

House Bill 648 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from City of College Park ad valorem  
2 taxes for municipal purposes for the full amount of the assessed value of the homestead for  
3 certain residents of that city who are disabled or who are 65 years of age or older, approved  
4 May 1, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 3696), so as to remove the income cap from such exemption;  
5 to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum,  
6 effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies  
7 regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act providing a homestead exemption from City of College Park ad valorem taxes for  
11 municipal purposes for the full amount of the assessed value of the homestead for certain  
12 residents of that city who are disabled or who are 65 years of age or older, approved May 1,  
13 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 3696), is amended in Section 1 by repealing and reserving paragraph  
14 (4) of subsection (a) and by revising subsection (b) and paragraph (2) of subsection (c) as  
15 follows:

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16 "(b) Each resident of the City of College Park who is disabled or who is a senior citizen  
17 is granted an exemption on that person's homestead from City of College Park ad valorem  
18 taxes for municipal purposes for the full amount of the assessed value of that homestead."

19 "(2) A person shall not receive the homestead exemption granted by subsection (b) of this  
20 section unless such person or person's agent files an application with the governing  
21 authority of the City of College Park, or the designee thereof, giving the person's age and  
22 such additional information relative to receiving such exemption as will enable the  
23 governing authority of the City of College Park, or the designee thereof, to make a  
24 determination regarding the initial and continuing eligibility of such person for such  
25 exemption. The governing authority of the City of College Park, or the designee thereof,  
26 shall provide application forms for this purpose."

## 27 **SECTION 2.**

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

## 31 **SECTION 3.**

32 The municipal election superintendent of the City of College Park shall call and conduct an  
33 election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of  
34 the City of College Park for approval or rejection. The municipal election superintendent  
35 shall conduct such election on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 2025, and  
36 shall issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The municipal  
37 election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once  
38 a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organs of Fulton  
39 and Clayton counties. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:



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**SECTION 5.**

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