

Senate Bill 264

By: Senator Jackson of the 2nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To provide for a nonbinding, advisory referendum for residents of the City of Savannah
2 regarding whether certain property should be deannexed from the corporate limits of the city;
3 to provide for a referendum; to provide for the submission of this Act for preclearance
4 pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for
5 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 (a) It is the purpose of this Act to provide for a nonbinding, advisory referendum for the
9 purpose of ascertaining whether the electors of the City of Savannah desire to deannex the
10 property described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as
11 "Plan: savannah-deannex-2013 Plan Type: Local Administrator: S002 User: bak".

12 (b) It is found, determined, and declared that the holding of the nonbinding, advisory
13 referendum provided for in this Act is:

- 14 (1) In all respects for the benefit of the residents of the City of Savannah;
15 (2) A public purpose; and
16 (3) An essential governmental function for which public funds may be expended.

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 Unless prohibited by the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, the election
19 superintendent of the City of Savannah shall call and conduct a nonbinding, advisory
20 referendum election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting to the electors
21 of the City of Savannah the question of whether to deannex the property described in
22 subsection (a) of Section 1 of this Act. The election superintendent shall conduct such
23 election on the date of the November, 2013, municipal general election and shall issue the
24 call and conduct such election as provided by general law. The superintendent shall cause
25 the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately

26 preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Chatham County. The ballot shall have
 27 written or printed thereon the words:

28 **"NONBINDING ADVISORY REFERENDUM**

29 YES Should the territory described in the Act providing for this referendum be

30 NO deannexed from the corporate boundaries of the City of Savannah?"

31 All persons desiring to vote for approval of the question shall vote "Yes," and those persons
 32 desiring to vote for rejection of the question shall vote "No." The expense of such election
 33 shall be borne by the City of Savannah. It shall be the election superintendent's duty to
 34 certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State.

35 **SECTION 3.**

36 The governing authority of the City of Savannah shall through its legal counsel cause this
 37 Act to be submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as
 38 amended, not later than 45 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the Governor
 39 or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

40 **SECTION 4.**

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

42 Plan: savannah-deannex-2013
43 Plan Type: Local
44 Administrator: S002
45 User: bak

46 District 001
47 Chatham County
48 VTD: 0511-8
49 003900:
50 1019 1020 1021 1026 4000 4001 4002 4003 4004
51 004001:
52 4011 4012 4013 4014 4015 4016 4017 4018
53 VTD: 0513-11
54 VTD: 0513-14
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