

House Bill 61

By: Representatives Carpenter of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Tarvin of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Ridley of the 6<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

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

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Whitfield 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  
10 amended. The intention of this Act is to authorize Whitfield County, Georgia, to undertake  
11 and carry out community redevelopment, to create tax allocation districts, to issue tax  
12 allocation bonds, and to incur other obligations within the meaning of and as fully permitted  
13 under the provisions of Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Constitution of the  
14 State of Georgia of 1983, as amended, and to authorize Whitfield County, Georgia, to  
15 exercise redevelopment powers as fully as the "Redevelopment Powers Law" may now or

16 hereafter permit and not to limit any redevelopment powers permitted under the  
17 "Redevelopment Powers Law."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 The election superintendent of Whitfield County shall call and conduct an election as  
20 provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of Whitfield  
21 County for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that election on  
22 the third Tuesday in March of 2021, and shall issue the call and conduct that election as  
23 provided by general law. The election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the  
24 election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof  
25 in the official organ of Whitfield County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon  
26 the words:

27 "( ) YES Shall the Act be approved which authorizes Whitfield County, Georgia, to  
28 ( ) NO exercise all redevelopment powers allowed under the 'Redevelopment  
29 Powers Law,' as it may be amended from time to time?"

30 All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring  
31 to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on  
32 such question are for approval of the Act, then Section 1 of this Act shall become of full  
33 force and effect immediately. If this Act is not so approved or if the election is not  
34 conducted as provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective and  
35 this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first day of April immediately following such  
36 election date. The expense of such election shall be borne by Whitfield County, Georgia.  
37 It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of  
38 State.

39 **SECTION 3.**

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

42 **SECTION 4.**

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