

House Bill 273 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from City of Chamblee ad valorem taxes  
2 for city purposes, approved April 4, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 3591), so as to revise a homestead  
3 exemption for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or older or who are totally  
4 disabled in order to exempt from such exemption taxes levied by the city to pay interest on  
5 and to retire bonded indebtedness; to provide for compliance with constitutional  
6 requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, applicability, and automatic  
7 repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 SECTION 1.

10 An Act providing a homestead exemption from City of Chamblee ad valorem taxes for city  
11 purposes, approved April 4, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 3591), is amended by revising subsection  
12 (b) of Section 2 as follows:

13 "(b) Each resident of the City of Chamblee who is 65 years of age or older or who is totally  
14 disabled is granted an exemption on that person's homestead from all City of Chamblee ad  
15 valorem taxes for city purposes in the amount of the total assessed value of the homestead,  
16 except for taxes levied by the city to pay interest on and to retire bonded indebtedness."

17 SECTION 2.

18 In accordance with the requirements of Article VII, Section II, Paragraph II(a)(1) of the  
19 Constitution of the State of Georgia, this Act shall not become law unless it receives the  
20 requisite two-thirds' majority vote in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

21 SECTION 3.

22 The municipal election superintendent of the City of Chamblee shall call and conduct an  
23 election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of  
24 the City of Chamblee for approval or rejection. The municipal election superintendent shall

25 conduct that election on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 2019, and shall  
 26 issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The municipal election  
 27 superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week  
 28 for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of the City of  
 29 Chamblee. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

30 " YES Shall the Act be approved which revises a homestead exemption from City  
 31 of Chamblee ad valorem taxes for residents of that city who are 65 years of  
 32  NO age or older or who are totally disabled in order to authorize such exemption  
 33 to apply to ad valorem taxes levied by the city, except for taxes levied by  
 34 the city to pay interest on and to retire bonded indebtedness?"

35 All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring  
 36 to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on  
 37 such question are for approval of the Act, Section 1 of this Act shall become of full force and  
 38 effect on January 1, 2020, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after  
 39 January 1, 2020. If the Act is not so approved or if the election is not conducted as provided  
 40 in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective, and this Act shall be  
 41 automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately following that election date.  
 42 The expense of such election shall be borne by the City of Chamblee. It shall be the  
 43 municipal election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State.

44 **SECTION 4.**

45 Except as otherwise provided in Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon  
 46 its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

47 **SECTION 5.**

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