

House Bill 1080 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Frazier of the 126<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

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

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

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

17 may now or hereafter permit and not to limit any redevelopment powers permitted under the  
18 "Redevelopment Powers Law."

19 **SECTION 2.**

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

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

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

42 **SECTION 3.**

43 Except as otherwise provided in Section 2 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon  
44 its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

45 **SECTION 4.**

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