

House Bill 483 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Parrish of the 156<sup>th</sup>, Burns of the 157<sup>th</sup>, and Tankersley of the 158<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To authorize Bulloch County to exercise all redevelopment and other powers under Article  
2 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 Bulloch County shall be and is authorized to exercise all redevelopment and other powers  
9 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 Bulloch County to undertake and carry  
11 out community redevelopment, to create tax allocation districts, to issue tax allocation bonds,  
12 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 Bulloch County 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 Bulloch County shall call and conduct an election as provided in this  
20 section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of Bulloch County for approval  
21 or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that election on a practicable date  
22 authorized under subparagraph (c)(2)(A) or (c)(2)(B) of Code Section 21-2-540 of the  
23 O.C.G.A.; provided, however, that if conducting the election under this Act on earlier  
24 authorized dates is impracticable, then the election superintendent shall conduct the election  
25 under this Act on the third Tuesday in March, 2013. The election superintendent shall issue

26 the call and conduct such election as provided by general law. The superintendent shall cause  
27 the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately  
28 preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Bulloch County. The ballot shall have  
29 written or printed thereon the words:

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

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38 and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately  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

42 **SECTION 3.**

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

45 **SECTION 4.**

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