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3 By Senator Melson (N & P)
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9 A BILL
10 TO BE ENTITLED
11 AN ACT
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13 To authorize the governing body of the City of
14 Athens, Alabama, acting pursuant to Section 217 of the
15 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 217
16 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama
17 of 1901, as amended, to increase the rate at which there may
18 be levied and collected by the City of Athens, on all taxable
19 property situated within the city, the special ad valorem tax
20 for special purpose or purposes which is authorized in
21 Amendment 8 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now
22 appearing as Section 216.01 of the Official Recompilation of
23 the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, by vote of a
24 majority of the electors voting in an election to approve such
25 levy, to a maximum rate, for any tax year of the city, which
26 is equal to \$1.20 on each one hundred dollars (12 mils on each
27 dollar) of assessed value.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

2 Section 1. The following words and phrases as used
3 in this act, and others evidently intended as the equivalent
4 thereof, in the absence of a clear implication otherwise,
5 shall be given the following respective meanings herein:

6 (1) AMENDMENT NO. 8. That certain amendment to the
7 Constitution that was proposed by Act No. 650, p. 899, enacted
8 at the 1919 Session of the Legislature of Alabama, now
9 appearing as Section 216.01 of the Official Recompilation of
10 the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended.

11 (2) CITY. The City of Athens, Alabama.

12 (3) CONSTITUTION. The Constitution of Alabama of
13 1901.

14 (4) SECTION 217. Section 217 of the Constitution, as
15 amended by that certain amendment to the Constitution that was
16 proposed by Act No. 116 enacted at the 1971 Third Special
17 Session of the Legislature of Alabama, and by that certain
18 amendment to the Constitution that was proposed by Act No. 6
19 enacted at the 1978 Second Special Session of the Legislature
20 of Alabama, now appearing as Section 217 of the Official
21 Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as
22 amended.

23 (5) SPECIAL PURPOSE TAX. The special ad valorem tax
24 authorized pursuant to Amendment 8 to be levied within the
25 city for special purpose or purposes upon vote of the majority
26 of the qualified electors of the city voting at an election
27 called for that purpose.

1 Section 2. Pursuant to Amendment 8, upon a vote of a
2 majority of the qualified electors of the city voting at an
3 election called for that purpose, the city is presently
4 authorized to levy and collect the special purpose tax at a
5 rate of \$0.50 on each one hundred dollars (5 mils on each
6 dollar) of assessed value for any special purpose or purposes.
7 Pursuant to a resolution adopted by the city council of the
8 city in accordance with the provisions of Section 217, the
9 city proposes to increase the rate at which the city is
10 authorized to levy and collect the special purpose tax to a
11 maximum rate, for any year of the city, equal to \$1.20 on each
12 one hundred dollars (12 mils on each dollar) of assessed
13 value.

14 Section 3. Pursuant to subsection (f) of Section 217
15 and a resolution heretofore adopted by the city council of the
16 city after a public hearing, the city is authorized to levy
17 and collect the special purpose tax at a maximum rate, for any
18 tax year, which is equal to \$1.20 on each one hundred dollars
19 (12 mils on each dollar) of assessed value.

20 Section 4. The increase in the rate at which the
21 special purpose tax is authorized to be levied and collected
22 pursuant to this act is subject to approval of a majority of
23 the qualified electors residing in the city who vote on the
24 proposed increase at a special election called and held for
25 such purpose pursuant to the provisions of subsection (f) of
26 Section 217.

1 Section 5. This act shall become effective
2 immediately following its passage and approval by the
3 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.