

AN ACT

To repeal a former local constitutional amendment, Ga. L. 1981, p. 1914, which former local constitutional amendment was continued in effect as statutory law pursuant to Article VII, Section II, Paragraph IV of the Constitution of Georgia and which provides for a homestead exemption from certain city ad valorem taxes for residents of the City of Decatur in an amount to be fixed by the governing authority of the city at not more than \$2,000.00 for the first year, and which may be increased periodically, but which exemption shall not exceed \$10,000.00; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

The former local constitutional amendment, Ga. L. 1981, p. 1914, which former local constitutional amendment was continued in effect as statutory law pursuant to Article VII, Section II, Paragraph IV of the Constitution of Georgia and which provides for a homestead exemption from certain city ad valorem taxes for residents of the City of Decatur in an amount to be fixed by the governing authority of the city at not more than \$2,000.00 for the first year, and which may be increased periodically, but which exemption shall not exceed \$10,000.00, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2.

The municipal election superintendent of the City of Decatur shall call and conduct an election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of the City of Decatur for approval or rejection. The municipal election superintendent shall conduct that election in conjunction with the November, 2016, general election and shall issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The municipal 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 DeKalb County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

"() YES Shall the Act be approved which repeals an obsolete homestead exemption
() NO for residents of the City of Decatur?"

All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on

such question are for approval of the Act, Section 1 of this Act shall become of full force and effect on January 1, 2017. If the Act is not so approved or if the election is not conducted as provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately following that election date. The expense of such election shall be borne by the City of Decatur. It shall be the municipal election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 3.

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

SECTION 4.

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