

House Bill 1319 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Clark of the 100th, Hong of the 103rd, Mughal of the 105th, McCollum of the 30th, and Reeves of the 99th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from City of Buford ad valorem taxes
2 for municipal purposes for the full value of the homestead for residents of that city who
3 are 70 years of age or over, approved May 6, 2005, (Ga. L. 2005 p. 3893), so as to lower the
4 age for the exemption; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide
5 for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and
6 judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
7 purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act providing a homestead exemption from City of Buford ad valorem taxes for
11 municipal purposes for the full value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 70
12 years of age or over, approved May 6, 2005, (Ga. L. 2005 p. 3893), is amended by revising
13 paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of Section 1 as follows:

14 "(3) 'Senior citizen' means a person who is 65 years of age or over on or before January 1
15 of the year in which application for the exemption under subsection (b) of this section is
16 made."

43 are not intended as directory. If the municipal election superintendent fails or refuses to
44 comply with this section, any elector of the City of Buford may apply for a writ of mandamus
45 to compel the municipal election superintendent to perform his or her duties under this
46 section. If the court finds that the municipal election superintendent has not complied with
47 this section, the court shall fashion appropriate relief requiring the municipal election
48 superintendent to call and conduct such election on the date required by this section or on the
49 next date authorized for special elections provided for in Code Section 21-2-540 of the
50 O.C.G.A.

51 **SECTION 4.**

52 Except as otherwise provided in Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon
53 its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

54 **SECTION 5.**

55 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.