

Senate Bill 4

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act known as the "Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Act of 1965,"
2 approved March 10, 1965 (Ga. L. 1965, p. 2243), as amended, particularly by an Act
3 approved April 19, 2000 (Ga. L. 2000, p. 4492), so as to change the provisions relating to the
4 composition of the board of directors of the authority; to provide an effective date; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act known as the "Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Act of 1965," approved
9 March 10, 1965 (Ga. L. 1965, p. 2243), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April
10 19, 2000 (Ga. L. 2000, p. 4492), is amended by striking the first undesignated paragraph of
11 subsection (a) of Section 6 thereof and inserting in its place the following:

12 "(a) The Board of Directors of the Authority shall be composed of ~~18~~ 16 members. Four
13 members shall be residents of the City of Atlanta to be nominated by the Mayor and elected
14 by the City Council; five members shall be residents of DeKalb County to be appointed by
15 the local governing body thereof and at least one of such appointees shall be a resident of
16 that portion of DeKalb County lying south of the southernmost corporate boundaries of the
17 City of Decatur and at least one of such appointees shall be a resident of that portion of
18 DeKalb County lying north of the southernmost corporate boundaries of the City of
19 Decatur; and three members shall be residents of Fulton County to be appointed by the
20 local governing body thereof, and at least one of such appointees shall be a resident of that
21 portion of Fulton County lying south of the corporate limits of the City of Atlanta and that
22 membership position held by a Fulton County resident, appointed by the local governing
23 body of that county, the term of which position expires December 31, 1988, shall,
24 beginning on and after January 1, 1989, be filled by the local governing body of Fulton
25 County appointing a person who is a resident of that portion of Fulton County lying north

1 of the corporate limits of the City of Atlanta; ~~one member shall be a resident of Clayton~~
 2 ~~County to be appointed by the local governing body thereof; and one member shall be a~~
 3 ~~resident of Gwinnett County to be appointed by the local governing body thereof.~~ Four
 4 members, representing the State, shall be as follows: the Commissioner of the Department
 5 of Transportation who shall be an ex officio member; the State Revenue Commissioner
 6 who shall be an ex officio member; the Executive Director of the State Properties
 7 Commission who shall be an ex officio member; and the Executive Director of the Georgia
 8 Regional Transportation Authority who shall be an ex officio member. The first member
 9 who must be a resident of that portion of Fulton County lying south of the corporate limits
 10 of the City of Atlanta shall be appointed by the governing body of Fulton County to take
 11 office on July 1, 1985, for an initial term ending December 31, 1986. The two members
 12 who are DeKalb County residents and appointed by the governing authority thereof and
 13 who are added by this paragraph shall each be appointed by the governing body of DeKalb
 14 County to take office on July 1, 1985, for an initial term ending December 31, 1986. After
 15 the initial terms of those three members added to the Board in 1985, that governing body
 16 which appointed the member for that initial term to that office shall appoint successors
 17 thereto for terms of office of four years in the same manner that such governing body
 18 makes its other appointments to the Board."

19 SECTION 2.

20 Said Act is further amended by adding immediately preceding the last undesignated
 21 paragraph of subsection (a) of Section 6 the following:

22 "The term of office of the member of the Board appointed by the local governing body of
 23 Gwinnett County and of the member of the Board appointed by the local governing body
 24 of Clayton County shall expire on the date this paragraph becomes effective in 2001. No
 25 person shall thereafter be appointed as a member of the Board by either of such local
 26 governing bodies unless that local governing body obtains referendum approval of a rapid
 27 transit contract obligating the local government served by that local governing body to levy
 28 the tax authorized in Section 25 of this Act, in which event one member shall be appointed
 29 by that local governing body for an initial term of office beginning upon the date that said
 30 contract becomes valid and binding upon that local governing body and ending upon
 31 December 31 of the fourth full year after the year in which the referendum approving said
 32 contract was held."

33 SECTION 3.

1 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
2 without such approval.

3 **SECTION 4.**

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