

House Resolution 1364

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A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize community redevelopment
2 and authorize the funding of redevelopment purposes and programs, including the payment
3 of debt service on tax allocation bonds; to provide for submission of this amendment for
4 ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

7 Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII is amended by adding a new subparagraph and by
8 revising subparagraph (b) to read as follows:

9 "(a.1) The General Assembly may authorize any county, municipality, or housing
10 authority to undertake and carry out community redevelopment.

11 (b) The General Assembly is also authorized to grant to counties or municipalities for
12 redevelopment purposes and in connection with redevelopment programs, as such purposes
13 and programs are defined by general law, the power to issue tax allocation bonds, as
14 defined by such law, and the power to incur other obligations, without either such bonds
15 or obligations constituting debt within the meaning of Section V of this article, and the
16 power to enter into contracts for any period not exceeding 30 years with private persons,
17 firms, corporations, and business entities. Such general law may authorize the use of
18 county and municipal tax funds and school tax funds, or any combination thereof, to fund
19 such redevelopment purposes and programs, including the payment of debt service on tax
20 allocation bonds, notwithstanding Section VI of Article VIII or any other provision of this
21 Constitution and regardless of whether the authorization to use such tax funds for such
22 purposes occurs before or after January 1, 2009. Notwithstanding the grant of these powers
23 pursuant to general law, no county or municipality may exercise these powers unless so
24 authorized by local law and unless such powers are exercised in conformity with those
25 terms and conditions for such exercise as established by that local law. The provisions of
26 any such local law shall conform to those requirements established by general law
27 regarding such powers. No such local law, or any amendment thereto, shall become

1 effective unless approved in a referendum by a majority of the qualified voters voting
2 thereon in the county or municipality directly affected by that local law."

3 **SECTION 2.**

4 The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as
5 provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the
6 above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

7 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize community
8 redevelopment and authorize the funding of redevelopment purposes and
9 () NO programs?"

10 All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."

11 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If
12 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall
13 become a part of the Constitution of this state.