

House Bill 547 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Collins of the 68th and Gravley of the 67th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Villa Rica ad valorem
2 taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$8,000.00 of the assessed value of the
3 homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or older, approved February 20,
4 2017 (Act No. 6), so as to change the date of a referendum; to repeal conflicting laws; and
5 for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act providing for a homestead exemption from City of Villa Rica ad valorem taxes for
9 municipal purposes in the amount of \$8,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for
10 residents of that city who are 65 years of age or older, approved February 20, 2017 (Act
11 No. 6), is amended by revising Section 2 as follows:

12 "SECTION 2.

13 The municipal election superintendent of the City of Villa Rica shall call and conduct an
14 election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of
15 the City of Villa Rica for approval or rejection. The municipal election superintendent shall
16 conduct that election on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 2017, and shall
17 issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The municipal
18 superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week
19 for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organs of Carroll County
20 and Douglas County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

21 "() YES Shall the Act be approved which provides a homestead exemption from City
22 of Villa Rica ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of
23 () NO \$8,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city
24 who are 65 years of age or older?"

25 All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring
26 to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on
27 such question are for approval of the Act, Section 1 of this Act shall become of full force and
28 effect on January 1, 2018. If the Act is not so approved or if the election is not conducted
29 as provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective and this Act shall
30 be automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately following that election
31 date. The expense of such election shall be borne by the City of Villa Rica. It shall be the
32 municipal election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State."

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SECTION 2.

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