

Senate Bill 331

By: Senator Thompson of the 33rd

AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To limit the authority of the Powder Springs Downtown Development Authority to levy
2 taxes on real property; to provide that such authority shall not have to power to levy taxes
3 on owner occupied residential property; to provide for applicability; to provide for
4 membership; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 This Act is enacted pursuant to the authority granted to the General Assembly by
8 subparagraph (s) of that amendment to the Georgia Constitution creating the Powder Springs
9 Downtown Development Authority (Ga. L. 1980, p. 2035), as amended (Ga. L. 1982, p.
10 2505), to provide by local law for the modification of the powers of said authority.

11 **SECTION 2.**

12 Notwithstanding the powers of taxation contained in subparagraph (e) of said amendment to
13 the Constitution, the authority shall not have to power to levy a tax upon owner occupied
14 residential real property within the downtown development district for any tax year
15 beginning on or after January 1, 2004. Further, notwithstanding the provisions of
16 subparagraph (b) of Section 1 of said amendment to the Constitution to the contrary, the
17 mayor shall serve as a sixth member of the authority, ex officio, and shall serve as the
18 authority's chairperson.

19 **SECTION 3.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.