

House Bill 1329 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Holt of the 112<sup>th</sup>, Mumford of the 95<sup>th</sup>, and Lunsford of the 110<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To authorize the City of Covington to exercise all redevelopment and other powers under  
2 Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII 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 Covington 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 City of Covington to undertake and carry  
11 out community redevelopment, create tax allocation districts, issue tax allocation bonds, and  
12 incur other obligations within the meaning of and as fully permitted under the provisions of  
13 Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII of the Constitution, as amended, and to authorize the  
14 City of Covington to exercise redevelopment powers as fully as the "Redevelopment Powers  
15 Law" may now or hereafter permit, and not to limit any redevelopment powers permitted  
16 under the "Redevelopment Powers Law."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 Unless prohibited by the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, the election  
19 superintendent of the City of Covington shall call and conduct an election as provided in this  
20 section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of the City of Covington for  
21 approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that election on a practicable  
22 date in 2006 provided for in subparagraph (c)(1)(B) of Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A.  
23 which date shall be determined by resolution of the governing authority of the City of  
24 Covington; provided, however, that if the conducting of the election on earlier authorized  
25 dates is impracticable, then the election superintendent shall conduct that election on the date

1 of the November, 2006, state-wide general election and shall issue the call and conduct that  
2 election as provided by general law. The superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of  
3 the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date  
4 thereof in the official organ of Newton County. The ballot shall have written or printed  
5 thereon the words:

6 "( ) YES Shall the Act be approved which authorizes the City of Covington to  
7 exercise redevelopment powers under the "Redevelopment Powers Law,"  
8 ( ) NO as it may be amended from time to time?"

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

18 **SECTION 3.**

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

21 **SECTION 4.**

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