

Senate Bill 339

By: Senator Parent of the 42nd

**AS PASSED**

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

1 To amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from certain City of Decatur ad valorem  
2 taxes, approved April 19, 2000 (Ga. L. 2000, p. 4285), so as modify the amount of a  
3 homestead exemption from City of Decatur ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes except  
4 for ad valorem taxes levied to pay interest on and to retire municipal bonded indebtedness  
5 in the amount of \$25,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city;  
6 to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws;  
7 and for other purposes.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act providing a homestead exemption from certain City of Decatur ad valorem taxes,  
11 approved April 19, 2000 (Ga. L. 2000, p. 4285), is amended by revising subsection (b) as  
12 follows:

13 "(b) Each resident of the City of Decatur is granted an exemption on that person's  
14 homestead from all City of Decatur ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes except for ad  
15 valorem taxes to pay interest on and to retire municipal bonded indebtedness in the amount  
16 of \$25,000.00 of the assessed value of that homestead. The value of that property in excess  
17 of such exempted amount shall remain subject to taxation."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 The municipal election superintendent of the City of Decatur 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 Decatur for approval or rejection. The municipal election superintendent shall  
22 conduct that election in conjunction with the November, 2016, general election and shall  
23 issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The municipal election  
24 superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week  
25 for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of DeKalb  
26 County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

