

House Bill 880 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives England of the 116th, Quick of the 117th, and Kirby of the 114th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To authorize Barrow 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 Barrow 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 Barrow County to undertake and carry out
11 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 Barrow 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 The election superintendent of Barrow County shall call and conduct an election as provided
19 in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of Barrow County for
20 approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct such election on the earliest
21 practical date under Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A. and shall issue the call and
22 conduct such election as provided by general law. The superintendent shall cause the date
23 and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately
24 preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Barrow County. The ballot shall have
25 written or printed thereon the words:

26 " YES Shall the Act be approved which authorizes Barrow County to exercise
27 redevelopment powers under the 'Redevelopment Powers Law,' as it may
28 NO be amended from time to time, for the purpose of improving economic and
29 social conditions in depressed areas within the county?"

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35 and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately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

SECTION 3.

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

SECTION 4.

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