; and on the Northwest by the Chatham County/Effingham
22 County line."

SECTION 2.

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2 Unless prohibited by the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, the election
3 superintendent of Chatham County shall call and conduct an election as provided in this
4 section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of Chatham County for approval
5 or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that election on the earliest date
6 therefor permissible under Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A. and shall issue the call
7 and conduct that election as provided by general law. The superintendent shall cause the date
8 and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately
9 preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Chatham County. The ballot shall have
10 written or printed thereon the words:

11 "() YES Shall the Act be approved which annexes certain territory into the corporate
12 () NO limits of the City of Bloomingdale?"

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

SECTION 3.

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22 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
23 without such approval.

SECTION 4.

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