

House Bill 869 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To repeal the amendment to the Constitution of Georgia creating within Fulton County the  
2 Fulton County Industrial District and prohibiting the governing authority of Fulton County  
3 from levying any tax for educational purposes within the boundaries of an independent  
4 school system; to provide for a referendum with respect to the effectiveness of the foregoing;  
5 to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 The amendment to the Constitution of Georgia creating within Fulton County the Fulton  
9 County Industrial District and prohibiting the governing authority of Fulton County from  
10 levying any tax for educational purposes within the boundaries of an independent school  
11 system, which amendment was proposed by 1979 House Resolution No. 10-35, Resolution  
12 Act No. 22 (Ga. L. 1979, p. 1797) and was continued in force and effect by an Act approved  
13 March 14, 1983 (Ga. L. 1983, p. 4077), and an Act approved March 20, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986,  
14 p. 4438), is hereby repealed.

15 **SECTION 2.**

16 The election superintendent of Fulton County shall call and conduct an election as provided  
17 in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of Fulton County for  
18 approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct such election on the  
19 Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 2018, and shall issue the call and conduct such  
20 election as provided by general law. The superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of  
21 the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date  
22 thereof in the official organ of Fulton County. The ballot shall have written or printed  
23 thereon the words:

24 "( ) YES Shall the Act be approved which repeals the amendment to the Constitution  
 25 ( ) NO of Georgia creating within Fulton County the Fulton County Industrial  
 26 District and prohibiting the governing authority of Fulton County from  
 27 levying any tax for educational purposes within the boundaries of an  
 28 independent school system?"

29 All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring  
 30 to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on  
 31 such question are for approval of the Act, Section 1 of this Act shall become of full force and  
 32 effect on January 1, 2019. If this Act is not so approved or if the election is not conducted  
 33 as provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective, and this Act  
 34 shall be automatically repealed on January 1, 2019. The expense of such election shall be  
 35 borne by Fulton County. It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result  
 36 thereof to the Secretary of State.

37 **SECTION 3.**

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