

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 48-5-41 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 property exempt from ad valorem tax, so as to provide for an exemption for certain nonprofit  
3 museums; to provide for a referendum, applicability, and effective dates; to provide for  
4 automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 48-5-41 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property exempt  
8 from ad valorem tax, is amended by striking paragraph (10) of subsection (a) and inserting  
9 in its place a new paragraph (10) to read as follows:  
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11 "(10) ~~Reserved~~ All property owned by and operated exclusively as a museum when such  
12 museum is qualified as a nonprofit museum under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal  
13 Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;"

**SECTION 2.**

14 Unless prohibited by the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, the Secretary of  
15 State shall call and conduct an election as provided in this section for the purpose of  
16 submitting this Act to the electors of the State of Georgia for approval or rejection. The  
17 Secretary of State shall conduct that election on the date of the November, 2006, state-wide  
18 general election. The Secretary of State shall issue the call and conduct that special election  
19 as provided by general law. The Secretary of State shall cause the date and purpose of the  
20 special election to be published in the official organ of each county in the state once a week  
21 for two weeks immediately preceding the date of the referendum. The ballot shall have  
22 written thereon the following:  
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