

House Bill 657 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Hitchens of the 161st, and Gordon of the 163rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 The City of Richmond Hill shall be and is authorized to exercise all redevelopment and other
9 powers under Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as
10 amended. The intention of this Act is to authorize the City of Richmond Hill to undertake
11 and carry out community redevelopment, to create tax allocation districts, to issue tax
12 allocation bonds, and to incur other obligations within the meaning of and as fully permitted
13 under the provisions of Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Constitution of the
14 State of Georgia of 1983, as amended, and to authorize the City of Richmond Hill to exercise
15 redevelopment powers as fully as the "Redevelopment Powers Law" may now or hereafter
16 permit and not to limit any redevelopment powers permitted under the "Redevelopment
17 Powers Law."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 The municipal election superintendent of the City of Richmond Hill shall call and conduct
20 an election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors
21 of the City of Richmond Hill for approval or rejection. The municipal election
22 superintendent shall conduct that election on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November
23 2019, and shall issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The
24 municipal election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be

25 published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official
26 organ of Bryan County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

27 "() YES Shall the Act be approved which authorizes the City of Richmond Hill to
28 exercise redevelopment powers under the 'Redevelopment Powers Law,' as
29 () NO it may be amended from time to time?"

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

39 **SECTION 3.**

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

42 **SECTION 4.**

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