

House Bill 766 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To authorize Catoosa County, Georgia, to exercise all redevelopment and other powers under  
2 Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of  
3 Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a  
4 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 Catoosa 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 Catoosa 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 Catoosa County, Georgia, to exercise  
15 redevelopment powers as fully as the "Redevelopment Powers Law" may now or hereafter

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

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 The election superintendent of Catoosa County, Georgia, shall call and conduct an election,  
20 as provided in this section, for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of Catoosa  
21 County, Georgia, for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that  
22 election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2021, and shall issue  
23 the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The election superintendent  
24 shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once at least 90 days  
25 immediately preceding the date thereof and once a week for two weeks immediately  
26 preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Catoosa County, Georgia. The ballot shall  
27 have written or printed thereon the words:

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36 this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately following  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