The Senate Committee on Rules offered the following substitute to HB 206:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 62 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to 2 development authorities, so as to authorize development authorities to provide certain 3 financing for qualifying improvements, including energy efficiency, water conservation, 4 renewable energy, and resiliency improvements; to provide for powers; to provide for 5 financial obligations; to provide a short title; to provide for legislative findings and intent; 6 to provide for cities and counties to cooperate with development authorities in financing 7 qualifying improvements by imposing special assessments on qualifying commercial 8 properties; to provide for the collection and lien status of such assessments; to provide for 9 definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal 10 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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SECTION 1.

13 Chapter 62 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to development14 authorities, is amended by redesignating Code Sections 36-62-1 through 36-62-14 as15 Article 1.

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| 16 | SECTION 2. |
| 17 | Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows: |
| 18 | " <u>36-62-2.1.</u> |
| 19 | As used in this chapter, the term: |
| 20 | (1) 'Assessment' means a special assessment imposed by a participating local |
| 21 | government pursuant to Article 2 of this chapter. |
| 22 | (2) 'Assessment agreement' means an agreement between an authority and a qualifying |
| 23 | property owner in which, among other things, the authority agrees to pay the costs of |
| 24 | qualifying improvements and the qualifying property owner voluntarily requests |
| 25 | assessments to be imposed by the participating local government on the qualifying |
| 26 | property. |
| 27 | (3) 'Assessment financing' means the financing or refinancing of qualifying |
| 28 | improvements. |
| 29 | (4) 'Capital provider' means a private entity or its designee, successor, or assign that |
| 30 | purchases an obligation of an authority pursuant to this article. |
| 31 | (5) 'Cost of the qualifying improvements' or 'cost of any qualifying improvement' means |
| 32 | and includes: |
| 33 | (A) All costs of acquisition (by purchase or otherwise), construction, assembly, |
| 34 | installation, modification, renovation, or rehabilitation incurred in connection with any |
| 35 | qualifying improvement or any part of any qualifying improvement; |
| 36 | (B) All costs of real property, fixtures, or materials used in or in connection with or |
| 37 | necessary for any qualifying improvement or for any facilities related thereto, |
| 38 | including, but not limited to, the cost of all easements, rights, improvements, water |
| 39 | rights, connections for utility services, fees, franchises, permits, approvals, licenses, and |
| 40 | certificates; the cost of securing any such franchises, permits, approvals, licenses, or |
| 41 | certificates; and the cost of preparation of any application therefor and the cost of all |

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| 42 | labor and materials used in or in connection with or necessary for any qualifying |
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| 43 | improvement; |
| 44 | (C) All financing charges and loan fees and all interest on revenue bonds, notes, or |
| 45 | other obligations of an authority that accrues or is paid prior to and during the period |
| 46 | of construction of a qualifying improvement and during such additional period as the |
| 47 | authority may reasonably determine to be necessary to place such qualifying |
| 48 | improvement in operation; |
| 49 | (D) All costs of engineering, architectural, and legal services and all expenses incurred |
| 50 | by engineers, architects, and attorneys in connection with any qualifying improvement; |
| 51 | (E) All expenses for inspection and any third-party review or verification fees; |
| 52 | (F) All fees of fiscal agents, paying agents, and trustees for bondholders under any trust |
| 53 | agreement, indenture of trust, or similar instrument or agreement; all expenses incurred |
| 54 | by any such fiscal agents, paying agents, and trustees; and all other costs and expenses |
| 55 | incurred relative to the issuance of any revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations for |
| 56 | any qualifying improvement, including capital provider's fees; |
| 57 | (G) All fees of any type charged by an authority in connection with any qualifying |
| 58 | improvement; |
| 59 | (H) All expenses necessary or incidental to determining the feasibility or practicability |
| 60 | of any qualifying improvement; |
| 61 | (I) All costs of plans and specifications for any qualifying improvement; |
| 62 | (J) Repayment of any loans made for the advance payment of any part of any of the |
| 63 | foregoing costs, including interest thereon and any other expenses of such loans; |
| 64 | (K) Administrative expenses of the authority and such other expenses as may be |
| 65 | necessary or incidental to any qualifying improvement or the financing thereof or the |
| 66 | placing of any qualifying improvement in operation; and |
| 67 | (L) The establishment of a fund or funds for the creation of a debt service reserve, a |
| 68 | renewal and replacement reserve, or such other funds or reserves, including for ad |

69 valorem taxes and insurance, as the authority may approve with respect to the financing 70 and operation of any qualifying improvement and as may be authorized by any bond resolution, trust agreement, indenture of trust, or similar instrument or agreement 71 72 pursuant to the provisions of which the issuance of any revenue bonds, notes, or other 73 obligations of the authority may be authorized. 74 Any cost, obligation, or expense incurred for any of the foregoing purposes shall be a part 75 of such defined term and may be paid or reimbursed as such out of proceeds of revenue 76 bonds, notes, or other obligations issued by the authority. 77 (6) 'Financing application' means an application submitted to an authority or program 78 administrator to demonstrate that the proposed improvements qualify for financing 79 pursuant to a program. 80 (7) 'Intergovernmental assessment agreement' means a contract entered into pursuant to 81 Article IX, Section III, Paragraph I of the Constitution of Georgia between a county or 82 a municipal corporation, as party of the first part, and an authority, as party of the second 83 part, pursuant to which the county or municipal corporation agrees to make payments to 84 the authority, the sole source of which shall be assessments and no other public moneys, 85 to furnish financial assistance to aid in the planning, undertaking, or carrying out of a 86 qualifying improvement. 87 (8) 'Participating local government' means a municipal corporation or a county that 88 enters into an intergovernmental assessment agreement with an authority. 89 (9) 'Program' means a commercial property assessed conservation, energy, and resiliency 90 program established by an authority. 91 (10) 'Program administrator' means any official or agency designated by an authority to 92 administer a program or a private and independent third party designated by an authority 93 to administer a program, provided that the administration procedures used conform to the 94 requirements of this article.

| 95 | (11) 'Program guidebook' means a comprehensive document that establishes appropriate |
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| 96 | guidelines, specifications, approval criteria, and other standard forms consistent with |
| 97 | administering a program and not detailed in this article, including forms for an |
| 98 | assessment agreement, notice of assessment, and financing application. |
| 99 | (12) 'Qualifying improvement' means a permanently affixed energy efficiency |
| 100 | improvement, renewable energy improvement, water conservation improvement, or |
| 101 | resiliency improvement installed on qualifying property as part of the construction or |
| 102 | renovation of the qualifying property. |
| 103 | (13) 'Qualifying property' means privately owned or leased commercial, industrial, or |
| 104 | agricultural real property or multifamily residential real property with five or more |
| 105 | dwelling units. |
| 106 | (14) 'Resiliency improvement' means any improvement to qualifying property intended |
| 107 | to increase resilience and improve durability of such property, including, but not limited |
| 108 | to, seismic retrofits, flood mitigation, fire suppression, wind resistance, energy storage, |
| 109 | microgrids, and backup power generation." |
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| 110 | SECTION 3. |
| 111 | Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows: |
| 112 | " <u>36-62-6.2.</u> |
| 113 | (a) In addition to the powers otherwise granted in this article, each authority shall have the |
| 114 | following powers: |

- 115 (1) To make and execute intergovernmental assessment agreements, assessment
- 116 agreements, and agreements for grants or loans to finance or refinance qualifying
- 117 <u>improvements;</u>
- 118 (2) To finance by loan, grant, or otherwise, including through assessment agreements,
- 119 and refinance qualifying improvements and to pay the cost of any qualifying
- 120 improvement from the proceeds of revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations of the

authority or any other funds of the authority, or from any contributions or loans by
persons, corporations, partnerships, whether limited or general, or other entities, all of
which the authority is authorized to receive, accept, and use;

(3) To issue revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations of the authority and use the 124 proceeds thereof for the purpose of paying, or loaning or granting the proceeds thereof 125 to pay, all or any part of the cost of any qualifying improvement and otherwise to further 126 or carry out the public purpose of the authority and to pay all costs of the authority 127 incidental to, or necessary and appropriate to, furthering or carrying out such purpose: 128 129 (4) To extend credit or make loans or grants to any person, corporation, partnership, whether limited or general, or other entity for the costs of any qualifying improvement 130 or any part of the costs of any qualifying improvement, which credit, loans, or grants may 131 be evidenced or secured by loan agreements, grant agreements, assessment agreements, 132 notes, mortgages, deeds to secure debt, trust deeds, security agreements, assignments, or 133 134 such other instruments, or by assessments, revenues, fees, or charges, upon such terms and conditions as the authority shall determine to be reasonable in connection with such 135 136 extension of credit, loans, or grants, including provision for the establishment and 137 maintenance of reserve funds; and, in the exercise of powers granted by this article in 138 connection with any qualifying improvement, the authority shall have the right and power 139 to require the inclusion in any such loan agreement, grant agreement, assessment agreement, note, mortgage, deed to secure debt, trust deed, security agreement, 140 141 assignment, or other instrument of such provisions or requirements for guaranty of any 142 obligations, insurance, construction, use, operation, maintenance, and financing of a qualifying improvement, and such other terms and conditions as the authority may deem 143 144 necessary or desirable; (5) As security for repayment of any revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations of the 145

- 146 <u>authority, to pledge, convey, assign, hypothecate, or otherwise encumber any property</u>
- 147 of the authority, including, but not limited to, contract rights under intergovernmental

148 assessment agreements and revenues or other funds, and to execute any trust indenture; 149 trust agreement; agreement for the sale of the authority's revenue bonds, notes, or other 150 obligations; loan agreement; security agreement; assignment; or other agreement or 151 instrument as may be necessary or desirable, in the judgment of the authority, to secure any such revenue bonds, notes, or the obligations, which instruments or agreements may 152 provide for foreclosure or forced sale of any property of the authority upon default in any 153 obligation of the authority, either in payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest or 154 in the performance of any term or condition contained in any such agreement or 155 instrument. The State of Georgia, on behalf of itself and each county, municipal 156 157 corporation, political subdivision, or taxing district therein, waives any right it or such county, municipal corporation, political subdivision, or taxing district may have to 158 prevent the forced sale or foreclosure of any property of the authority upon such default 159 and agrees that any agreement or instrument encumbering such property may be 160 foreclosed in accordance with law and the terms thereof; 161 162 (6) To receive and use the proceeds of any assessment imposed by a municipal 163 corporation or a county to pay the costs of any qualifying improvement or for any other 164 purpose for which the authority may use its own funds pursuant to this article, including 165 the payment of principal or premium, if any, and interest on revenue bonds, notes, or 166 other obligations of the authority; and (7) To establish and administer programs and to appoint, select, and employ program 167 168 administrators and to fix their compensation and pay their expenses. 169 (b) When an authority exercises its grant powers given by subsection (a) of this Code 170 section, in determining compliance with Article III, Section VI, Paragraph VI(a) of the Constitution of Georgia, the authority may take into consideration the assessments to be 171 172 paid by the grant recipient, as well as the substantiality of the public purpose to be achieved 173 by the grant."

| 175 | Said chapter is further amended by adding new Code sections to read as follows: |
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| 176 | ″ <u>36-62-8.1.</u> |
| 177 | (a) Revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations issued by an authority to finance or |
| 178 | refinance the cost of any qualifying improvement shall be paid solely from the property, |
| 179 | including, but not limited to, contract rights, revenues, or other funds, pledged, conveyed, |
| 180 | assigned, hypothecated, or otherwise encumbered to secure or to pay such bonds, notes, or |
| 181 | other obligations. |
| 182 | (b) All revenue bonds, notes, and other obligations shall be authorized by resolution of the |
| 183 | authority, adopted by a majority vote of the directors of the authority at a regular or special |
| 184 | meeting. |
| 185 | (c) Revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations issued to finance or refinance the cost of |
| 186 | any qualifying improvement shall bear such date or dates; shall mature at such time or |
| 187 | times, not more than 40 years from their respective dates; shall bear interest at such rate or |
| 188 | rates, which may be fixed or may fluctuate or otherwise change from time to time; shall be |
| 189 | subject to redemption on such terms; and shall contain such other terms, provisions, |
| 190 | covenants, assignments, and conditions as the resolution authorizing the issuance of such |
| 191 | bonds, notes, or other obligations may permit or provide. The terms, provisions, covenants, |
| 192 | assignments, and conditions contained in or provided or permitted by any resolution of the |
| 193 | authority authorizing the issuance of such revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations shall |
| 194 | bind the directors of the authority then in office and their successors. |
| 195 | (d) The authority shall have the power from time to time and whenever it deems it |
| 196 | expedient to refund any revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations issued to finance or |
| 197 | refinance the cost of any qualifying improvement by the issuance of new revenue bonds, |
| 198 | notes, or other obligations, whether or not the revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations |
| 199 | to be refunded have matured, and may issue revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations |
| 200 | partly to refund revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations then outstanding and partly for |

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- 201 any other purpose permitted under this article. The refunding revenue bonds, notes, or 202 other obligations may be exchanged for the revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations to 203 be refunded, with such cash adjustments as may be agreed upon, or may be sold and the 204 proceeds applied to the purchase or redemption of the revenue bonds, notes, or other 205 obligations to be refunded. 206 (e) There shall be no limitation upon the amount of revenue bonds, notes, or other 207 obligations that an authority may issue to finance or refinance the cost of any qualifying 208 improvement. Any limitations with respect to interest rates or any maximum interest rate 209 or rates found in Article 3 of Chapter 82 of this title, the 'Revenue Bond Law,' the usury 210 laws of this state, or any other laws of this state shall not apply to revenue bonds, notes, or 211 other obligations of an authority issued to finance or refinance the cost of any qualifying 212 improvement. 213 (f) All revenue bonds issued by an authority under this article to finance or refinance the 214 cost of any qualifying improvement shall be issued and validated under and in accordance 215 with Article 3 of Chapter 82 of this title, the 'Revenue Bond Law,' except as provided in 216 this article, provided that notes and other obligations of an authority may, but shall not be 217 required to, be so validated. 218 (g) The terms 'cost of the qualifying improvement' and 'cost of any qualifying 219 improvement' shall have the meaning prescribed in this article whenever those terms are 220 referred to in bond resolutions of an authority; in bonds, notes, or other obligations of an 221 authority; or in notices or proceedings to validate such bonds, notes, or other obligations 222 of an authority.
- <u>36-62-8.2.</u>
- 224 (a) A program shall establish a financing application and review process to evaluate such
- 225 applications. The program shall prescribe the form and manner of the financing
- 226 <u>application. At a minimum:</u>

| 227 | (1) An applicant shall demonstrate that the qualifying improvement provides a benefit |
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| 228 | to the public in the form of energy or water resource conservation or improved resiliency; |
| 229 | (2) For an existing building: |
| 230 | (A) When energy or water efficiency improvements are proposed, an applicant shall |
| 231 | provide: |
| 232 | (i) An energy or water efficiency analysis by a licensed engineering firm, engineer, |
| 233 | or other qualified professional listed in the program guidebook; and |
| 234 | (ii) A statement by the author of the analysis that the proposed qualifying |
| 235 | improvements will result in more efficient use or conservation of energy or water, the |
| 236 | reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, or the addition of renewable sources of energy |
| 237 | or water; or |
| 238 | (B) When resiliency improvements are proposed, an applicant shall provide |
| 239 | certification by a licensed engineering firm, engineer, or other qualified professional |
| 240 | listed in the program guidebook stating that the proposed qualifying improvements will |
| 241 | result in improved resilience; |
| 242 | (3) For new construction, an applicant shall provide certification by a licensed |
| 243 | engineering firm, engineer, or other qualified professional listed in the program |
| 244 | guidebook stating that the proposed qualifying improvements will enable the qualifying |
| 245 | property to exceed the current building code requirements for: |
| 246 | (A) Energy efficiency; |
| 247 | (B) Water efficiency; |
| 248 | (C) Renewable energy; or |
| 249 | (D) Resilience; |
| 250 | (4) An applicant shall include a certification that the person requesting the proposed |
| 251 | qualifying improvements is the owner of the qualifying property and that there are no |
| 252 | delinquent taxes or assessments on the qualifying property; and |

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254 following guidelines and any other guidelines adopted by the authority, which may be in 255 addition to or more restrictive than the following guidelines: 256 (A) Unless a higher percentage is agreed to by the holder of a lien, mortgage, or security deed encumbering the qualifying property in the written consent required by 257 subsection (b) of this Code section, an applicant must demonstrate that the amount of 258 259 the proposed assessment financing and all other debt secured by the qualifying property 260 upon execution of the assessment agreement will not exceed 80 percent of the fair market value of the qualifying property as determined by a qualified appraiser, which 261 262 appraisal may take into account the expected increase in fair market value of the 263 qualifying property resulting from the proposed qualifying improvements, as completed 264 or as stabilized; 265 (B) An applicant must demonstrate that the amount of the proposed assessment 266 financing will not exceed 25 percent of the fair market value of the qualifying property 267 as determined by a qualified appraiser, which appraisal may take into account the 268 expected increase in fair market value of the qualifying property resulting from the 269 proposed qualifying improvements, as completed or as stabilized; and 270 (C) An applicant must demonstrate that the period or term of the assessment financing 271 will not exceed the weighted average useful life expected for the proposed qualifying 272 improvements. The applicant shall include a statement from a qualified professional 273 indicating the weighted average useful life expected for the proposed qualifying 274 improvements. 275 (b) For approved qualifying improvements, an authority may enter into an assessment agreement with the owner of the qualifying property to pay the cost of qualifying 276 277 improvements. Prior to entering into an assessment agreement, an applicant shall provide 278 written consent from any holder of a lien, mortgage, or security deed encumbering the 279 qualifying property. Such written consent shall be signed in the sole and absolute

(5) An applicant shall demonstrate that the proposed assessment financing meets the

280 discretion of the holder of a prior lien, mortgage, or security deed encumbering the 281 qualifying property and, at a minimum, shall state that the holder of such prior lien, 282 mortgage, or security deed has reviewed the final terms of the financing and the assessment 283 agreement; that the qualifying property may participate in the program; and that the 284 assessment lien shall have the same priority status as a lien for ad valorem taxes of the 285 participating local government. 286 (c) Each assessment agreement shall include: 287 (1) A description of the qualifying improvements: 288 (2) A statement describing the procedures for billing and collection of assessments to be 289 imposed by the participating local government pursuant to an intergovernmental assessment agreement, which the owner of the qualifying property shall voluntarily 290 291 request to be imposed and shall agree to pay either directly or through an escrow account that may be established or increased by a prior lien holder on the qualifying property; 292 293 (3) The total amount of the assessment; 294 (4) A schedule of assessment installments requested to be imposed by the participating 295 local government; 296 (5) Any administrative fees to be paid to the authority or to the participating local 297 government pursuant to the related intergovernmental assessment agreement; 298 (6) The number of years the assessment shall be imposed on the qualifying property; and 299 (7) The conditions under which the owner of the qualifying property may prepay and 300 permanently satisfy the unpaid portion of the assessment and remove the assessment lien from the qualifying property, including a description of the terms of any prepayment 301 302 penalty. (d) An assessment agreement may authorize the owner of the qualifying property to 303 304 contract directly, including through lease, power purchase agreement, or other service contract, for installing or modifying a qualifying improvement. 305

306 (e) Upon execution of an assessment agreement by an owner of the qualifying property

307 and an authority, the authority shall cause the participating local government to execute and

- 308 record a notice of assessment in the land record of the jurisdiction in which the qualifying
- 309 property is located, in accordance with Article 2 of this chapter.
- 310 (f) No authority described in this article shall grant any capital provider the exclusive right
- 311 to provide financing or refinancing on a program-wide basis. It is the intent of this
- 312 subsection to enable owners of qualifying properties to recommend to authorities the
- 313 capital providers to finance or refinance the qualifying improvements owned or to be
- 314 owned by such qualifying property owners."
- 315 **SECTION 5.**

316 Said chapter is further amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

- 317 <u>"ARTICLE 2</u>
- 318 <u>36-62-15.</u>
- 319 This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Commercial Property Assessed
- 320 Conservation, Energy, and Resiliency Cooperation Law.'

321 <u>36-62-16.</u>

- 322 The General Assembly finds that it is in the public interest and vital to the public welfare
- 323 of the people of the State of Georgia, and it is declared to be the intent of this article, to
- 324 authorize municipal corporations and counties to enact ordinances or resolutions to
- 325 establish commercial property assessed conservation, energy, and resiliency programs and
- 326 to enter into agreements with development authorities to carry out such programs, all for
- 327 the purpose of developing trade, commerce, industry, and employment opportunities. It
- 328 is found and declared that the assistance provided in this article for the purposes set forth

- 329 in Article 1 of this chapter constitutes a public use and purpose and an essential
- 330 governmental function for which public moneys consisting solely of assessments may be
- 331 spent and that the provisions enacted in this article are necessary in the public interest.
- <u>332</u> <u>36-62-17.</u>
- 333 (a) For the purpose of aiding and cooperating in the planning, undertaking, constructing,
- 334 or carrying out of qualifying improvements located within the area in which it is authorized
- 335 to act, any municipal corporation or county, upon such terms, with or without
- 336 consideration, as it may determine, may:
- 337 (1) Enter into intergovernmental assessment agreements with an authority respecting
- 338 action to be taken by such municipal corporation or county pursuant to any of the powers
- 339 granted by this article, including the furnishing of funds or other assistance in connection
- 340 with qualifying improvements, provided that the obligations of any such municipal
- 341 corporation or county under any such intergovernmental assessment agreement shall be
- 342 limited obligations payable solely from assessments and shall not be paid from any other
- 343 <u>public moneys;</u>
- 344 (2) Do any and all things necessary or convenient to aid or cooperate in the planning,
- 345 <u>undertaking, constructing, and carrying out of qualifying improvements; and</u>
- 346 (3) Grant or contribute assessments to an authority or agree to take such action.
- 347 (b) Any participating local government shall have the power to impose, bill, and collect
- 348 assessments and to pledge and assign assessments to an authority to secure its obligations
- 349 <u>under an intergovernmental assessment agreement.</u>
- 350 (c) Pursuant to Code Section 36-62-8.2, an authority may enter into an assessment
- 351 agreement with an owner of qualifying property for qualifying improvements, under which
- 352 such owner voluntarily agrees to the imposition of assessments under this article. After an
- 353 assessment agreement is entered into, and upon notice from the authority, a participating
- 354 local government shall have the power to execute and record a notice of assessment on the

355 subject property in the real property records of the relevant county. Such notice of 356 assessment shall contain: 357 (1) The principal amount of the assessment; 358 (2) The legal description of the property: (3) The name of each property owner; 359 (4) A copy of the assessment agreement, including a schedule of assessments to be 360 361 imposed by the participating local government; and (5) A reference to subsection (d) of this Code section authorizing the creation of an 362 assessment lien to secure an assessment imposed under this article. 363 (d) An assessment imposed by a participating local government under this article: 364 (1) Is a lien against the property on which the assessment is imposed, from the date on 365 which the notice of assessment is recorded until the assessment, interest, and penalties 366 367 are paid in full; and (2) Has the same priority status as a lien for ad valorem taxes levied by the participating 368 369 local government. 370 (e) The assessment lien created under this article runs with the land and that portion of the 371 assessment that is not yet due may not be accelerated or eliminated by foreclosure of a 372 property tax lien or other lien. 373 (f) Assessments imposed under this article shall be billed and collected in installments in the same manner, by the same tax collector, and at the same times as ad valorem taxes 374 375 levied by the participating local government are billed and collected. The tax collector may 376 include any assessment installment as a separate line item on an ad valorem tax bill or may 377 send a separate bill for any assessment installment. The participating local government may charge fees that shall reflect the reasonable costs of the tax collector for his or her 378 379 actions under this subsection and that shall be added to the assessment. The tax collector shall be a party signatory to each intergovernmental assessment agreement entered into by 380 381 a participating local government. All proceeds of assessment installments received by a

382 participating local government, net of administrative fees of the participating local 383 government, that are subject to a pledge created in an intergovernmental assessment 384 agreement shall be remitted to the applicable authority pursuant to the terms of the 385 intergovernmental assessment agreement. (g) A delinquent assessment installment that is unpaid when due shall incur interest and 386 penalties in the same manner as delinquent ad valorem taxes and shall be enforced by or 387 388 on behalf of the participating local government in the same manner as its ad valorem tax 389 liens. All proceeds from enforcing a delinquent assessment installment and related penalties and interest received by a participating local government that are subject to a 390 391 pledge created in an intergovernmental assessment agreement shall be remitted to the 392 applicable authority pursuant to the terms of the intergovernmental assessment agreement. 393 (h) Subject to an intergovernmental assessment agreement, a participating local 394 government may charge fees that shall reflect the reasonable costs of the participating local 395 government for its actions under this article and that shall be added to the assessment. 396 (i) Assessments shall not count against the tax limitations contained in paragraph (20) of 397 Code Section 48-5-220 or Code Section 48-5-350.

- <u>398</u> <u>36-62-18.</u>
- 399 (a) No obligations of any participating local government under any intergovernmental
- 400 assessment agreement shall constitute a pledge of the full faith or credit of such
- 401 participating local government.
- 402 (b) Any monetary obligation of any participating local government under any
- 403 intergovernmental assessment agreement shall be payable solely from assessments pledged
- 404 and proceeds from enforcing delinquent assessments pursuant to such intergovernmental
- 405 <u>assessment agreement.</u>

- 406 (c) No party to or third-party beneficiary of any intergovernmental assessment agreement
- 407 <u>or any assignee of any rights under any intergovernmental assessment agreement shall have</u>
- 408 <u>the right to compel:</u>
- 409 (1) Any exercise of the taxing power of any participating local government, provided
- 410 that such party, third-party beneficiary, or assignee may compel the imposition and
- 411 enforcement of assessments agreed to be imposed and enforced pursuant to such
- 412 intergovernmental assessment agreement; or
- 413 (2) The enforcement of any payment against any property or public moneys of any such
- 414 participating local government other than assessments pledged or proceeds from
- 415 <u>enforcing delinquent assessments pursuant to such intergovernmental assessment</u>
- 416 <u>agreement.</u>
- 417 <u>36-62-19.</u>
- 418 The exercise by a participating local government of the powers granted by this article may
- 419 <u>be authorized by resolution of the governing body of such participating local government.</u>
- 420 The resolution shall be adopted by a majority of the members of the governing body
- 421 present at a meeting of such governing body, which resolution may be adopted at the
- 422 <u>meeting at which such resolution is introduced</u>. Such a resolution or resolutions shall take
- 423 effect immediately and need not be laid over or published or posted."
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SECTION 6.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming lawwithout such approval.

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SECTION 7.

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