

House Bill 553

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 48-8-104 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 administration and disbursement of proceeds of the homestead option sales and use tax, so
3 as to change certain provisions regarding the distribution and expenditure of such proceeds;
4 to provide for applicability; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 48-8-104 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to administration
9 and disbursement of proceeds of the homestead option sales and use tax, is amended by
10 striking paragraph (2) of subsection (c) and inserting in its place a new paragraph (2) to read
11 as follows:

12 "(2) Except for the percentage provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the remaining
13 proceeds of the sales and use tax shall be distributed to the governing authority of the
14 county whose geographical boundary is conterminous with that of the special district. As
15 a condition precedent for the authority to levy the sales and use tax or to collect any
16 proceeds from the tax authorized by this article for the year following the first complete
17 calendar year in which it is levied and for all subsequent years except the year following
18 the year in which the sales and use tax is terminated under Code Section 48-8-106, the
19 county whose geographical boundary is conterminous with that of the special district
20 shall, except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of Code Section 48-8-102, expend
21 such proceeds as follows:

22 ~~(A) A portion of such proceeds shall be expended for the purpose of funding capital~~
23 ~~outlay projects as follows:~~

24 ~~(i) The governing authority of the county whose geographical boundary is~~
25 ~~conterminous with that of the special district shall establish the capital factor which~~
26 ~~shall not exceed .200; and~~

1 ~~(ii) Capital outlay projects shall be funded in an amount equal to the product of the~~
 2 ~~capital factor multiplied by the net amount of the sales and use tax proceeds collected~~
 3 ~~under this article during the previous calendar year;~~

4 ~~(B)~~(A) A portion of such proceeds shall be expended for the purpose of funding
 5 services within the special district equal to the revenue lost to the homestead exemption
 6 as provided in Code Section 48-8-104 as follows:

7 (i) The homestead factor shall be calculated by multiplying the quantity 1.000 ~~minus~~
 8 ~~the capital factor~~ times an amount equal to the net amount of sales and use tax
 9 collected in the special district pursuant to this article for the previous calendar year,
 10 and then dividing by the taxes levied for county purposes on only that portion of the
 11 county tax digest that represents net assessments on qualified homestead property
 12 after all other homestead exemptions and ad valorem property tax credits have been
 13 applied, rounding the result to three decimal places;

14 (ii) If the homestead factor is less than or equal to 1.000, the amount of homestead
 15 exemption created under this article on qualified homestead property shall be equal
 16 to the product of the homestead factor multiplied times the net assessment of each
 17 qualified homestead remaining after all other homestead exemptions and ad valorem
 18 property tax credits have been applied; and

19 (iii) If the homestead factor is greater than 1.000, the homestead exemption created
 20 by this article on qualified homestead property shall be equal to the net assessment of
 21 each homestead remaining after all other homestead exemptions and ad valorem
 22 property tax credits have been applied; ~~and~~

23 (B) If any proceeds remain following the distribution provided for in subparagraph (A)
 24 of this paragraph, a portion of such proceeds shall be expended for the purpose of
 25 funding capital outlay projects as follows:

26 (i) The governing authority of the county whose geographical boundary is
 27 conterminous with that of the special district shall establish the capital factor which
 28 shall not exceed .200; and

29 (ii) Capital outlay projects shall be funded in an amount which shall not exceed the
 30 product of the capital factor multiplied by the net amount of the sales and use tax
 31 proceeds collected under this article during the previous calendar year;

32 (C) If any of such proceeds remain following the distribution provided for in
 33 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this paragraph:

34 (i) The millage rate levied for county purposes shall be rolled back in an amount equal
 35 to such excess divided by the net taxable digest for county purposes after deducting
 36 all homestead exemptions including the exemption under this article; and

1 (ii) In the event the rollback created by division (i) of this subparagraph exceeds the
2 millage rate for county purposes, the governing authority of the county whose
3 boundary is conterminous with the special district shall be authorized to expend the
4 surplus funds for funding all or any portion of those services which are to be provided
5 by such governing authorities pursuant to and in accordance with Article IX, Section
6 II, Paragraph III of the Constitution of this state; and

7 (D) The manner of distribution and expenditure of proceeds specified under this
8 paragraph shall apply with respect to taxes imposed or to be imposed under any
9 resolution or ordinance adopted by a county governing authority on or after July 1,
10 2001. With respect to taxes imposed or to be imposed under resolutions or ordinances
11 adopted prior to July 1, 2001, this paragraph shall not apply until the expiration of any
12 or all contractual obligations which have been entered into by such county governing
13 authority with respect to such proceeds and such distribution and expenditure shall
14 continue to be governed by the provisions of this paragraph as they existed prior to July
15 1, 2001."

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2001.

18 **SECTION 3.**

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