

House Bill 960

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 61 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 urban redevelopment for counties and municipal corporations, so as to provide for the use
3 of surface transportation projects in urban redevelopment areas; to provide for definitions;
4 to provide for public contracts with private enterprises for the completion of surface
5 transportation projects; to provide for methods of procurement for surface transportation
6 projects in urban redevelopment areas; to provide for limitations on former public employees
7 when negotiating contracts for surface transportation projects; to provide for related matters;
8 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

11 Chapter 61 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to urban
12 redevelopment for counties and municipal corporations, is amended by revising paragraphs
13 (17) and (19) through (22) and adding two new paragraphs to Code Section 36-61-2, relating
14 to definitions, as follows:

15 "(17) 'Rehabilitation' or 'conservation' may include the restoration and redevelopment of
16 a slum area or portion thereof, in accordance with an urban redevelopment plan, by:

17 (A) Carrying out plans for a program of voluntary or compulsory repair and
18 rehabilitation of buildings or other improvements;

19 (B) Acquisition of real property and rehabilitation or demolition and removal of
20 buildings and improvements thereon where necessary to eliminate unhealthful,
21 unsanitary, or unsafe conditions, to lessen or increase density, to reduce traffic hazards,
22 to eliminate obsolete or other uses detrimental to the public welfare, to otherwise
23 remove or prevent the spread of slums or deterioration, or to provide land for needed
24 public facilities or improvements, including, but not limited to, surface transportation
25 projects;

26 (C) Installation, construction, or reconstruction of streets, transit facilities and
 27 improvements, sidewalks, streetscapes, trails, bicycle facilities, utilities, parks,
 28 playgrounds, and other improvements necessary for carrying out in the area the urban
 29 redevelopment provisions of this chapter; and

30 (D) The disposition of any property acquired in such urban redevelopment area,
 31 including sale, initial leasing or retention by the municipality or county itself, at its fair
 32 value for uses in accordance with the urban redevelopment plan."

33 "(19) 'Slum clearance and redevelopment' may include:

34 (A) Acquisition of a slum area or portion thereof;

35 (B) Rehabilitation or demolition and removal of buildings and improvements;

36 (C) Installation, construction, or reconstruction of streets, transit facilities, sidewalks,
 37 streetscapes, trails, bicycle facilities, utilities, parks, playgrounds, and other public
 38 facilities and improvements necessary for carrying out in the area the urban
 39 redevelopment provisions of this chapter in accordance with the urban redevelopment
 40 plan; and

41 (D) Making the land available for development or redevelopment by private enterprise
 42 or public agencies (including sale, initial leasing, or retention by the municipality or
 43 county itself) at its fair value for uses in accordance with the urban redevelopment plan.

44 (20) 'Sponsoring local government' means the municipality or county which approves
 45 and is, directly or indirectly, providing the greatest percentage of the public funding,
 46 exclusive of federal funding, for a surface transportation project.

47 (21) 'Surface transportation project' means a project for public improvement and any
 48 related public facilities which is planned to impact 10,000 or more acres and at least ten
 49 transit miles within the area of operation of the sponsoring local government, including
 50 any related facilities, systems, parks, trails, streets, greenspace, and any other integrated
 51 public or private development features included within any adopted infrastructure or
 52 transportation plan, urban redevelopment plan, strategic implementation plan,
 53 redevelopment plan, workable programs, or comprehensive plans. Surface transportation
 54 projects may be undertaken under this chapter in areas proximate to, but lying outside of,
 55 a designated urban redevelopment area, without regard to any requirement that the area
 56 be a slum or blighted area, but only within the territorial limits of the sponsoring local
 57 government, provided that:

58 (A) The majority of the applicable surface transportation project is located within one
 59 or more urban redevelopment areas;

60 (B) The elements of such surface transportation project lying outside of one or more
 61 urban redevelopment areas are a functional component of a redevelopment plan
 62 authorized under the provisions of Chapter 44 of this title or a comprehensive

63 development plan adopted in accordance with the rules of the Department of
 64 Community Affairs under Chapter 8 of Title 50; and

65 (C) The sponsoring local government determines that the elements of the surface
 66 transportation project lying outside of one or more urban redevelopment areas are
 67 essential to the full implementation of such project, which legislative determination
 68 shall be deemed conclusive.

69 (22) 'Urban redevelopment area' means a slum area which the local governing body
 70 designates as appropriate for an urban redevelopment project.

71 ~~(21)~~(23) 'Urban redevelopment plan' means a plan, as it exists from time to time, for an
 72 urban redevelopment project, which plan shall:

73 (A) Conform to the general plan for the municipality or county as a whole; and

74 (B) Be sufficiently complete to indicate such land acquisition, demolition and removal
 75 of structures, redevelopment, improvements, and rehabilitation as may be proposed to
 76 be carried out in the urban redevelopment area; zoning and planning changes, if any;
 77 land uses; maximum densities; building requirements; and the plan's relationship to
 78 definite local objectives respecting appropriate land uses, improved traffic, public
 79 transportation, public utilities, recreational and community facilities, and other public
 80 improvements.

81 ~~(22)~~(24) 'Urban redevelopment project' may include undertakings or activities of a
 82 municipality or county in an urban redevelopment area for the elimination and for the
 83 prevention of the development or spread of slums and may involve slum clearance and
 84 redevelopment in an urban redevelopment area, rehabilitation or conservation in an urban
 85 redevelopment area, the implementation of public improvements, including, but not
 86 limited to, surface transportation projects, or any combination or part thereof, in
 87 accordance with an urban redevelopment plan. Although the power of eminent domain
 88 may not be exercised for ~~such~~ the following purposes, such undertakings or activities may
 89 include:

90 (A) Acquisition, without regard to any requirement that the area be a slum or blighted
 91 area, of air rights in an area consisting of lands and highways, railway or subway tracks,
 92 bridge or tunnel entrances, or other similar facilities which have a blighting influence
 93 on the surrounding area and over which air rights sites are to be developed for the
 94 elimination of such blighting influences and for the provision of housing and related
 95 facilities and uses designed for, and limited primarily to, families and individuals of low
 96 or moderate income; and

97 (B) Construction of foundations and platforms necessary for the provision of air rights
 98 sites of housing and related facilities and uses designed for, and limited primarily to,
 99 families and individuals of low or moderate income or construction of foundations

100 necessary for the provision of air rights sites for development of nonresidential
101 facilities."

102 **SECTION 2.**

103 Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 36-61-4, relating to the
104 encouragement of private enterprise in urban redevelopment, as follows:

105 "36-61-4.

106 (a) A municipality or county, to the greatest extent it determines to be feasible in carrying
107 out the provisions of this chapter, shall afford maximum opportunity, consistent with the
108 sound needs of the municipality or county as a whole, to the rehabilitation or
109 redevelopment of the urban redevelopment area by private enterprise. A municipality or
110 county shall give consideration to this objective in exercising its powers under this chapter,
111 including: the formulation of a workable program; the approval of urban redevelopment
112 plans consistent with the general plan for the municipality or county; the adoption and
113 enforcement of ordinances as provided for in Code Section 36-61-11; the exercise of its
114 zoning powers; the enforcement of other laws, codes, and regulations relating to the use of
115 land and the use and occupancy of buildings and improvements; the disposition of any
116 property acquired; and the provision of necessary public improvements.

117 (b) Notwithstanding anything in this chapter or other provisions of law to the contrary, and
118 in order to give effect to the encouragement of private enterprise contemplated in this Code
119 section, the following shall apply to contracts and agreements for surface transportation
120 projects entered into pursuant to this chapter:

121 (1) In addition to other methods of procurement authorized by law, the sponsoring local
122 government, urban redevelopment agency, or other governing body shall be authorized
123 to utilize the procedures of this chapter to provide for the planning, design, finance,
124 construction, acquisition, leasing, operation, and maintenance of surface transportation
125 projects. The provisions of this chapter shall be an alternative to such other methods to
126 be exercised at the option of each sponsoring local government or public body:

127 (2) One or more public bodies may participate in the consideration and implementation
128 of a surface transportation project at the discretion of the sponsoring local government.
129 Where more than one public body agrees to participate in the consideration or
130 implementation of a surface transportation project, the participants may designate one or
131 more representatives of each such participating public body, as agreed to by the
132 sponsoring local government or the urban redevelopment agency:

133 (3)(A) An urban redevelopment agency designated by the sponsoring local government
134 may evaluate a project to determine the appropriate or desirable levels of public and
135 private participation in planning, designing, financing, constructing, operating,

136 maintaining, or facilitating, or any combination thereof, for the execution of such
137 project. Such urban redevelopment agency may designate a public nonprofit, private
138 corporation, body, or entity to perform this function and to otherwise perform the
139 activities contemplated in this Code section.

140 (B) A sponsoring local government or an urban redevelopment agency shall be
141 authorized to issue, individually or in sequenced stages, written requests for expressions
142 of interest, qualifications, or proposals, or any combination thereof, or other similar
143 methods of procurement or solicitation. Such requests shall indicate the scope of the
144 project, the proposed public and private financial participation in the project, including,
145 but not limited to, the rights, responsibilities, obligations, revenue sharing features, any
146 lease, license, availability or other payment rights, and any other allocations of interests
147 and federal and state income tax benefits in respect of real and personal property
148 relating to a project. Such requests for expressions of interest shall include the factors
149 to be used in evaluating responses, the relative importance of any applicable evaluation
150 factors, and other contractual terms and conditions expected, including any unique
151 capabilities or qualifications that will be required of respondents, as determined in the
152 sole discretion of the sponsoring local government. Public notice of such requests shall
153 be made at least 30 days prior to the date set for the release of said request by posting
154 a legal notice on the websites of the sponsoring local government and the public body
155 implementing the project, in substantially the same manner utilized by such public
156 bodies in order to solicit requests for proposals, with a copy of such notice provided
157 simultaneously to each affected public body.

158 (C)(i) The public body implementing the project and the sponsoring local
159 government, with the participation of any designated representatives of other
160 participating public bodies as determined by the sponsoring local government, may
161 engage in individual discussions and interviews with each respondent deemed fully
162 qualified, responsible, and suitable on the basis of initial responses and with emphasis
163 on professional competence and ability to meet the level of private financial
164 participation as called for in such request. Repetitive, informal interviews and
165 negotiation sessions may be conducted. Any such interviews and negotiation sessions
166 shall be deemed to be a part of the procurement process.

167 (ii)(I) At the conclusion of the final stage, on the basis of evaluation factors
168 published in the request and all information developed in the selection process, the
169 public body implementing the surface transportation project, in an open and public
170 meeting subject to the provisions of Chapter 14 of Title 50, shall select one or more
171 respondents whose qualifications and proposed services are deemed most
172 meritorious.

173 (II) Negotiations shall then be conducted by the designated representative with the
174 selected respondent or respondents. Negotiations conducted with one or more
175 selected respondent pursuant to this Code section shall continue to be deemed an
176 active procurement until the execution of the final, definitive agreement with the
177 selected respondent or respondents.

178 (iii) The public body implementing the project shall select for approval the
179 respondent offering the most satisfactory and advantageous contract terms for the
180 project based upon a thorough assessment of any one or more of the following:
181 experience and reputation with similar projects; engineering and design quality; value;
182 projected savings during, before, or after construction; and the ability of the final
183 project's characteristics to meet the goals of the sponsoring local government,
184 consistent with applicable plans and programs. The fair market value of any property
185 included as a part of the procurement may be based on the consideration of the above
186 factors, but it shall not be less than the initial cost to obtain the property. Before
187 making such selection, the designated representative shall consult in an open and
188 public meeting subject to the provisions of Chapter 14 of Title 50 with the
189 representatives of any participating local governing authority, participating local
190 authority, participating state agency, department, or authority, and affected local
191 government. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the terms and conditions for multiple
192 awards are included in the request, the implementing public body may award
193 contracts to more than one respondent. Should the implementing public body
194 determine in writing that only one respondent is fully qualified, or that one respondent
195 is clearly more highly qualified and suitable than the other respondents under
196 consideration, a contract may be negotiated and awarded to that respondent.

197 (iv) Upon approval of the selection by the implementing public body, a contract or
198 contracts not exceeding 50 years in duration may be entered into by the urban
199 redevelopment agency or any one or more of the participating public bodies and the
200 selected respondent or respondents. The private financial information provided by the
201 respondents shall remain exempt from Code Section 50-18-72 during and after the
202 conclusion of the related selection process.

203 (D) A dispute over the award of a contract under this chapter shall be resolved by the
204 filing of a petition in the superior court of the county in which the sponsoring local
205 government is located within 30 days of the awarding of such contract and shall be
206 determined through the use of a special master appointed by the judge of the superior
207 court of the county in which the sponsoring local government is located. The special
208 master shall not be authorized to enjoin or otherwise delay or suspend the execution of
209 the contract and any work to be performed under such contract. The decision of the

210 special master with regard to such dispute shall be appealable for a de novo review to
 211 the superior court of the county in which the sponsoring local government is located
 212 within 30 days following the decision of the special master.

213 (E) Nothing in this chapter shall require the designated representatives, the sponsoring
 214 local government, the implementing public body, or any participating public body to
 215 continue negotiations or discussions arising out of any request or any other procurement
 216 initiated under the provisions of this Code section.

217 (F) Every public body shall be authorized to promulgate reasonable rules and
 218 regulations to assist in its evaluation of responses and to implement the purposes of this
 219 chapter; provided, however, that unsolicited proposals shall not be permitted;

220 (4) No public officer, employee, or member of any participating public body, with
 221 respect to contracts of such public body, or the General Assembly shall serve as an agent,
 222 lobbyist, or board member for any private entity directly or indirectly under a contract or
 223 negotiating a contract provided for by this chapter for three years after leaving his or her
 224 position as a public officer, employee, or member of the public body or the General
 225 Assembly; and

226 (5) Contracts entered into with a private enterprise in respect to the design, construction,
 227 operation, financing, or management of the public components of a surface transportation
 228 project shall not constitute the acquisition of property for a private use, nor shall such
 229 contracts be deemed a sale, lease, or other disposition of the related interests in property
 230 under any provisions of this chapter or other provision of applicable law, and such public
 231 components of a surface transportation project shall be deemed a public use for all
 232 purposes under applicable provisions of law, including, without limitation, Code Sections
 233 36-61-9 and 36-61-10."

234 **SECTION 3.**

235 Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 36-61-6, relating to formulation
 236 of a workable program for urban redevelopment, as follows:

237 "36-61-6.

238 For the purposes of this chapter, a municipality or county may formulate a workable
 239 program for utilizing appropriate private and public resources including those specified in
 240 Code Section 36-61-11, to eliminate and prevent the development or spread of slums, to
 241 encourage needed urban rehabilitation, to provide for the redevelopment of slum areas, or
 242 to undertake such of the aforesaid activities or such other feasible municipal or county
 243 activities as may be suitably employed to achieve the objectives of such workable program.
 244 Such workable program may include, without limitation, provision for the prevention of
 245 the spread of slums into areas of the municipality or county which are free from slums,

246 through diligent enforcement of housing, zoning, and occupancy controls and standards;
 247 the rehabilitation or conservation of slum areas or portions thereof by replanting, removing
 248 congestion, providing parks, playgrounds, and other public improvements, including
 249 without limitation surface transportation projects, encouraging voluntary rehabilitation, and
 250 compelling the repair and rehabilitation of deteriorated or deteriorating structures; and the
 251 clearance and redevelopment of slum areas or portions thereof."

252 **SECTION 4.**

253 Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section
 254 36-61-10, relating to the disposal of property in a redevelopment area, as follows:

255 "(b)(1) A municipality or county may dispose of real property in an urban redevelopment
 256 area to private persons only under such reasonable competitive bidding procedures as it
 257 shall prescribe, ~~or~~ as are provided in this subsection or, solely with respect to and for the
 258 benefit of advancing surface transportation projects, as provided in Code Section 36-61-4.

259 A municipality or county, by public notice by publication once each week for two
 260 consecutive weeks in a newspaper having a general circulation in the community, prior
 261 to the execution of any contract to sell, lease, or otherwise transfer real property and prior
 262 to the delivery of any instrument of conveyance with respect thereto under this Code
 263 section, may invite proposals from and make available all pertinent information to private
 264 redevelopers or any persons interested in undertaking to redevelop or rehabilitate an
 265 urban redevelopment area or any part thereof. The notice shall identify the area or
 266 portion thereof and shall state that such further information as is available may be
 267 obtained at such office as shall be designated in the notice. The municipality or county
 268 shall consider all such redevelopment or rehabilitation proposals and the financial and
 269 legal ability of the persons making such proposals to carry them out and may negotiate
 270 with any persons for proposals for the purchase, lease, or other transfer of any real
 271 property acquired by the municipality or county in the urban redevelopment area. The
 272 municipality or county may accept such proposal as it deems to be in the public interest
 273 and in furtherance of the purposes of this chapter. The municipality or county may
 274 execute contracts in accordance with subsection (a) of this Code section and deliver
 275 deeds, leases, and other instruments and take all steps necessary to effectuate such
 276 contracts."

277 **SECTION 5.**

278 Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 36-61-12, relating to the issuance
 279 of bonds for urban redevelopment projects, as follows:

280 "36-61-12.

281 (a) A municipality or county shall have power to issue bonds, in its discretion, from time
282 to time, to finance the undertaking of any urban redevelopment project under this chapter,
283 including, without limiting the generality thereof, the payment of principal and interest
284 upon any advances for surveys and plans for urban redevelopment projects and shall also
285 have power to issue refunding bonds for the payment of retirement of such bonds
286 previously issued by it. Such bonds shall be made payable, as to both principal and
287 interest, solely from the income, proceeds, revenues, and funds of the municipality or
288 county derived from or held in connection with its undertaking and carrying out of urban
289 redevelopment projects under this chapter; provided, however, that payment of such bonds,
290 both as to principal and interest, may be further secured by a pledge of any loan, grant, or
291 contribution from the federal government or other source, in aid of any urban
292 redevelopment projects of the municipality or county under this chapter, and by a mortgage
293 of any such urban redevelopment projects or any part thereof, title to which is in the
294 municipality ~~or~~, county, or redevelopment agency.

295 (b) Bonds issued under this Code section shall not constitute an indebtedness within the
296 meaning of any constitutional or statutory debt limitation or restriction and shall not be
297 subject to the provisions of any other law or charter relating to the authorization, issuance,
298 or sale of bonds. Bonds issued under this chapter are declared to be issued for an essential
299 public and governmental purpose and, together with interest thereon and income therefrom,
300 shall be exempted from all taxes.

301 (c) Bonds issued under this Code section shall be authorized by resolution or ordinance
302 of the local governing body. They may be issued in one or more series and shall bear such
303 date or dates, be payable upon demand or mature at such time or times, bear interest at such
304 rate or rates, be in such denomination or denominations, be in such form either coupon or
305 registered, carry such conversion or registration privileges, have such rank or priority, be
306 executed in such manner, be payable in such medium of payment, at such place or places,
307 be subject to such terms of redemption (with or without premium), be secured in such
308 manner, and have such other characteristics as may be provided by the resolution of the
309 local governing body or by the trust indenture or mortgage issued pursuant thereto.

310 (d) Such bonds may be sold at not less than par at public sales held after notice published
311 prior to such sales in a newspaper having a general circulation in the area of operation and
312 in such other medium of publication as the municipality or county may determine or may
313 be exchanged for other bonds on the basis of par. Such bonds may be sold to the federal
314 government or to an institution insured by an agency of the federal government at private
315 sale at not less than par and, in the event that less than all of the authorized principal
316 amount of such bonds is sold to the federal government or to an institution insured by an

317 agency of the federal government, the balance may be sold at private sale at not less than
 318 par at an interest cost to the municipality or county, such cost not to exceed the interest cost
 319 to the municipality or county of the portion of the bonds sold to the federal government or
 320 to an institution insured by an agency of the federal government. Notwithstanding the
 321 foregoing, bonds issued for the benefit of, or in connection with, the implementation of
 322 surface transportation projects may be sold to any person pursuant to a negotiated or
 323 competitive sale.

324 (e) If any of the public officials of the municipality or county whose signatures appear on
 325 any bonds or coupons issued under this chapter cease to be such officials before the
 326 delivery of the bonds, such signatures, nevertheless, shall be valid and sufficient for all
 327 purposes, the same as if the officials had remained in office until the delivery. Any
 328 provision of any law to the contrary notwithstanding, any bonds issued pursuant to this
 329 chapter shall be fully negotiable.

330 (f) In any suit, action, or proceeding involving the validity or enforceability of any bond
 331 issued under this chapter or the security therefor, any such bond reciting in substance that
 332 it has been issued by the municipality or county in connection with an urban redevelopment
 333 project, as defined in paragraph ~~(22)~~(24) of Code Section 36-61-2, shall be conclusively
 334 deemed to have been issued for such purpose and such project shall be conclusively
 335 deemed to have been planned, located, and carried out in accordance with this chapter.
 336 Suits, actions, and proceedings instituted under this paragraph may be initiated under and
 337 in accordance with, and have all the privileges under, Article 3 of Chapter 82 of this title,
 338 the 'Revenue Bond Law,' except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

339 (g) Any urban redevelopment agency or housing authority which a municipality or county
 340 has elected to exercise powers under Code Section 36-61-17 may also issue bonds, as
 341 provided in this Code section, in the same manner as a municipality or county, except that
 342 such bonds shall be authorized and the terms and conditions thereof shall be prescribed by
 343 the commissioners of such urban redevelopment agency or housing authority in lieu of the
 344 local governing body."

345 **SECTION 6.**

346 Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 36-61-14, related
 347 to property exempt from taxes and from levy and sale by virtue of an execution, as follows:

348 "(b) The property of a municipality, ~~or~~ county, or any other public body, acquired or held
 349 for the purpose of this chapter, is declared to be public property used for essential public
 350 and governmental purposes and such property shall be exempt from all taxes of the
 351 municipality, the county, the state, or any political subdivision thereof. Such tax exemption
 352 shall terminate when the municipality or county sells, leases, or otherwise disposes of

353 property in an urban redevelopment area to a purchaser or lessee who or which is not a
 354 public body."

355 **SECTION 7.**

356 Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 36-61-16, relating
 357 to cooperation by public bodies, as follows:

358 "(a) For the purpose of aiding in the planning, undertaking, or carrying out of an urban
 359 redevelopment project located within the area in which it is authorized to act, any public
 360 body, upon such terms, with or without consideration, as it may determine, may:

361 (1) Dedicate, sell, convey, or lease any of its interest in any property or grant easements,
 362 licenses, or other rights or privileges therein to a municipality or county;

363 (2) Incur the entire expense of any public improvements made by such public body in
 364 exercising the powers granted in this Code section;

365 (3) Do any and all things necessary to aid or cooperate in the planning or carrying out
 366 of an urban redevelopment plan;

367 (4) Lend, grant, or contribute funds to a municipality or county;

368 (5) Enter into agreements (which may extend over any period, notwithstanding any
 369 provision or rule of law to the contrary) with a municipality or county or other public
 370 body respecting action to be taken pursuant to any of the powers granted by this chapter,
 371 including the furnishing of funds or other assistance in connection with an urban
 372 redevelopment project and other provisions allocating legal responsibility for matters
 373 arising under or in connection with transactions entered into pursuant to Code Section
 374 36-61-4; and

375 (6) Cause public buildings and public facilities, including parks, trails, greenspace,
 376 playgrounds, recreational, community, education, transit, water, sewer, or drainage
 377 facilities, or any other works which it is otherwise empowered to undertake, to be
 378 furnished; furnish, dedicate, close, vacate, pave, install, grade, regrade, plan, or replan
 379 streets, roads, sidewalks, ways, or other places; plan, replan, zone, or rezone any part of
 380 the public body or make exceptions from building regulations; and cause administrative
 381 and other services to be furnished to the municipality or county.

382 If at any time title to or possession of any urban redevelopment project is held by any
 383 public body or governmental agency, other than the municipality or county, which is
 384 authorized by law to engage in the undertaking, carrying out, or administration of urban
 385 redevelopment projects, including any agency or instrumentality of the United States of
 386 America, the provisions of the agreements referred to in this subsection shall inure to the
 387 benefit of and may be enforced by such public body or governmental agency. As used in
 388 this subsection, the terms 'municipality' and 'county' shall also include an urban

389 redevelopment agency or a housing authority vested with all of the urban redevelopment
390 project powers pursuant to Code Section 36-61-17."

391 **SECTION 8.**

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