

House Bill 211

By: Representatives Scott of the 153<sup>rd</sup> and Roberts of the 154<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To authorize Tift County to exercise all redevelopment and other powers under Article IX,  
2 Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A.,  
3 the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide  
4 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 Tift County shall be and is authorized to exercise all redevelopment and other powers under  
9 Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended. The  
10 intention of this Act is to authorize Tift County to undertake and carry out community  
11 redevelopment, to create tax allocation districts, to issue tax allocation bonds, and to incur  
12 other obligations within the meaning of and as fully permitted under the provisions of Article  
13 IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983, as  
14 amended, and to authorize Tift County to exercise redevelopment powers as fully as the  
15 "Redevelopment Powers Law" may now or hereafter permit and not to limit any  
16 redevelopment powers permitted 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 Tift County shall call and conduct an election as provided in this section  
20 for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of Tift County for approval or rejection.  
21 The election superintendent shall conduct that election on a practicable date in 2007  
22 authorized under O.C.G.A. Section 21-2-540 and shall issue the call and conduct that  
23 election as provided by general law. The election superintendent shall cause the date and  
24 purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding

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

3 "( ) YES Shall the Act be approved which authorizes Tift County 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 Tift County.  
13 It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of  
14 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.