

2026 RESOLUTION
CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM TO CONSIDER THE LOCAL ACT
KNOWN AS H.B. 1563 AND THE APPROVAL OF INCREASING THE
HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR SENIOR RESIDENTS OF PIKE COUNTY

WHEREAS, Pike County, pursuant to local legislation, approved May 13, 2002 and cited as Ga. L. 2002, p.5736, provided for a homestead exemption for certain residents of Pike County who are 65 years of age or over;

WHEREAS, Pike County requested the General Assembly during the 2026 regular session to consider amend said local legislation to provide for increases to the homestead exemption for senior residents of Pike County based on age and years of residency;

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Georgia approved the requested amendment to the local legislation, pursuant to H.B. 1563, which revised subsection (a) of Section 2 of Ga. L. 2002, p. 5736; and

WHEREAS, H.B. 1563 was signed by the Governor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing authority of Pike County, Georgia that this resolution is hereby authorized and directed to be transmitted to the Joint Board of Elections and Registration of Pike County so that a call for and the conducting of the election for the purposes of submitting the local Act known as H.B. 1563 to the electors of Pike County for approval or rejection on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon receipt of this Resolution, the Joint Board of Elections and Registration shall issue the call and shall conduct the election for the referendum on November 3, 2026 in the manner prescribed by State law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Joint Board of Elections and Registration shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published immediately preceding the date of the election in the official organ of the county as required by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Joint Board of Elections and Registration shall cause the following language to be written or printed on the ballot:

- () YES *Shall the Act be approved which increases the homestead exemption for senior citizens to \$15,000.00 for all senior citizens, \$20,000.00 for senior citizens 70***
- () NO *years of age or older who have resided in the county for five to nine years, \$30,000.00 for all senior citizens 75 years of age or older who have resided in the county for 10 to 19 years, and \$50,000.00 for all senior citizens 80 years of age or older who have resided in the county for 20 or more years?***

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the voters approve the referendum, the Pike County shall be authorized to take all steps necessary to effectuate the increase in homestead exemption for senior residents of Pike County.

SO RESOLVED this the 28th day of July, 2026 by the Board of Commissioners of Pike County Georgia
by:

J. Briar Johnson, Chairman

ATTESTED BY

Angela Blount
County Clerk