

House Bill 1535 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Panitch of the 51st, Holland of the 54th, and Roberts of the 52nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To authorize the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia, to exercise all redevelopment and other
2 powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia
3 Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law,"
4 as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for
5 automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 The City of Sandy Springs, Georgia, shall be and is authorized to exercise all redevelopment
10 and other powers provided for under Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the
11 "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended. The intention of this Act is to authorize the City
12 of Sandy Springs to undertake and carry out community redevelopment, to create tax
13 allocation districts, to issue tax allocation bonds, and to incur other obligations within the
14 meaning of and as fully permitted under the provisions of Article IX, Section II, Paragraph
15 VII(b) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983, as amended, and to authorize the
16 City of Sandy Springs to exercise redevelopment powers as fully as the "Redevelopment

17 Powers Law" may now or hereafter permit and not to limit any redevelopment powers
18 permitted under the "Redevelopment Powers Law."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 The election superintendent of the City of Sandy Springs shall call and conduct an election,
21 as provided in this section, for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of the City
22 of Sandy Springs for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that
23 election on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 2026, and shall issue the call
24 and conduct that election as provided by general law. The election superintendent shall
25 cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once at least 90 days immediately
26 preceding the date thereof and once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date
27 thereof in the official organ of Fulton County, Georgia. The ballot shall have written or
28 printed thereon the words:

29 "() YES Shall the Act be approved which authorizes the City of Sandy Springs,
30 () NO Georgia, to exercise all redevelopment powers allowed under the
31 'Redevelopment Powers Law,' as it may be amended from time to time?"

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

41 **SECTION 3.**

42 Except as otherwise provided in Section 2 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon
43 its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

44 **SECTION 4.**

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