

House Bill 1538

By: Representatives Skipper of the 137th and Floyd of the 138th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 11 of Chapter 9 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to the Southwest Georgia Railroad Excursion Authority, so as to assign the authority
3 to the Department of Natural Resources for administrative purposes only; to change certain
4 provisions regarding books and records; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Article 11 of Chapter 9 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
8 Southwest Georgia Railroad Excursion Authority, is amended by striking subsection (b) of
9 Code Section 46-9-321, relating to creation of the Southwest Georgia Railroad Excursion
10 Authority, and inserting in its place a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

11 "(b) The authority shall be assigned to the Department of ~~Transportation~~ Natural Resources
12 for administrative purposes only."

13 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

14 Said article is further amended by striking Code Section 46-9-325, relating to members'
15 accountability, and inserting in its place a new Code Section 46-9-325 to read as follows:

16 "46-9-325.

17 The members of the authority shall be accountable in all respects as trustees. The authority
18 shall keep suitable and proper books and records of all receipts, income, and expenditures
19 of every kind and shall submit for inspection all of the books, together with a proper
20 statement of the authority's financial position, once a year on or about ~~December 31~~ June
21 30 to the state auditor."

22 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 3.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.