House Bill 761 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)
By: Representatives Carter of the 92nd, Kendrick of the 93rd, Davis of the 87th, Drenner of the 85th, Taylor of the 91st, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Lithonia in DeKalb County, Georgia, approved May 5, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4586), so as to change the corporate limits of the city; to provide for related matters; to provide for a referendum; to provide for contingent effective dates and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act to provide a new charter for the City of Lithonia in DeKalb County, Georgia, approved May 5, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4586), is amended in Section 1.11 by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(a.1) In addition to all other territory included within the corporate limits of said city, the corporate limits shall specifically include the following described property, all of which is located in DeKalb County, Georgia:
VTD: 089RL - ROCK CHAPEL ROAD
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For the purposes of this description, the term "VTD" shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in the description which are underneath a VTD heading shall mean and describe individual blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

SECTION 2.

The election superintendent of DeKalb County shall call and conduct a special election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of the territory sought to be annexed into the City of Lithonia under this Act for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct such election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2021, and shall issue the call and conduct such election as provided by general law. The election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of DeKalb County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

"( ) YES  Shall the Act which annexes certain land into the City of Lithonia be approved?"

All persons desiring to vote for approval of the annexation shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring to vote for rejection of the annexation shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on such question are for approval of the annexation, then this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2022. If more than one-half of the votes cast on such question are for rejection of the annexation, this Act shall not become effective and shall be automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately following such election date. The expense
of such election shall be borne by the City of Lithonia. It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 3.

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