

House Bill 1078

By: Representative Stephens of the 164th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 general provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental
3 entities, so as to require the Department of Community Affairs to annually audit each county
4 that contains a municipality regarding the consolidation of government services; to require
5 the reduction of certain county and municipal millage rates under certain circumstances; to
6 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
10 provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities,
11 is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

12 "36-80-26.

13 (a)(1) On or before November 1, 2019, and annually thereafter, the Department of
14 Community Affairs shall complete an audit of each county in this state that contains a
15 municipality.

16 (2) The audit provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall determine for each
17 such county and each municipality that lies wholly or partially therein the amount of
18 savings that would likely result from the consolidation of government services between
19 or among such county and the municipality or municipalities it wholly or partially
20 contains.

21 (b) On and after January 1, 2020, each county and municipality in this state shall reduce
22 its millage rate for the year by an amount sufficient to reduce county or municipal ad
23 valorem tax revenue in the amount of the savings determined by the audit completed during
24 the preceding year in accordance with subsection (a) of this Code section."

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SECTION 2.

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.