

The House Committee on Governmental Affairs offers the following substitute to
HB 834:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 36-82-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 elections for approval of bonded debt, so as to repeal certain provisions relating to population
3 brackets and the census; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to
4 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 36-82-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections for
8 approval of bonded debt, is amended by repealing subsection (b.1), which reads as follows:
9 "(b.1) In all counties of this state having a population of 800,000 or more according to the
10 United States decennial census of 2000 or any future such census, no county-wide bond
11 election or school bond election in the unincorporated area of any such county shall be held
12 on any date other than the date of the November general election; provided, however, that
13 upon a determination by any superior court of competent jurisdiction that the holding of
14 such election on the date of the November general election would cause irreparable harm
15 to the electors of any such county, such election shall be held in the manner provided for
16 in subsection (b) of this Code section."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
19 without such approval.

20 **SECTION 3.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.