

House Bill 636 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Mumford of the 95th, Mangham of the 94th, Stephenson of the 92nd, and Sailor of the 93rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Conyers ad valorem taxes
2 for municipal purposes in the amount of \$10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead
3 for each resident of the City of Conyers, which is in lieu of and not in addition to any other
4 homestead exemption applicable to City of Conyers ad valorem taxes for municipal
5 purposes, approved April 19, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 4394), as amended, particularly by an
6 Act approved May 1, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5082), so as to increase the homestead exemption
7 to \$20,000.00; to provide for conditions and procedures relating thereto; to provide for a
8 referendum; to provide for applicability; to provide an effective date and automatic repeal
9 under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

11 **SECTION 1.**

12 An Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Conyers ad valorem taxes for
13 municipal purposes in the amount of \$10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for
14 each resident of the City of Conyers, which is in lieu of and not in addition to any other
15 homestead exemption applicable to City of Conyers ad valorem taxes for municipal
16 purposes, approved April 19, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 4394), as amended particularly by an Act
17 approved May 1, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5082) is amended by striking subsection (b) of
18 Section 1 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

19 "(b) Each resident of the City of Conyers is granted an exemption on that person's
20 homestead from all City of Conyers ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount
21 of \$20,000.00 of the assessed value of that homestead. The value of the homestead in
22 excess of the amount exempted by this section shall remain subject to taxation."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 The exemption granted by this Act shall apply to all taxable years beginning on or after
25 January 1, 2006.

SECTION 3.

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2 Unless prohibited by the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, the election
3 superintendent of the City of Conyers shall call and conduct an election as provided in this
4 section for the purpose of submitting this part to the electors of the City of Conyers for
5 approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that election on the date of
6 the November, 2005, municipal election and shall issue the call and conduct that election as
7 provided by general law. The superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election
8 to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the
9 official organ of the City of Conyers. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the
10 words:

11 " YES Shall the Act be approved which replaces the current \$13,000.00 homestead
12 exemption from certain City of Conyers ad valorem taxes for municipal
13 NO purposes with a new \$20,000.00 homestead exemption from certain City of
14 Conyers ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes?"

15 All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and those persons
16 desiring to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes
17 cast on such question are for approval of the Act, then Sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall
18 become of full force and effect on January 1, 2006, and shall be applicable to all taxable
19 years beginning on or after January 1, 2006. If Sections 1 and 2 of this Act are not so
20 approved or if the election is not conducted as provided in this section, Sections 1 and 2 of
21 this Act shall not become effective and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first
22 day of January immediately following that election date. The expense of such election shall
23 be borne by the City of Conyers. It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the
24 result thereof to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 4.

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

SECTION 5.

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