

House Bill 680

By: Representative Jones of the 91st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To provide for charter review commissions for all municipal corporations located wholly or
2 partially in DeKalb County, Georgia; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
3 laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

6 There is hereby created a charter review commission for each of the following municipal
7 corporations located wholly or partially within DeKalb County, Georgia: the City of Atlanta,
8 the City of Avondale Estates, the City of Brookhaven, the City of Chamblee, the City of
9 Clarkston, the City of Decatur, the City of Doraville, the City of Dunwoody, the City of
10 Lithonia, the City of Pine Lake, the City of Stonecrest, the City of Stone Mountain, and the
11 City of Tucker. Each such charter review commission shall be composed of: two members
12 appointed by the DeKalb County House of Representatives legislative delegation to the
13 Georgia General Assembly, which legislative delegation shall be composed of all
14 Representatives in the Georgia General Assembly whose districts are located wholly or
15 partially in DeKalb County; two members appointed by the DeKalb County Senate
16 legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly, which legislative delegation shall
17 be composed of all Senators in the Georgia General Assembly whose districts are located
18 wholly or partially in DeKalb County; one member appointed by the DeKalb County
19 legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly, which legislative delegation shall
20 be composed of all Senators and Representatives in the Georgia General Assembly whose
21 districts are located wholly or partially in DeKalb County; a former chief executive officer
22 of DeKalb County who receives no compensation from such county or from any municipality
23 in the county; and a former mayor of a municipality located in DeKalb County who receives
24 no compensation from such county or from any municipality in the county. All members
25 shall be appointed no later than 90 days after the effective date of this Act. Members of each
26 charter review commission shall select a chairperson by majority vote. Beginning on

27 September 1, 2019, each charter review commission shall undertake a study of the
28 conditions, needs, issues, and problems arising from the respective local Acts governing the
29 above-named municipalities and recommend any actions or legislation that each respective
30 commission deems appropriate to the DeKalb County legislative delegation to the Georgia
31 General Assembly. Each charter review commission may conduct meetings at such places
32 and at such times as deemed necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and
33 effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this
34 Act. Each municipal governing authority of the above-named municipalities shall provide
35 staff support and research necessary for its respective charter review commission to complete
36 its task. Each charter review commission shall make a report of its findings and
37 recommendations with suggestions for proposed legislation no later than January 15, 2020.

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SECTION 2.

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