House Bill 206 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 42 and Chapter 62 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, 2 relating to downtown development authorities and development authorities, respectively, so 3 as to authorize such authorities to provide certain financing for qualifying improvements, 4 including energy efficiency, water conservation, renewable energy, and resiliency 5 improvements; to provide for powers; to provide for financial obligations; to provide a short 6 title; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for cities and counties to 7 cooperate with development authorities in financing qualifying improvements by imposing 8 special assessments on qualifying commercial properties; to provide for the collection and 9 lien status of such assessments; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to 10 provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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SECTION 1.

13 Chapter 42 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to downtown 14 development authorities, is amended in subsection (a) of Code Section 36-42-8, relating to 15 powers of authorities generally, by deleting "and" at the end of paragraph (23), by replacing 16 the period at the end of paragraph (24) with "; and", and by adding a new paragraph to read 17 as follows:

| 18 | "(25) To exercise any power granted to development authorities in Code S | Sections |
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| 19 | <u>36-62-2.1, 36-62-6.2, 36-62-8.1, and 36-62-8.2."</u> | |

SECTION 2.

21 Chapter 62 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to development
22 authorities, is amended by redesignating Code Sections 36-62-1 through 36-62-14 as
23 Article 1.

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SECTION 3.

25 Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

- 26 <u>"36-62-2.1.</u>
- 27 As used in this chapter, the term:
- 28 (1) 'Assessment' means a special assessment imposed by a participating local
- 29 government pursuant to Article 2 of this chapter.
- 30 (2) 'Assessment agreement' means an agreement between an authority and a qualifying
- 31 property owner in which, among other things, the authority agrees to pay the costs of
- 32 qualifying improvements and the qualifying property owner voluntarily requests
- 33 assessments to be imposed by the participating local government on the qualifying
- 34 property.
- 35 (3) 'Assessment financing' means the financing or refinancing of qualifying
 36 improvements.
- 37 (4) 'Capital provider' means a private entity or its designee, successor, or assign that
- 38 purchases an obligation of an authority pursuant to this article.
- 39 (5) 'Cost of the qualifying improvements' or 'cost of any qualifying improvement' means
- 40 <u>and includes:</u>

| 41 | (A) All costs of acquisition (by purchase or otherwise), construction, assembly, |
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| 42 | installation, modification, renovation, or rehabilitation incurred in connection with any |
| 43 | qualifying improvement or any part of any qualifying improvement; |
| 44 | (B) All costs of real property, fixtures, or materials used in or in connection with or |
| 45 | necessary for any qualifying improvement or for any facilities related thereto, |
| 46 | including, but not limited to, the cost of all easements, rights, improvements, water |
| 47 | rights, connections for utility services, fees, franchises, permits, approvals, licenses, and |
| 48 | certificates; the cost of securing any such franchises, permits, approvals, licenses, or |
| 49 | certificates; and the cost of preparation of any application therefor and the cost of all |
| 50 | labor and materials used in or in connection with or necessary for any qualifying |
| 51 | improvement; |
| 52 | (C) All financing charges and loan fees and all interest on revenue bonds, notes, or |
| 53 | other obligations of an authority that accrues or is paid prior to and during the period |
| 54 | of construction of a qualifying improvement and during such additional period as the |
| 55 | authority may reasonably determine to be necessary to place such qualifying |
| 56 | improvement in operation; |
| 57 | (D) All costs of engineering, architectural, and legal services and all expenses incurred |
| 58 | by engineers, architects, and attorneys in connection with any qualifying improvement; |
| 59 | (E) All expenses for inspection and any third-party review or verification fees; |
| 60 | (F) All fees of fiscal agents, paying agents, and trustees for bondholders under any trust |
| 61 | agreement, indenture of trust, or similar instrument or agreement; all expenses incurred |
| 62 | by any such fiscal agents, paying agents, and trustees; and all other costs and expenses |
| 63 | incurred relative to the issuance of any revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations for |
| 64 | any qualifying improvement, including capital provider's fees; |
| 65 | (G) All fees of any type charged by an authority in connection with any qualifying |
| 66 | improvement; |

| 67 | (H) All expenses necessary or incidental to determining the feasibility or practicability |
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| 68 | of any qualifying improvement; |
| 69 | (I) All costs of plans and specifications for any qualifying improvement; |
| 70 | (J) Repayment of any loans made for the advance payment of any part of any of the |
| 71 | foregoing costs, including interest thereon and any other expenses of such loans; |
| 72 | (K) Administrative expenses of the authority and such other expenses as may be |
| 73 | necessary or incidental to any qualifying improvement or the financing thereof or the |
| 74 | placing of any qualifying improvement in operation; and |
| 75 | (L) The establishment of a fund or funds for the creation of a debt service reserve, a |
| 76 | renewal and replacement reserve, or such other funds or reserves, including for ad |
| 77 | valorem taxes and insurance, as the authority may approve with respect to the financing |
| 78 | and operation of any qualifying improvement and as may be authorized by any bond |
| 79 | resolution, trust agreement, indenture of trust, or similar instrument or agreement |
| 80 | pursuant to the provisions of which the issuance of any revenue bonds, notes, or other |
| 81 | obligations of the authority may be authorized. |
| 82 | Any cost, obligation, or expense incurred for any of the foregoing purposes shall be a part |
| 83 | of such defined term and may be paid or reimbursed as such out of proceeds of revenue |
| 84 | bonds, notes, or other obligations issued by the authority. |
| 85 | (6) 'Financing application' means an application submitted to an authority or program |
| 86 | administrator to demonstrate that the proposed improvements qualify for financing |
| 87 | pursuant to a program. |
| 88 | (7) 'Intergovernmental assessment agreement' means a contract entered into pursuant to |
| 89 | Article IX, Section III, Paragraph I of the Constitution of Georgia between a county or |
| 90 | a municipal corporation, as party of the first part, and an authority, as party of the second |
| 91 | part, pursuant to which the county or municipal corporation agrees to make payments to |
| 92 | the authority, the sole source of which shall be assessments and no other public moneys, |

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| 93 | to furnish financial assistance to aid in the planning, undertaking, or carrying out of a |
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| 94 | qualifying improvement. |
| 95 | (8) 'Participating local government' means a municipal corporation or a county that |
| 96 | enters into an intergovernmental assessment agreement with an authority. |
| 97 | (9) 'Program' means a commercial property assessed conservation, energy, and resiliency |
| 98 | program established by an authority. |
| 99 | (10) 'Program administrator' means any official or agency designated by an authority to |
| 100 | administer a program or a private and independent third party designated by an authority |
| 101 | to administer a program, provided that the administration procedures used conform to the |
| 102 | requirements of this article. |
| 103 | (11) 'Program guidebook' means a comprehensive document that establishes appropriate |
| 104 | guidelines, specifications, approval criteria, and other standard forms consistent with |
| 105 | administering a program and not detailed in this article, including forms for an |
| 106 | assessment agreement, notice of assessment, and financing application. |
| 107 | (12) 'Qualifying improvement' means a permanently affixed energy efficiency |
| 108 | improvement, renewable energy improvement, water conservation improvement, or |
| 109 | resiliency improvement installed on qualifying property as part of the construction or |
| 110 | renovation of the qualifying property. |
| 111 | (13) 'Qualifying property' means privately owned or leased commercial, industrial, or |
| 112 | agricultural real property or multifamily residential real property with five or more |
| 113 | dwelling units. |
| 114 | (14) 'Resiliency improvement' means any improvement to qualifying property intended |
| 115 | to increase resilience and improve durability of such property, including, but not limited |
| 116 | to, seismic retrofits, flood mitigation, fire suppression, wind resistance, energy storage, |
| 117 | microgrids, and backup power generation." |

SECTION 4.

120 ″<u>36-62-6.2.</u>

(a) In addition to the powers otherwise granted in this article, each authority shall have the
 following powers:

(1) To make and execute intergovernmental assessment agreements, assessment
 agreements, and agreements for grants or loans to finance or refinance qualifying
 improvements;

(2) To finance by loan, grant, or otherwise, including through assessment agreements, and refinance qualifying improvements and to pay the cost of any qualifying improvement from the proceeds of revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations of the authority or any other funds of the authority, or from any contributions or loans by persons, corporations, partnerships, whether limited or general, or other entities, all of which the authority is authorized to receive, accept, and use;

132 (3) To issue revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations of the authority and use the 133 proceeds thereof for the purpose of paying, or loaning or granting the proceeds thereof 134 to pay, all or any part of the cost of any qualifying improvement and otherwise to further 135 or carry out the public purpose of the authority and to pay all costs of the authority 136 incidental to, or necessary and appropriate to, furthering or carrying out such purpose; 137 (4) To extend credit or make loans or grants to any person, corporation, partnership, 138 whether limited or general, or other entity for the costs of any qualifying improvement 139 or any part of the costs of any qualifying improvement, which credit, loans, or grants may 140 be evidenced or secured by loan agreements, grant agreements, assessment agreements, notes, mortgages, deeds to secure debt, trust deeds, security agreements, assignments, or 141 such other instruments, or by assessments, revenues, fees, or charges, upon such terms 142 and conditions as the authority shall determine to be reasonable in connection with such 143 extension of credit, loans, or grants, including provision for the establishment and 144 maintenance of reserve funds; and, in the exercise of powers granted by this article in 145

| 146 | connection with any qualifying improvement, the authority shall have the right and power |
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| 147 | to require the inclusion in any such loan agreement, grant agreement, assessment |
| 148 | agreement, note, mortgage, deed to secure debt, trust deed, security agreement, |
| 149 | assignment, or other instrument of such provisions or requirements for guaranty of any |
| 150 | obligations, insurance, construction, use, operation, maintenance, and financing of a |
| 151 | qualifying improvement, and such other terms and conditions as the authority may deem |
| 152 | necessary or desirable; |
| 153 | (5) As security for repayment of any revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations of the |
| 154 | authority, to pledge, convey, assign, hypothecate, or otherwise encumber any property |
| 155 | of the authority, including, but not limited to, contract rights under intergovernmental |
| 156 | assessment agreements and revenues or other funds, and to execute any trust indenture; |
| 157 | trust agreement; agreement for the sale of the authority's revenue bonds, notes, or other |
| 158 | obligations; loan agreement; security agreement; assignment; or other agreement or |
| 159 | instrument as may be necessary or desirable, in the judgment of the authority, to secure |
| 160 | any such revenue bonds, notes, or the obligations, which instruments or agreements may |
| 161 | provide for foreclosure or forced sale of any property of the authority upon default in any |
| 162 | obligation of the authority, either in payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest or |
| 163 | in the performance of any term or condition contained in any such agreement or |
| 164 | instrument. The State of Georgia, on behalf of itself and each county, municipal |
| 165 | corporation, political subdivision, or taxing district therein, waives any right it or such |
| 166 | county, municipal corporation, political subdivision, or taxing district may have to |
| 167 | prevent the forced sale or foreclosure of any property of the authority upon such default |
| 168 | and agrees that any agreement or instrument encumbering such property may be |
| 169 | foreclosed in accordance with law and the terms thereof; |
| 170 | (6) To receive and use the proceeds of any assessment imposed by a municipal |
| 171 | corporation or a county to pay the costs of any qualifying improvement or for any other |
| 172 | purpose for which the authority may use its own funds pursuant to this article, including |

| 173 | the payment of principal or premium, if any, and interest on revenue bonds, notes, o | 01 |
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| 174 | other obligations of the authority; and | |

- 175 (7) To establish and administer programs and to appoint, select, and employ program
- 176 <u>administrators and to fix their compensation and pay their expenses.</u>
- 177 (b) When an authority exercises its grant powers given by subsection (a) of this Code
- 178 section, in determining compliance with Article III, Section VI, Paragraph VI(a) of the
- 179 Constitution of Georgia, the authority may take into consideration the assessments to be
- 180 paid by the grant recipient, as well as the substantiality of the public purpose to be achieved

181 <u>by the grant.</u>"

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SECTION 5.

183 Said chapter is further amended by adding new Code sections to read as follows:

184 ″<u>36-62-8.1.</u>

- 185 (a) Revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations issued by an authority to finance or
- 186 refinance the cost of any qualifying improvement shall be paid solely from the property,
- 187 including, but not limited to, contract rights, revenues, or other funds, pledged, conveyed,
- 188 assigned, hypothecated, or otherwise encumbered to secure or to pay such bonds, notes, or
- 189 <u>other obligations.</u>
- 190 (b) All revenue bonds, notes, and other obligations shall be authorized by resolution of the
- 191 authority, adopted by a majority vote of the directors of the authority at a regular or special
- 192 <u>meeting.</u>
- 193 (c) Revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations issued to finance or refinance the cost of
- 194 any qualifying improvement shall bear such date or dates; shall mature at such time or
- 195 times, not more than 40 years from their respective dates; shall bear interest at such rate or
- 196 rates, which may be fixed or may fluctuate or otherwise change from time to time; shall be
- 197 subject to redemption on such terms; and shall contain such other terms, provisions,
- 198 covenants, assignments, and conditions as the resolution authorizing the issuance of such

199 bonds, notes, or other obligations may permit or provide. The terms, provisions, covenants, 200 assignments, and conditions contained in or provided or permitted by any resolution of the 201 authority authorizing the issuance of such revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations shall 202 bind the directors of the authority then in office and their successors. 203 (d) The authority shall have the power from time to time and whenever it deems it 204 expedient to refund any revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations issued to finance or 205 refinance the cost of any qualifying improvement by the issuance of new revenue bonds, 206 notes, or other obligations, whether or not the revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations to be refunded have matured, and may issue revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations 207 208 partly to refund revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations then outstanding and partly for 209 any other purpose permitted under this article. The refunding revenue bonds, notes, or 210 other obligations may be exchanged for the revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations to 211 be refunded, with such cash adjustments as may be agreed upon, or may be sold and the 212 proceeds applied to the purchase or redemption of the revenue bonds, notes, or other 213 obligations to be refunded. 214 (e) There shall be no limitation upon the amount of revenue bonds, notes, or other 215 obligations that an authority may issue to finance or refinance the cost of any qualifying 216 improvement. Any limitations with respect to interest rates or any maximum interest rate 217 or rates found in Article 3 of Chapter 82 of this title, the 'Revenue Bond Law,' the usury 218 laws of this state, or any other laws of this state shall not apply to revenue bonds, notes, or 219 other obligations of an authority issued to finance or refinance the cost of any qualifying 220 improvement. 221 (f) All revenue bonds issued by an authority under this article to finance or refinance the cost of any qualifying improvement shall be issued and validated under and in accordance 222 223 with Article 3 of Chapter 82 of this title, the 'Revenue Bond Law,' except as provided in this article, provided that notes and other obligations of an authority may, but shall not be 224 225 required to, be so validated.

| 226 | (g) The terms 'cost of the qualifying improvement' and 'cost of any qualifying |
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| 227 | improvement' shall have the meaning prescribed in this article whenever those terms are |
| 228 | referred to in bond resolutions of an authority; in bonds, notes, or other obligations of an |
| 229 | authority; or in notices or proceedings to validate such bonds, notes, or other obligations |
| 230 | of an authority. |
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| 231 | <u>36-62-8.2.</u> |
| 232 | (a) A program shall establish a financing application and review process to evaluate such |
| 233 | applications. The program shall prescribe the form and manner of the financing |
| 234 | application. At a minimum: |
| 235 | (1) An applicant shall demonstrate that the qualifying improvement provides a benefit |
| 236 | to the public in the form of energy or water resource conservation or improved resiliency; |
| 237 | (2) For an existing building: |
| 238 | (A) When energy or water efficiency improvements are proposed, an applicant shall |
| 239 | provide: |
| 240 | (i) An energy or water efficiency analysis by a licensed engineering firm, engineer, |
| 241 | or other qualified professional listed in the program guidebook; and |
| 242 | (ii) A statement by the author of the analysis that the proposed qualifying |
| 243 | improvements will result in more efficient use or conservation of energy or water, the |
| 244 | reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, or the addition of renewable sources of energy |
| 245 | or water; or |
| 246 | (B) When resiliency improvements are proposed, an applicant shall provide |
| 247 | certification by a licensed engineering firm, engineer, or other qualified professional |
| 248 | listed in the program guidebook stating that the proposed qualifying improvements will |
| 249 | result in improved resilience; |
| 250 | (3) For new construction, an applicant shall provide certification by a licensed |
| 251 | engineering firm, engineer, or other qualified professional listed in the program |

| 252 | guidebook stating that the proposed qualifying improvements will enable the qualifying |
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| 253 | property to exceed the current building code requirements for: |
| 254 | (A) Energy efficiency; |
| 255 | (B) Water efficiency; |
| 256 | (C) Renewable energy; or |
| 257 | (D) Resilience; |
| 258 | (4) An applicant shall include a certification that the person requesting the proposed |
| 259 | qualifying improvements is the owner of the qualifying property and that there are no |
| 260 | delinquent taxes or assessments on the qualifying property; and |
| 261 | (5) An applicant shall demonstrate that the proposed assessment financing meets the |
| 262 | following guidelines and any other guidelines adopted by the authority, which may be in |
| 263 | addition to or more restrictive than the following guidelines: |
| 264 | (A) Unless a higher percentage is agreed to by the holder of a lien, mortgage, or |
| 265 | security deed encumbering the qualifying property in the written consent required by |
| 266 | subsection (b) of this Code section, an applicant must demonstrate that the amount of |
| 267 | the proposed assessment financing and all other debt secured by the qualifying property |
| 268 | upon execution of the assessment agreement will not exceed 80 percent of the fair |
| 269 | market value of the qualifying property as determined by a qualified appraiser, which |
| 270 | appraisal may take into account the expected increase in fair market value of the |
| 271 | qualifying property resulting from the proposed qualifying improvements, as completed |
| 272 | or as stabilized; |
| 273 | (B) An applicant must demonstrate that the amount of the proposed assessment |
| 274 | financing will not exceed 25 percent of the fair market value of the qualifying property |
| 275 | as determined by a qualified appraiser, which appraisal may take into account the |
| 276 | expected increase in fair market value of the qualifying property resulting from the |
| 277 | proposed qualifying improvements, as completed or as stabilized; and |

| 278 | (C) An applicant must demonstrate that the period or term of the assessment financing |
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| 279 | will not exceed the weighted average useful life expected for the proposed qualifying |
| 280 | improvements. The applicant shall include a statement from a qualified professional |
| 281 | indicating the weighted average useful life expected for the proposed qualifying |
| 282 | improvements. |
| 283 | (b) For approved qualifying improvements, an authority may enter into an assessment |
| 284 | agreement with the owner of the qualifying property to pay the cost of qualifying |
| 285 | improvements. Prior to entering into an assessment agreement, an applicant shall provide |
| 286 | written consent from any holder of a lien, mortgage, or security deed encumbering the |
| 287 | qualifying property. Such written consent shall be signed in the sole and absolute |
| 288 | discretion of the holder of a prior lien, mortgage, or security deed encumbering the |
| 289 | qualifying property and, at a minimum, shall state that the holder of such prior lien, |
| 290 | mortgage, or security deed has reviewed the final terms of the financing and the assessment |
| 291 | agreement; that the qualifying property may participate in the program; and that the |
| 292 | assessment lien shall have the same priority status as a lien for ad valorem taxes of the |
| 293 | participating local government. |
| 294 | (c) Each assessment agreement shall include: |
| 295 | (1) A description of the qualifying improvements; |
| 296 | (2) A statement describing the procedures for billing and collection of assessments to be |
| 297 | imposed by the participating local government pursuant to an intergovernmental |
| 298 | assessment agreement, which the owner of the qualifying property shall voluntarily |
| 299 | request to be imposed and shall agree to pay either directly or through an escrow account |
| 300 | that may be established or increased by a prior lien holder on the qualifying property; |
| 301 | (3) The total amount of the assessment; |
| 302 | (4) A schedule of assessment installments requested to be imposed by the participating |
| 303 | local government; |

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| 304 | (5) Any administrative fees to be paid to the authority or to the participating local |
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| 305 | government pursuant to the related intergovernmental assessment agreement; |
| 306 | (6) The number of years the assessment shall be imposed on the qualifying property; and |
| 307 | (7) The conditions under which the owner of the qualifying property may prepay and |
| 308 | permanently satisfy the unpaid portion of the assessment and remove the assessment lien |
| 309 | from the qualifying property, including a description of the terms of any prepayment |
| 310 | penalty. |
| 311 | (d) An assessment agreement may authorize the owner of the qualifying property to |
| 312 | contract directly, including through lease, power purchase agreement, or other service |
| 313 | contract, for installing or modifying a qualifying improvement. |
| 314 | (e) Upon execution of an assessment agreement by an owner of the qualifying property |
| 315 | and an authority, the authority shall cause the participating local government to execute and |
| 316 | record a notice of assessment in the land record of the jurisdiction in which the qualifying |
| 317 | property is located, in accordance with Article 2 of this chapter. |
| 318 | (f) No authority described in this article shall grant any capital provider the exclusive right |
| 319 | to provide financing or refinancing on a program-wide basis. It is the intent of this |
| 320 | subsection to enable owners of qualifying properties to recommend to authorities the |
| 321 | capital providers to finance or refinance the qualifying improvements owned or to be |

322 owned by such qualifying property owners."

SECTION 6.

324 Said chapter is further amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

- 325 "<u>ARTICLE 2</u>
- 326 <u>36-62-15.</u>

| 327 | This article shall | be known and | l may be | cited as | the 'Commercial | Property | Assessed |
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| 328 | Conservation, Ener | rgy, and Resil | iency Coo | operation] | Law.' | | |

<u>329</u> <u>36-62-16.</u>

330 The General Assembly finds that it is in the public interest and vital to the public welfare 331 of the people of the State of Georgia, and it is declared to be the intent of this article, to 332 authorize municipal corporations and counties to enact ordinances or resolutions to establish commercial property assessed conservation, energy, and resiliency programs and 333 334 to enter into agreements with development authorities to carry out such programs, all for the purpose of developing trade, commerce, industry, and employment opportunities. It 335 is found and declared that the assistance provided in this article for the purposes set forth 336 337 in Article 1 of this chapter constitutes a public use and purpose and an essential 338 governmental function for which public moneys consisting solely of assessments may be 339 spent and that the provisions enacted in this article are necessary in the public interest.

<u>340</u> <u>36-62-17.</u>

- 341 (a) For the purpose of aiding and cooperating in the planning, undertaking, constructing,
 342 or carrying out of qualifying improvements located within the area in which it is authorized
 343 to act, any municipal corporation or county, upon such terms, with or without
 344 consideration, as it may determine, may:
 345 (1) Enter into intergovernmental assessment agreements with an authority respecting
- 346 action to be taken by such municipal corporation or county pursuant to any of the powers
- 347 granted by this article, including the furnishing of funds or other assistance in connection
- 348 with qualifying improvements, provided that the obligations of any such municipal
- 349 <u>corporation or county under any such intergovernmental assessment agreement shall be</u>
- 350 <u>limited obligations payable solely from assessments and shall not be paid from any other</u>
- 351 <u>public moneys;</u>

352 (2) Do any and all things necessary or convenient to aid or cooperate in the planning, 353 undertaking, constructing, and carrying out of qualifying improvements; and 354 (3) Grant or contribute assessments to an authority or agree to take such action. 355 (b) Any participating local government shall have the power to impose, bill, and collect assessments and to pledge and assign assessments to an authority to secure its obligations 356 under an intergovernmental assessment agreement. 357 358 (c) Pursuant to Code Section 36-62-8.2, an authority may enter into an assessment 359 agreement with an owner of qualifying property for qualifying improvements, under which such owner voluntarily agrees to the imposition of assessments under this article. After an 360 assessment agreement is entered into, and upon notice from the authority, a participating 361 local government shall have the power to execute and record a notice of assessment on the 362 subject property in the real property records of the relevant county. Such notice of 363 364 assessment shall contain: 365 (1) The principal amount of the assessment; 366 (2) The legal description of the property; (3) The name of each property owner; 367 368 (4) A copy of the assessment agreement, including a schedule of assessments to be 369 imposed by the participating local government; and 370 (5) A reference to subsection (d) of this Code section authorizing the creation of an 371 assessment lien to secure an assessment imposed under this article. 372 (d) An assessment imposed by a participating local government under this article: 373 (1) Is a lien against the property on which the assessment is imposed, from the date on which the notice of assessment is recorded until the assessment, interest, and penalties 374 375 are paid in full; and 376 (2) Has the same priority status as a lien for ad valorem taxes levied by the participating 377 local government.

378 (e) The assessment lien created under this article runs with the land and that portion of the 379 assessment that is not yet due may not be accelerated or eliminated by foreclosure of a 380 property tax lien or other lien. (f) Assessments imposed under this article shall be billed and collected in installments in 381 the same manner, by the same tax collector, and at the same times as ad valorem taxes 382 levied by the participating local government are billed and collected. The tax collector may 383 384 include any assessment installment as a separate line item on an ad valorem tax bill or may send a separate bill for any assessment installment. The participating local government 385 386 may charge fees that shall reflect the reasonable costs of the tax collector for his or her 387 actions under this subsection and that shall be added to the assessment. The tax collector 388 shall be a party signatory to each intergovernmental assessment agreement entered into by a participating local government. All proceeds of assessment installments received by a 389 390 participating local government, net of administrative fees of the participating local 391 government, that are subject to a pledge created in an intergovernmental assessment 392 agreement shall be remitted to the applicable authority pursuant to the terms of the 393 intergovernmental assessment agreement. 394 (g) A delinquent assessment installment that is unpaid when due shall incur interest and 395 penalties in the same manner as delinquent ad valorem taxes and shall be enforced by or 396 on behalf of the participating local government in the same manner as its ad valorem tax 397 liens. All proceeds from enforcing a delinquent assessment installment and related 398 penalties and interest received by a participating local government that are subject to a 399 pledge created in an intergovernmental assessment agreement shall be remitted to the 400 applicable authority pursuant to the terms of the intergovernmental assessment agreement. 401 (h) Subject to an intergovernmental assessment agreement, a participating local 402 government may charge fees that shall reflect the reasonable costs of the participating local 403 government for its actions under this article and that shall be added to the assessment.

| 404 | (i) Assessments shall not count against the tax limitations contained in paragraph (20) of |
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| 405 | Code Section 48-5-220 or Code Section 48-5-350. |
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| 406 | <u>36-62-18.</u> |
| 407 | (a) No obligations of any participating local government under any intergovernmental |
| 408 | assessment agreement shall constitute a pledge of the full faith or credit of such |
| 409 | participating local government. |
| 410 | (b) Any monetary obligation of any participating local government under any |
| 411 | intergovernmental assessment agreement shall be payable solely from assessments pledged |
| 412 | and proceeds from enforcing delinquent assessments pursuant to such intergovernmental |
| 413 | assessment agreement. |
| 414 | (c) No party to or third-party beneficiary of any intergovernmental assessment agreement |
| 415 | or any assignee of any rights under any intergovernmental assessment agreement shall have |
| 416 | the right to compel: |
| 417 | (1) Any exercise of the taxing power of any participating local government, provided |
| 418 | that such party, third-party beneficiary, or assignee may compel the imposition and |
| 419 | enforcement of assessments agreed to be imposed and enforced pursuant to such |
| 420 | intergovernmental assessment agreement; or |
| 421 | (2) The enforcement of any payment against any property or public moneys of any such |
| 422 | participating local government other than assessments pledged or proceeds from |
| 423 | enforcing delinquent assessments pursuant to such intergovernmental assessment |
| 424 | agreement. |
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- 425 <u>36-62-19.</u>
- 426 The exercise by a participating local government of the powers granted by this article may
- 427 be authorized by resolution of the governing body of such participating local government.
- 428 The resolution shall be adopted by a majority of the members of the governing body

- 429 present at a meeting of such governing body, which resolution may be adopted at the
- 430 meeting at which such resolution is introduced. Such a resolution or resolutions shall take
- 431 effect immediately and need not be laid over or published or posted."
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SECTION 7.

433 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law434 without such approval.

- 435 **SECTION 8.**
- 436 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.