

House Bill 319 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To authorize the City of Douglasville 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 Douglasville 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 Douglasville 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 Douglasville 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 municipal  
20 election superintendent of the City of Douglasville shall call and conduct an election as  
21 provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of the City of  
22 Douglasville for approval or rejection. The municipal election superintendent shall conduct  
23 that election on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 2009, and shall issue the  
24 call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The municipal election  
25 superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week

26 for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Douglas  
27 County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

28 "( ) YES Shall the Act be approved which authorizes Douglasville to exercise  
29 redevelopment powers under the 'Redevelopment Powers Law,' as it may  
30 ( ) NO be amended from time to time?"

31 All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring  
32 to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on  
33 such question are for approval of the Act, then Section 1 of this Act shall become of full  
34 force and effect immediately. If Section 1 of this Act is not so approved or if the election is  
35 not conducted as provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective  
36 and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately  
37 following that election date. The expense of such election shall be borne by the City of  
38 Douglasville. It shall be the municipal election superintendent's duty to certify the result  
39 thereof to the Secretary of State.

40 **SECTION 3.**

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

43 **SECTION 4.**

44 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.