

House Bill 846

By: Representatives Collins of the 68<sup>th</sup> and Gravley of the 67<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To authorize the City of Villa Rica 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 Villa Rica 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 Villa Rica 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 Villa Rica 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 municipal election superintendent of the City of Villa Rica shall call and conduct an  
20 election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of  
21 the City of Villa Rica for approval or rejection. The municipal election superintendent shall  
22 conduct that election on the date of the November, 2018, general election and shall issue the  
23 call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The municipal election  
24 superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week  
25 for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organs of Carroll County

26 and Douglas County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

27 "( ) YES Shall the Act be approved which authorizes the City of Villa Rica to utilize  
28 tax allocation districts and redevelopment powers under the 'Redevelopment

29 ( ) NO Powers Law,' as it may be amended from time to time?"

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 that election date. The expense of such election shall be borne by the City of Villa  
37 Rica. It shall be the municipal election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to  
38 the Secretary of State.

39 **SECTION 3.**

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.

42 **SECTION 4.**

43 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.