

House Bill 643

By: Representatives Mills of the 25<sup>th</sup> and Rogers of the 26<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To authorize the City of Oakwood 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 Oakwood 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 Oakwood 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 of the Constitution of the State of Georgia  
14 of 1983, as amended, and to authorize the City of Oakwood to exercise redevelopment  
15 powers as fully as the "Redevelopment Powers Law" may now or hereafter permit and not  
16 to limit any 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 the City of Oakwood 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 Oakwood for  
21 approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that election on a date  
22 during 2007, as determined by the governing authority and as provided under Code Section  
23 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A., and shall issue the call and conduct that election as provided by  
24 general law. The election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to  
25 be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the

1 official organ of the City of Oakwood. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the  
2 words:

3 "( ) YES Shall the Act be approved which authorizes the City of Oakwood 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, 2008. The expense  
12 of such election shall be borne by the City of Oakwood. It shall be the municipal election  
13 superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State.

14 **SECTION 3.**

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

17 **SECTION 4.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.