

House Bill 1111 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Dickson of the 6<sup>th</sup>, Broadrick of the 4<sup>th</sup>, and Tarvin of the 2<sup>nd</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To authorize the City of Cohutta 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 Cohutta 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 Cohutta 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 Cohutta to exercise redevelopment  
15 powers as fully as the "Redevelopment Powers Law" may now or hereafter permit and not  
16 to limit any redevelopment powers permitted under the "Redevelopment Powers Law."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 The election superintendent of the City of Cohutta shall call and conduct an election as  
19 provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of the City of  
20 Cohutta for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct such election  
21 on any permissible special election date under Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A. but  
22 not later than the November, 2014, general election and shall issue the call and conduct such  
23 election as provided by general law. The superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of  
24 the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date

25 thereof in the official organ of the City of Cohutta. The ballot shall have written or printed  
26 thereon the words:

27 " YES Shall the Act be approved which authorizes the City of Cohutta to exercise  
28 redevelopment powers under the 'Redevelopment Powers Law,' as it may  
29  NO be amended from time to time, for the purpose of improving economic and  
30 social conditions in depressed areas within the county?"

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 such election date. The expense of such election shall be borne by the City of  
38 Cohutta. It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the  
39 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.