

House Bill 786 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To authorize the City of Woodstock to exercise all redevelopment and other powers under  
2 Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the  
3 O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to  
4 provide effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal  
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 The City of Woodstock shall be and is authorized to exercise all redevelopment and other  
9 powers under Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as  
10 amended. The intention of this Act is to authorize the City of Woodstock to undertake and  
11 carry out community redevelopment, to create tax allocation districts, to issue tax allocation  
12 bonds, and to incur other obligations within the meaning of and as fully permitted under the  
13 provisions of Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Constitution of the State of  
14 Georgia of 1983, as amended, and to authorize the City of Woodstock to exercise  
15 redevelopment powers as fully as the "Redevelopment Powers Law" may now or hereafter  
16 permit and not to limit any redevelopment powers permitted under the "Redevelopment  
17 Powers Law."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 Unless prohibited by the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, the election  
20 superintendent of the City of Woodstock shall call and conduct an election as provided in this  
21 section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of the City of Woodstock for  
22 approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that election on the  
23 Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 2005, and shall issue the call and conduct that  
24 election as provided by general law. The superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of  
25 the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date

1 thereof in the official organ of Cherokee County. The ballot shall have written or printed  
2 thereon the words:

3 "( ) YES Shall the Act be approved which authorizes Woodstock to exercise  
4 redevelopment powers under the 'Redevelopment Powers Law,' as it may  
5 ( ) NO be amended from time to time?"

6 All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring  
7 to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on  
8 such question are for approval of the Act, then Section 1 of this Act shall become of full  
9 force and effect immediately. If Section 1 of this Act is not so approved or if the election is  
10 not conducted as provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective  
11 and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately  
12 following that election date. The expense of such election shall be borne by the City of  
13 Woodstock. It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the  
14 Secretary of State.

15 **SECTION 3.**

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

18 **SECTION 4.**

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