

House Bill 673

By: Representatives Mayo of the 84th, Oliver of the 82nd, Drenner of the 85th, Mosby of the 83rd, Mitchell of the 88th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act approved April 19, 2000 (Ga. L. 2000, p. 4285), so as modify the amount
2 of a homestead exemption from City of Decatur ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes
3 except for ad valorem taxes levied to pay interest on and to retire municipal bonded
4 indebtedness in the amount of \$25,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for
5 residents of that city; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to
6 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act approved April 19, 2000 (Ga. L. 2000, p. 4285) is amended by revising subsection
10 (b) as follows:

11 "(b) Each resident of the City of Decatur is granted an exemption on that person's
12 homestead from all City of Decatur ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount
13 of \$25,000.00 of the assessed value of that homestead. The value of that property in excess
14 of such exempted amount shall remain subject to taxation."

15 **SECTION 2.**

16 The municipal election superintendent of the City of Decatur shall call and conduct an
17 election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of
18 the City of Decatur for approval or rejection. The municipal election superintendent shall
19 conduct that election on the date of the November, 2015, municipal election and shall issue
20 the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The municipal election
21 superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week
22 for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of DeKalb
23 County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

