

House Bill 1143

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>, Hitchens of the 161<sup>st</sup>, and Bryant of the 162<sup>nd</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

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

18 "NONBINDING ADVISORY REFERENDUM

- 19 ( ) YES Shall a portion of the City of Pooler join a special district for transit services
- 20 which are provided by the Chatham Area Transit Authority in order to
- 21 ( ) NO provide transit services in such area? Such special district shall not include
- 22 properties or provide transit services to any property within the boundary
- 23 of the following:

24 North of Pine Barren Road to the intersection of Pooler Parkway moving  
25 east along Pine Barren Road to the intersection of Interstate 95; from the  
26 intersection of Interstate 95 and Interstate 16 moving north along Interstate  
27 95 to the southern right of way line of Pipemaker's Canal to the intersection  
28 with Pooler Parkway; along the western right of way line of Pooler  
29 Parkway; southward to the intersection of Pooler Parkway and Pine Barren  
30 Road."

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 Pooler. It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify  
34 the result thereof to the Secretary of State.

35 **SECTION 2.**

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