

House Bill 356

By: Representative Pirkle of the 155th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 The City of Douglas 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
10 amended. The intention of this Act is to authorize the City of Douglas to undertake and carry
11 out community redevelopment, to create tax allocation districts, to issue tax allocation bonds,
12 and to incur other obligations within the meaning of and as fully permitted under the
13 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 the City of Douglas 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."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 The municipal election superintendent of the City of Douglas shall call and conduct an
20 election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of
21 the City of Douglas for approval or rejection. The municipal election superintendent shall
22 conduct that election on any permissible referendum date under Code Section 21-2-540 of
23 the O.C.G.A., but not later than the Tuesday after the first Monday in November of 2019, and
24 shall issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The municipal
25 election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once

26 a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Coffee
27 County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

28 "() YES Shall the Act be approved which authorizes the City of Douglas to exercise
29 redevelopment powers under the 'Redevelopment Powers Law,' as it may
30 () NO 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 Section 1 of this Act is not so approved or if the election is
35 not conducted as provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective,
36 and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first day of September immediately
37 following that election date. The expense of such election shall be borne by the City of
38 Douglas. It shall be the municipal election superintendent's duty to certify the results thereof
39 to the Secretary of 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.

43 **SECTION 4.**

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