

House Bill 1293

By: Representative Connell of the 115th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the consolidation of Richmond County and the City of
2 Augusta, approved March 27, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 3648), as amended, so as to authorize
3 the mayor to vote as a member of the commission; to delete the mayor's authority to make
4 or break a tie; to change the provisions relating to quorums and the vote needed by the
5 commission to take action; to provide for a county administrator and the appointment,
6 powers, duties, and vacancies related thereto; 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 for the consolidation of Richmond County and the City of Augusta,
11 approved March 27, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 3648), as amended, is amended by striking
12 subsection (b) of Section 2 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

13 "(b) All members of the commission, including the mayor, shall be full voting members
14 of the commission. The mayor shall be a member of the commission."

15 **SECTION 2.**

16 Said Act is further amended by striking Section 6 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

17 "SECTION 6.

18 Seven members of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of ordinary
19 business. Action on ordinary business may be taken by the affirmative vote of five
20 members if such five members constitute a majority of the members present and voting and
21 a quorum is present. Official action of the commission shall be entered upon its minutes.
22 Any member of the commission shall have the right to request a roll-call vote."

SECTION 3.

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2 Said Act is further amended by adding to Section 13 a new subsection (i) to read as follows:

3 "(i) There shall be the position of county administrator who shall serve as the
4 commission's chief policy adviser and shall report to the commission. The county
5 administrator shall have the responsibility of preparing the budget for the commission's
6 consideration and directing day-to-day operations of local government. The county
7 administrator shall also have the authority to hire and fire all Augusta-Richmond County
8 government employees and department heads, with the exception of the Augusta attorney,
9 the Clerk of the Commission, the Equal Opportunity Officer, and the Internal Auditor, all
10 of whom shall be appointed and discharged directly by the commission. The county
11 administrator may be terminated by a majority vote of the commission. The position of
12 county administrator, if vacant, shall be filled by a majority vote of the full commission
13 approving a nominee, out of a slate of three, submitted by the mayor to the commission.
14 In the event a nominee fails to receive a majority vote of the full commission for approval,
15 the mayor may submit three more nominees to the commission for approval."

SECTION 4.

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