

Senate Bill 297

By: Senator Hodges of the 3rd

**AS PASSED**

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To authorize McIntosh County to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for  
2 under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44  
3 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for  
4 a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain  
5 circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 McIntosh County shall be and is authorized to exercise all redevelopment and other powers  
9 provided for under Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers  
10 Law," as amended. The intention of this Act is to authorize McIntosh County to undertake  
11 and carry out community redevelopment, to create tax allocation districts, to issue tax  
12 allocation bonds, and to incur other obligations within the meaning of and as fully permitted  
13 under the provisions of Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Constitution of the  
14 State of Georgia of 1983, as amended, and to authorize McIntosh County to exercise  
15 redevelopment powers as fully as the "Redevelopment Powers Law" may now or hereafter

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16 permit and not to limit any redevelopment powers permitted under the "Redevelopment  
17 Powers Law."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 The election superintendent of McIntosh County shall call and conduct an election, as  
20 provided in this section, for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of McIntosh  
21 County for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that election on  
22 any permissible special election date under Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A., but not  
23 later than the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 2024, and shall issue the call and  
24 conduct that election as provided by general law. The election superintendent shall cause the  
25 date and purpose of the election to be published once at least 90 days immediately preceding  
26 the date thereof and once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in  
27 the official organ of McIntosh County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the  
28 words:

29 "( ) YES Shall the Act be approved which authorizes McIntosh County to exercise  
30 ( ) NO all redevelopment powers allowed under the 'Redevelopment Powers Law,'  
31 as it may be amended from time to time?"

32 All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring  
33 to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on  
34 such question are for approval of the Act, then Section 1 of this Act shall become of full  
35 force and effect immediately. If this Act is not so approved or if the election is not  
36 conducted as provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective and  
37 this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately following  
38 such election date. The expense of such election shall be borne by McIntosh County. It shall  
39 be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the 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.