

House Bill 1781

By: Representatives Purcell of the 122nd and Stephens of the 123rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act reincorporating the City of Guyton in the County of Effingham, approved
2 April 12, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 3806), so as to annex certain territory into the city and change
3 the corporate limits of the city; to provide for related matters; to provide for a referendum;
4 to provide for submission; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act reincorporating the City of Guyton in the County of Effingham, approved April 12,
9 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 3806), is amended by adding at the end of subsection (a) of Section
10 1.11 of said Act a new undesignated subsection to read as follows:

11 "In addition to all other territory included in the corporate limits of the City of Guyton, the
12 following described property shall also be within and a part of the corporate limits of the
13 City of Guyton:

14 'Sugar Hill community'

15 All that land lying and being in the Tenth G.M. District, Effingham County, Georgia,
16 being more particularly described as follows:

17 For a beginning reference point, commence at the intersection of Poplar Street with
18 Fourth Street Extension, and from said beginning point, thence run northeast along
19 Fourth Street Extension to its intersection with Griffin Road; thence northwest along
20 Griffin Road to the intersection of Griffin Road with Williams Road; thence southwest
21 along Williams Road to the intersection of Williams Road and Brogdon Road; thence
22 southwest along Brogdon Road to the intersection of Brogdon Road with Hunter Street;
23 thence in a generally north-northwest direction along Hunter Street to its deadend
24 intersection with Samuel Smalls, Sr. Avenue; thence in a line running northwest from
25 the intersection of Hunter Street and Samuel Smalls, Sr. Avenue to that line's
26 intersection with Shrimps Creek; thence southwest along Shrimps Creek to its

1 intersection with the existing city limits of the City of Guyton. This description
 2 delineates the boundaries of the area known as the Sugar Hill community.
 3 Such newly annexed territory shall also include all property located within 200 feet of
 4 any afore-described roadway or line."

5 SECTION 2.

6 Unless prohibited by the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, the election
 7 superintendent of Effingham County shall call and conduct an election as provided in this
 8 section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of Effingham County residing
 9 in the area described in Section 1 of this Act as the Sugar Hill Community, but outside the
 10 existing municipal boundaries of the city, for approval or rejection. The election
 11 superintendent shall conduct that election on the earliest date therefor permissible under
 12 Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A. and shall issue the call and conduct that election as
 13 provided by general law. The superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election
 14 to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the
 15 official organ of Effingham County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the
 16 words:

17 "() YES Shall the Act be approved which annexes the Sugar Hill community into the
 18 () NO corporate limits of the City of Guyton?"

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

27 SECTION 3.

28 The governing authority of the City of Guyton shall through its legal counsel cause this Act
 29 to be submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended;
 30 and such submission shall be made to the United States Department of Justice or filed with
 31 the appropriate court no later than 30 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the
 32 Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

1 **SECTION 4.**

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

4 **SECTION 5.**

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