

House Bill 371

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1A of Chapter 36 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to annexation by local Act of the General Assembly, so as to provide for additional
3 requirements and procedures for legislative annexations; to provide for related matters; to
4 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 1A of Chapter 36 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 annexation by local Act of the General Assembly, is amended by adding a new subsection
9 to Code Section 36-36-16, relating to procedures for annexation and referendum, to read as
10 follows:

11 "(c) Before a bill providing for annexation by local Act of the General Assembly is
12 introduced, the following conditions shall be met:

13 (1) The governing authority of the municipality into which the property is to be annexed
14 shall adopt a resolution agreeing to the annexation of the property;

(2) Prior to adopting such resolution, such governing authority shall conduct two public hearings on the proposed annexation not less than seven and not more than 30 days apart and not more than 90 days prior to the introduction of the bill;

(3) The municipality into which the property is to be annexed shall notify each household and each business in the area sought to be annexed of the proposed annexation; and

(4) There shall be a petition agreeing to the proposed annexation signed by not less than 50 percent of the property owners in the area proposed to be annexed, 50 percent of the business owners in the area proposed to be annexed, and 50 percent of the registered voters in the area proposed to be annexed."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.