

House Bill 828

By: Representative Fleming of the 121st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To authorize the City of Harlem 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 Harlem 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 the City of Harlem to undertake and carry
11 out 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 the City of Harlem 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 municipal election superintendent of the City of Harlem shall call and conduct an
19 election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of
20 the City of Harlem for approval or rejection. The municipal election superintendent shall
21 conduct that election on the date of the November, 2018, general election and shall issue the
22 call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The municipal election
23 superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week
24 for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Columbia
25 County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

26 " YES Shall the Act be approved which authorizes the City of Harlem to utilize tax
27 allocation districts and redevelopment powers under the 'Redevelopment
28 NO Powers Law,' as it may be amended from time to time?"
29 All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring
30 to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on
31 such question are for approval of the Act, then Section 1 of this Act shall become of full
32 force and effect immediately. If Section 1 of this Act is not so approved or if the election is
33 not conducted as provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective
34 and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately
35 following that election date. The expense of such election shall be borne by the City of
36 Harlem. It shall be the municipal election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof
37 to the Secretary of State.

38 **SECTION 3.**
39 Except as otherwise provided in Section 2 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon
40 its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

41 **SECTION 4.**
42 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.