

House Bill 1142

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup> and Hitchens of the 161<sup>st</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To provide for the holding of a nonbinding referendum in the City of Port Wentworth on the  
2 question of whether the electors of the City of Port Wentworth favor a portion of the city  
3 joining a special district for transit services which are provided by the Chatham Area Transit  
4 Authority in order to provide transit services in such area; to provide for related matters; to  
5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 The election superintendent of the City of Port Wentworth shall call and conduct a  
9 nonbinding, advisory referendum as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting  
10 a question to the electors of the City of Port Wentworth to determine whether a majority of  
11 such electors favor a portion of the city joining a special district for transit services which are  
12 provided by the Chatham Area Transit Authority in order to provide transit services in such  
13 area. The election superintendent shall conduct such referendum on the date of the  
14 November, 2014, state-wide general election and shall issue the call and conduct such  
15 election as provided by general law. The superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of  
16 the referendum to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date  
17 thereof in the official organ of the City of Port Wentworth. The ballot shall have written or  
18 printed thereon the words:

19 "NONBINDING ADVISORY REFERENDUM

20 ( ) YES Shall a portion of the City of Port Wentworth join a special district for  
21 transit services which are provided by the Chatham Area Transit Authority  
22 ( ) NO in order to provide transit services in such area? Such special district shall  
23 include properties or provide transit services to any property within the  
24 boundary of the following:

