

House Bill 1145 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Scoggins of the 14th and Gambill of the 15th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from certain Bartow County School
2 District ad valorem taxes for education purposes in the amount of \$28,000.00 of the assessed
3 value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who are disabled and who
4 do not have a gross income from all sources, including Social Security and any other
5 retirement or disability income and including the income of all members of the family
6 residing within said homestead, exceeding \$20,000.00 per annum for the immediately
7 preceding year, approved April 5, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 4900), so as to increase the income
8 cap to \$36,000.00; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal,
9 mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal
10 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

12 **SECTION 1.**

13 An Act to provide a homestead exemption from certain Bartow County School District ad
14 valorem taxes for education purposes in the amount of \$28,000.00 of the assessed value of
15 the homestead for certain residents of that school district who are disabled and who do not
16 have a gross income from all sources, including Social Security and any other retirement or

17 disability income and including the income of all members of the family residing within said
18 homestead, exceeding \$20,000.00 per annum for the immediately preceding year, approved
19 April 5, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 4900), is amended by revising subsection (a) of Section 2 as
20 follows:

21 "(a) Each resident of the Bartow County School District who is disabled and who does not
22 have a gross income from all sources, including Social Security and any other retirement
23 or disability income and including the income of all members of the family residing within
24 said homestead, exceeding \$36,000.00 per annum for the immediately preceding year is
25 granted an exemption on that person's homestead from all Bartow County School District
26 ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of \$28,000.00 of the assessed
27 value of that homestead."

28 **SECTION 2.**

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

32 **SECTION 3.**

33 The election superintendent of Bartow County shall call and conduct an election as provided
34 in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of the Bartow County
35 School District for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that
36 election on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 2024, and shall issue the call
37 and conduct such election as provided by general law. The election superintendent shall
38 cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks
39 immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Bartow County. The ballot
40 shall have written or printed thereon the words:

