

House Bill 1018 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Parrish of the 158<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To provide for a nonbinding, advisory referendum for the purpose of ascertaining whether  
2 the Candler County Board of Commissioners should levy an additional ad valorem tax for  
3 the purpose of realizing additional tax revenue to provide payment for the Candler County  
4 Hospital Authority's services and facilities; to provide for legislative purposes and findings;  
5 to provide for procedures and requirements relating thereto; to provide for a referendum and  
6 effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 (a) It is the purpose of this Act to provide for a nonbinding, advisory referendum for the  
10 purpose of ascertaining whether the Candler County Board of Commissioners should levy  
11 an additional ad valorem tax for the purpose of realizing additional tax revenue to provide  
12 payment for the Candler County Hospital Authority's services and facilities.

13 (b) It is found, determined, and declared that the holding of the nonbinding, advisory  
14 referendum provided for in this Act is:

- 15 (1) In all respects for the benefit of the people of Candler County;
- 16 (2) A public purpose; and
- 17 (3) An essential governmental function for which public funds may be expended.

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 The election superintendent of Candler County shall call and conduct a nonbinding, advisory  
20 referendum election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting a question to  
21 the electors of Candler County to determine whether a majority of said electors want the  
22 Candler County Board of Commissioners to levy an additional ad valorem tax to provide  
23 payment for Candler County Hospital Authority's services and facilities. The election  
24 superintendent shall decide in accordance with Georgia election law the date on which the  
25 nonbinding, advisory referendum election shall be held and shall issue the call and conduct

26 that election as provided by general law. The election superintendent shall cause the date and  
27 purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding  
28 the date thereof in the official organ of Candler County. The ballot shall have written or  
29 printed thereon the words:

30 "NONBINDING ADVISORY REFERENDUM

31 Question 1

- 32 ( ) YES Should the Candler County Board of Commissioners levy an ad valorem tax
- 33 of up to two mills in addition to the one already being levied for the purpose
- 34 ( ) NO of realizing tax revenues to provide payment for Candler County Hospital
- 35 Authority's services and facilities and to retire hospital debt?"

36 All persons desiring to vote for approval of the question shall vote "Yes," and all persons  
37 desiring to vote for rejection of the question shall vote "No." The expense of such election  
38 shall be borne by Candler County. It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the  
39 result thereof to the Secretary of State.

40 **SECTION 3.**

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