

Senate Bill 264

By: Senators Starr of the 44th and Hecht of the 34th

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from certain City of Morrow ad valorem
2 taxes for city purposes, approved March 30, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4446), as amended,
3 particularly by an Act approved March 27, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 3909), so as to increase the
4 amount of the homestead exemption from City of Morrow ad valorem taxes to \$60,000.00;
5 to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum and automatic repeal; to provide
6 effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act to provide a homestead exemption from certain City of Morrow ad valorem taxes for
10 city purposes, approved March 30, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4446), as amended, particularly by
11 an Act approved March 27, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 3909), is amended by striking from
12 subsection (b) of Section 1 the following:

13 "\$40,000.00",

14 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

15 "\$60,000.00",

16 so that when amended, such subsection shall read as follows:

17 "(b) Each resident of the City of Morrow is granted an exemption on that person's
18 homestead from all City of Morrow ad valorem taxes for city purposes in the amount of
19 \$60,000.00 of the assessed value of that homestead."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 Unless prohibited by the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, the election
22 superintendent of the City of Morrow shall call and conduct an election as provided in this
23 section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of the City of Morrow for
24 approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that election on the Tuesday
25 next following the first Monday in November, 2001, 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 the City of Morrow. The ballot shall have written or printed
4 thereon the words:

5 " YES Shall the Act be approved which provides a homestead exemption from
6 certain City of Morrow ad valorem taxes for city purposes in the amount of
7 NO \$60,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of
that city?"

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, Section 1 shall become of full force and
11 effect on January 1, 2002. If the Act is not so approved or if the election is not conducted
12 as provided in this section, the remaining sections of this Act shall not become effective and
13 this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately following
14 that election date. The expense of such election shall be borne by the City of Morrow. It
15 shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of
16 State.

17 **SECTION 3.**

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

20 **SECTION 4.**

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