

House Bill 1073

By: Representatives England of the 116<sup>th</sup>, Quick of the 117<sup>th</sup>, and Kirby of the 114<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To authorize the City of Bethlehem to exercise all redevelopment and other powers under  
2 Article 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 The City of Bethlehem shall be and is authorized to exercise all redevelopment and other  
9 powers 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 the City of Bethlehem to undertake and  
11 carry out community redevelopment, to create tax allocation districts, to issue tax allocation  
12 bonds, 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 the City of Bethlehem to exercise  
15 redevelopment powers as fully as the "Redevelopment Powers Law" may now or hereafter  
16 permit and not to limit any redevelopment powers permitted under the "Redevelopment  
17 Powers Law."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 The election superintendent of the City of Bethlehem shall call and conduct an election as  
20 provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of the City of  
21 Bethlehem for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct such election  
22 on the earliest practical date under Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A. and shall issue  
23 the call and conduct such election as provided by general law. The superintendent shall  
24 cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks

25 immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of the City of Bethlehem. The  
26 ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

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

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

40 **SECTION 3.**

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

43 **SECTION 4.**

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