

House Bill 1499

By: Representative Austin of the 10<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To provide for a nonbinding, advisory referendum by the electors of Habersham County for  
2 the purpose of ascertaining whether the electors of Habersham County favor the package sale  
3 and sale by the drink of beer and wine within the county; to provide for procedures and  
4 requirements relating thereto; to provide for a referendum and effective dates; to repeal  
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Unless prohibited by the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, the election  
9 superintendent of Habersham County shall call and conduct a nonbinding, advisory  
10 referendum as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting a question to the electors  
11 of Habersham County to determine whether a majority of said electors favor the package sale  
12 and sale by the drink of beer and wine within the county. The election superintendent shall  
13 conduct that referendum on the date of the November, 2010, state-wide general election and  
14 shall issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The superintendent  
15 shall cause the date and purpose of the referendum to be published once a week for two  
16 weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Habersham County.  
17 The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

18 "( ) YES Shall Habersham County permit the legal package sale and sale by the drink  
19 ( ) NO of beer and wine within the county?"

20 All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring  
21 to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." The expense of such referendum shall be  
22 borne by Habersham County. It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the  
23 result thereof to the Secretary of State.

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
26 without such approval.

27 **SECTION 3.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.