

House Bill 753 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Tarvin of the 2nd, and Ridley of the 6th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Whitfield County School District
2 ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of \$150,000.00 of the assessed
3 value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who are 70 years of age
4 or over, approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4538), so as to revise the exemption amount;
5 to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption; to provide for applicability; to provide
6 for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates,
7 automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure
8 to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 An Act providing a homestead exemption from Whitfield County School District ad valorem
12 taxes for educational purposes in the amount of \$150,000.00 of the assessed value of the
13 homestead for certain residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or over,
14 approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4538), is amended by revising subsection (a) of
15 Section 2 as follows:

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16 "(a) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2024, each resident of the Whitfield
17 County School District who is a senior citizen is granted an exemption on that person's
18 homestead from all Whitfield County School District ad valorem taxes for educational
19 purposes in the amount of \$250,000.00 of the appraised value of that homestead. The value
20 of that property in excess of such exempted amount shall remain subject to taxation."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 6 as follows:

23 "SECTION 6.

24 The exemption granted by this Act shall apply to taxable years beginning on or after
25 January 1, 2024."

26 **SECTION 3.**

27 In accordance with the requirements of Article VII, Section II of the Constitution of the State
28 of Georgia, this Act shall not become law unless it receives the requisite two-thirds' majority
29 vote in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

30 **SECTION 4.**

31 The election superintendent of Whitfield County shall call and conduct an election as
32 provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of the Whitfield
33 County School District for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct
34 that election on November 14, 2023, and shall issue the call and conduct that election as
35 provided by general law. The election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the
36 election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof
37 in the official organ of Whitfield County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon
38 the words:

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SECTION 6.

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