

Senate Bill 231

By: Senator Price of the 56th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the establishment of a county-wide library system in Fulton
2 County, approved April 12, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 4174), as amended, particularly by an Act
3 approved April 5, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 4084), an Act approved April 1, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996,
4 p. 3859), and an Act approved April 4, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 3635), so as to specify a name
5 for the county-wide library system; to change membership, the number of members, and the
6 selection of members of the library board of trustees; to provide for vacancies and related
7 matters; to provide for the selection of the executive director of the library system and to
8 whom the executive director shall report; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting
9 laws; and for other purposes.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

11 **SECTION 1.**

12 An Act providing for the establishment of a county-wide library system in Fulton County,
13 approved April 12, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 4174), as amended, particularly by an Act approved
14 April 5, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 4084), an Act approved April 1, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 3859),
15 and an Act approved April 4, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 3635), is amended by striking Section
16 4 and inserting in lieu thereof a new Section 4 to read as follows:

17 "SECTION 4.

18 (a) The county-wide library system shall be named the Fulton County Library System.
19 Responsibility for constructing, operating, and maintaining all library facilities and services
20 within the above named portions of Fulton County shall hereinafter be vested in the
21 county-wide library system which shall be administered by the library board of trustees.

22 (b)(1) The term of office of each member of the library board of trustees serving as such
23 trustee on June 30, 2003, shall expire upon July 1, 2003. On and after July 1, 2003, the
24 library board of trustees shall consist of nine members as provided in this section.

1 (2) The mayor of the City of Atlanta or his or her designee shall serve on the library
2 board of trustees ex officio. The chairperson of the Fulton County board of
3 commissioners or his or her designee shall serve on the board of trustees ex officio.

4 (3) The board of trustees shall have seven appointed members, with one such member
5 appointed by each member of the Fulton County board of commissioners. Each member
6 of the board of trustees appointed by a member of the board of commissioners shall serve
7 at the pleasure of the appointing member of the board of commissioners. Each member
8 of the board of trustees appointed by a member of the board of commissioners shall
9 reside within the same commissioner district as the appointing member of such board of
10 commissioners and shall continue to reside in such district during his or her service on
11 the board of trustees or that office shall become vacant. A member of the board of
12 trustees appointed by an at-large member of the board of commissioners may reside
13 anywhere in Fulton County and shall continue to reside in Fulton County during his or
14 her service on the board of trustees or that office shall become vacant. Except with
15 respect to the ex officio members, no person may be appointed or serve as a member of
16 the library board of trustees who holds any elective office.

17 (c) Any vacancy on the library board of trustees shall be filled in the same manner as the
18 initial appointment.

19 (d) Members of the library board of trustees shall be removed for cause or for failure to
20 attend three consecutive meetings pursuant to the bylaws of the library board of trustees.

21 (e) Members of the library board of trustees may receive a per diem allowance for each
22 meeting of the board of trustees which they attend. Such allowance shall be in such
23 amount as may be fixed from time to time by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton
24 County.

25 (f) There shall be an executive director of the library system who shall be hired by and
26 serve at the pleasure of the Fulton County manager and shall report directly to the county
27 manager for purposes of job performance, evaluation, and budgeting."

28 **SECTION 2.**

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

31 **SECTION 3.**

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