

84 on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2026 and shall issue the call and
85 conduct that election as provided by general law. The election superintendent shall cause
86 the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately
87 preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Lowndes County. The ballot shall have
88 written or printed thereon the words:

89 "() YES Shall the Act be approved which provides an exemption for
90 homestead property within Lowndes County from Lowndes County
91 ad valorem taxes for all purposes in an amount

92 () NO to be determined annually using the proceeds of a new 1 percent Local
93 Homestead Option Sales Tax to be imposed within Lowndes County
94 for 10 years as a result of such Act?"

95 (b) All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons
96 desiring to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes
97 cast on such question are for approval of the Act, Section 1 of this Act shall become of full
98 force and effect on January 1, 2027. If the Act is not so approved or if the election is not
99 conducted as provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective, and
100 this Act shall be automatically repealed on the 365th calendar day following the election
101 date provided for in this section. The expense of such election shall be borne by Lowndes
102 County. It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the
103 Secretary of State.

104 (c) The provisions of this section shall be mandatory upon the election superintendent and
105 are not intended as directory. If the election superintendent fails or refuses to comply with
106 this section, any elector of Lowndes County may apply for a writ of mandamus to compel
107 the election superintendent to perform his or her duties under this section. If the court finds
108 that the election superintendent has not complied with this section, the court shall fashion
109 appropriate relief requiring the election superintendent to call and conduct such election on
110 the date required by this section or on the next date authorized for special elections
111 provided for in Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A.

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