

House Bill 598

By: Representatives McBee of the 88th, Heard of the 89th and Hudgens of the 24th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 48-5-32.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 procedures regarding the adoption of millage rates, so as to change certain provisions
3 regarding the time of conducting certain public hearings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
4 other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 48-5-32.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedures
8 regarding the adoption of millage rates, is amended by striking paragraph (2) of subsection
9 (c) and inserting in its place a new paragraph (2) to read as follows:

10 "(2) In those instances in which the recommending authority or levying authority
11 proposes to establish any millage rate which would require increases beyond the roll-back
12 rate, the recommending authority or levying authority shall advertise its intent to do so
13 and shall conduct at least three public hearings thereon, at least one of which shall
14 commence between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M., inclusive, on a business
15 weekday and in any year in which real property is reassessed, at least two of which shall
16 be conducted after the sending of reassessment notices pursuant to Code Section
17 48-5-306. The recommending authority or levying authority shall place an advertisement
18 in a newspaper of general circulation serving the residents of the unit of local
19 government, which shall read as follows:

20 style="text-align:center">**NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE**

21 The (name of recommending authority or levying authority) has tentatively adopted a
22 millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by (percentage increase
23 over roll-back rate) percent.

1 All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this tax increase to be held
2 at (place of meeting) on (date and time).'

3 Simultaneously with this notice the recommending authority or levying authority shall
4 provide a press release to the local media."

5 **SECTION 2.**

6 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.