A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To provide for a nonbinding advisory referendum for the purpose of ascertaining whether the governing authority of the City of Morrow should seek a reduction in the $60,000.00 homestead exemption from City of Morrow ad valorem taxes for city purposes; to provide for legislative purposes and findings; to provide for procedures and requirements relating thereto; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

(a) It is the purpose of this Act to provide for a nonbinding advisory referendum for the purpose of ascertaining whether the governing authority of the City of Morrow should seek a reduction in the $60,000.00 homestead exemption from City of Morrow ad valorem taxes for city purposes.

(b) It is found, determined, and declared that the holding of the nonbinding advisory referendum provided for in this Act is:

1. In all respects for the benefit of the people of the City of Morrow;
2. A public purpose; and
3. An essential governmental function for which public funds may be expended.

SECTION 2.

The election superintendent of the City of Morrow shall call and conduct a nonbinding advisory referendum election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting a question to the electors of the City of Morrow to determine whether a majority of said electors want the governing authority of the City of Morrow to seek a reduction in the $60,000.00 homestead exemption from City of Morrow ad valorem taxes for city purposes. The election superintendent shall decide in accordance with Georgia election law the date on which the nonbinding advisory referendum election shall be held and shall issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The election superintendent shall
cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of the City of Morrow. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

"NONBINDING ADVISORY REFERENDUM
Question 1

( ) YES Should the governing authority of the City of Morrow seek a reduction in the $60,000.00 homestead exemption from City of Morrow ad valorem taxes for city purposes?
( ) NO All persons desiring to vote for approval of the question shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring to vote for rejection of the question shall vote "No." The expense of such election shall be borne by the City of Morrow. It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 3.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.