

House Bill 1694 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To provide for an advisory referendum election to be held in Pickens County for the purpose  
2 of ascertaining whether the voters of such county desire the governing authority to enact a  
3 proposed Pickens County land use intensity district ordinance; to provide for procedures,  
4 requirements, and other matters relative thereto; to provide for an effective date; to repeal  
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 It is the purpose of this Act to provide for an advisory referendum within Pickens County to  
9 determine if the voters of said county prefer that the governing authority enact the proposed  
10 Pickens County Land Use Intensity District Ordinance.

11 **SECTION 2.**

12 (a) It shall be the duty of the election superintendent of Pickens County to issue the call for  
13 an advisory referendum election for the purpose of submitting a question to the voters of said  
14 county to determine whether the majority of electors voting at said election prefer that the  
15 governing authority enact the proposed Pickens County Land Use Intensity District  
16 Ordinance. The superintendent shall set the date of such election for the same date as the  
17 next general primary election after the effective date of this Act. The superintendent shall  
18 issue the call for such election at least 30 days prior to the date thereof. The superintendent  
19 shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks  
20 immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Pickens County. The ballot  
21 shall have printed thereon the following:

22 "Advisory Referendum Election

23 ( ) YES Should the Commissioner of Pickens County enact the proposed Pickens  
24 ( ) NO County Land Use Intensity District Ordinance?"

1 (b) It shall be the duty of the election superintendent of Pickens County to hold and conduct  
2 the advisory election provided for in this section and to tabulate the results of such election.  
3 It shall be the further duty of said superintendent to certify the results of said election to the  
4 governing authority of Pickens County. The expense of such election shall be borne by  
5 Pickens County.

6 (c) It is found, determined, and declared that the holding of an advisory referendum election  
7 provided for in this section is in all respects for the benefit of the people of Pickens County  
8 and is for a public purpose and is an essential governmental function for which public funds  
9 may be expended.

10 **SECTION 3.**

11 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
12 without such approval.

13 **SECTION 4.**

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