

House Bill 414

By: Representatives Smyre of the 135th, Smith of the 134th, Hugley of the 136th, Buckner of the 137th, and Pezold of the 133rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To authorize the consolidated government of Columbus, Georgia, to exercise all redevelopment and other powers under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

The consolidated government of Columbus, Georgia, shall be and is authorized to exercise all redevelopment and other powers under Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended. The intention of this Act is to authorize the consolidated government of Columbus, Georgia, to undertake and carry out community redevelopment, to create tax allocation districts, to issue tax allocation bonds, and to incur other obligations within the meaning of and as fully permitted under the provisions of Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983, as amended, and to authorize the consolidated government of Columbus, Georgia, to exercise redevelopment powers as fully as the "Redevelopment Powers Law" may now or hereafter permit and not to limit any redevelopment powers permitted under the "Redevelopment Powers Law."

SECTION 2.

Unless prohibited by the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, the election superintendent of the consolidated government of Columbus, Georgia, shall call and conduct an election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of the consolidated government of Columbus, Georgia, for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that election on a date as determined by the governing authority of the consolidated government of Columbus, Georgia, and as provided under Code

26 Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A. and shall issue the call and conduct that election as
27 provided by general law. The election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the
28 election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof
29 in the official organ of the consolidated government of Columbus, Georgia. The ballot shall
30 have written or printed thereon the words:

31 "() YES Shall the Act be approved which authorizes the consolidated government of
32 Columbus, Georgia, to exercise redevelopment powers under the
33 () NO 'Redevelopment Powers Law,' as it may be amended from time to time?"

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

43 **SECTION 3.**

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

46 **SECTION 4.**

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