

House Bill 119

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 31-7-72 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 creation of county and municipal hospital authorities, so as to prohibit any member of a
3 county or municipal governing authority from appointment as a member of the board of a
4 hospital authority; 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 Code Section 31-7-72 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to creation of
8 county and municipal hospital authorities, is amended by striking subsection (a) and inserting
9 in its place a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

10 "(a) There is created in and for each county and municipal corporation of the state a public
11 body corporate and politic to be known as the 'hospital authority' of such county or city,
12 which shall consist of a board of not less than five nor more than nine members to be
13 appointed by the governing body of the county or municipal corporation of the area of
14 operation for staggered terms as specified by resolution of the governing body. The
15 number of members of any hospital authority as of March 1, 1984, may be increased by not
16 more than two additional members by the adoption of a resolution of the members of the
17 hospital authority, and such additional members shall be appointed through the same
18 process used for filling vacancies which was in effect for such hospital authority on
19 January 1, 1984. Whenever an appointment to fill a vacancy on the board of any hospital
20 authority is made, either for an unexpired term or a full term, consideration shall be given
21 as to whether a licensed doctor of medicine or registered nurse currently serves on such
22 authority. If no licensed doctor of medicine or registered nurse currently serves on such
23 authority, then consideration shall be given to the nomination and choice of a licensed
24 doctor of medicine or a registered nurse to fill such vacancy. On or after July 1, 2001, with
25 respect to an appointment to fill a vacancy on the board of any hospital authority, either for
26 an unexpired term or a full term, no member of the governing authority of a county or

1 municipality shall be eligible to serve as a member of such board. No authority created
2 under this Code section shall transact any business or exercise any powers under this Code
3 section until the governing body of the area of operation shall, by proper resolution, declare
4 that there is need for an authority to function in such county or municipal corporation.
5 Copies of a resolution so adopted and any resolution adopted by the governing body
6 providing for filling vacancies in the membership of the authority or making any changes
7 in membership shall be filed with the department."

8 **SECTION 2.**

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