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House Bill 1240

By: Representatives Welch of the 110th, Douglas of the 78th, Holly of the 111th, Scott of the 76th, Knight of the 130th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 SECTION 1.

8 Henry County, Georgia, shall be and is authorized to exercise all redevelopment and other

9 powers under Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as

amended. The intention of this Act is to authorize Henry County, Georgia, to undertake and

carry out community redevelopment, to create tax allocation districts, to issue tax allocation

bonds, and to incur other obligations within the meaning of and as fully permitted under the

provisions of Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Constitution of the State of

14 Georgia of 1983, as amended, and to authorize Henry County, Georgia, to exercise

15 redevelopment powers as fully as the "Redevelopment Powers Law" may now or hereafter

16 permit and not to limit any redevelopment powers permitted under the "Redevelopment

17 Powers Law."

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18 SECTION 2.

19 The election superintendent of Henry County, Georgia, shall call and conduct an election,

20 as provided in this section, for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of Henry

21 County, Georgia, for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that

22 election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2020, and shall issue

23 the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The election superintendent

shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once at least 90 days

25 immediately preceding the date thereof and once a week for two weeks immediately

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preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Henry County, Georgia. The ballot shall
 have written or printed thereon the words:

- 28 "() YES Shall the Act be approved which authorizes Henry County, Georgia, to
- 29 () NO exercise all redevelopment powers allowed under the 'Redevelopment
- Powers Law,' as it may be amended from time to time?"
- 31 All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring
- 32 to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on
- 33 such question are for approval of the Act, then Section 1 of this Act shall become of full
- 34 force and effect immediately. If this Act is not so approved or if the election is not
- 35 conducted as provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective and
- 36 this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately following
- 37 such election date. The expense of such election shall be borne by Henry County, Georgia.
- 38 It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of
- 39 State.

40 **SECTION 3.**

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

SECTION 4.

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