

House Bill 698 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Lewis of the 15<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To authorize the City of Cartersville 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 Cartersville 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 Cartersville 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 Cartersville 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 Cartersville shall call and conduct an election as provided in  
21 this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of the City of Cartersville  
22 for approval or rejection. The municipal election superintendent shall conduct that election  
23 on a practicable date in 2007 or 2008 authorized under Code Section 21-2-540 of the  
24 O.C.G.A.; provided, however, that if conducting the election under this Act on earlier  
25 authorized dates is impracticable, then the municipal election superintendent shall conduct

1 the election under this Act on the date of the presidential preference primary in 2008 and  
 2 shall issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The municipal  
 3 election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once  
 4 a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Bartow  
 5 County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

6 "( ) YES Shall the Act be approved which authorizes the City of Cartersville to  
 7 exercise redevelopment powers under the 'Redevelopment Powers Law,' as  
 8 ( ) NO it may be amended from time to time, for the purpose of improving  
 9 economic and social conditions in depressed areas within the city?"

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 15 and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately  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

19 **SECTION 3.**

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

22 **SECTION 4.**

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