

House Bill 296 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives LaRiccia of the 169<sup>th</sup>, Pirkle of the 155<sup>th</sup>, and Corbett of the 174<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

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

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 The City of Douglas 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 the City of Douglas to undertake and carry  
11 out community redevelopment, to create tax allocation districts, to issue tax allocation bonds,  
12 and to incur other obligations within the meaning of and as fully permitted under the  
13 provisions of Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Constitution of the State of  
14 Georgia of 1983, as amended, and to authorize the City of Douglas to exercise  
15 redevelopment powers as fully as the "Redevelopment Powers Law" may now or hereafter  
16 permit and not to limit any redevelopment powers permitted under the "Redevelopment  
17 Powers Law."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 The municipal election superintendent of the City of Douglas shall call and conduct an  
20 election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of  
21 the City of Douglas for approval or rejection. The municipal election superintendent shall  
22 conduct that election on any permissible referendum date under Code Section 21-2-540 of  
23 the O.C.G.A., but not later than the 2017 November general election, and shall issue the call  
24 and conduct that election as provided by general law. The municipal election superintendent  
25 shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks

26 immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Coffee County. The ballot  
27 shall have written or printed thereon the words:

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