

House Bill 745

By: Representative Maddox of the 59<sup>th</sup>, Post 2

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, so as to change certain  
3 provisions relating to voting power of certain members of the Board; to provide an effective  
4 date; 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 An Act known as the "Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Act of 1965," approved  
8 March 10, 1965 (Ga. L. 1965, p. 2243), as amended, is amended by striking subsection (a)  
9 of Section 6 and inserting in its place the following:

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

1 members of the Board representing Clayton and Gwinnett Counties shall not be voting  
2 members. Four members, representing the State, shall be as follows: the Commissioner  
3 of the Department of Transportation who shall be an ex officio member; the State Revenue  
4 Commissioner who shall be an ex officio member; the Executive Director of the State  
5 Properties Commission who shall be an ex officio member; and the Executive Director of  
6 the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority who shall be an ex officio member. These  
7 members of the Board representing the State shall not be voting members. The first  
8 member who must be a resident of that portion of Fulton County lying south of the  
9 corporate limits of the City of Atlanta shall be appointed by the governing body of Fulton  
10 County to take office on July 1, 1985, for an initial term ending December 31, 1986. The  
11 two members who are DeKalb County residents and appointed by the governing authority  
12 thereof and who are added by this paragraph shall each be appointed by the governing body  
13 of DeKalb County to take office on July 1, 1985, for an initial term ending December 31,  
14 1986. After the initial terms of those three members added to the Board in 1985, that  
15 governing body which appointed the member for that initial term to that office shall  
16 appoint successors thereto for terms of office of four years in the same manner that such  
17 governing body makes its other appointments to the Board.

18 The initial terms of the four members added in 1976 by the above paragraph shall be as  
19 follows: the member from DeKalb County to be appointed by the local governing body  
20 of DeKalb County shall be appointed no later than sixty days after the effective date of this  
21 subsection for a term ending December 31, 1978, and shall take office immediately upon  
22 appointment; the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, the State Revenue  
23 Commissioner and the Executive Director of the State Properties Commission shall become  
24 members of the Board on the effective date of this subsection and shall serve while holding  
25 their State offices.

26 The Executive Director of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority shall become a  
27 member of the Board on the effective date of this sentence and shall serve while holding  
28 his or her State office.

29 Except as provided above, all appointments shall be for terms of four years except that a  
30 vacancy caused otherwise than by expiration shall be filled for the unexpired portion  
31 thereof by the local governing body which made the original appointment to the vacant  
32 position, or its successor in office. A member of the Board may be appointed to succeed  
33 himself or herself. Appointments to fill expiring terms shall be made by the local  
34 governing body prior to the expiration of the term, but such appointments shall not be made  
35 more than thirty days prior to the expiration of the term. Members appointed to the Board  
36 shall serve for the terms of office specified in this section and until their respective  
37 successors are appointed and qualified."



1 into contracts involving less than \$100,000.00 if such contracts are entered into in  
2 accordance with Section 14 of this Act."

3 **SECTION 4.**

4 Said Act is further amended by striking subparagraph (2) of subsection (h) of Section 9 and  
5 inserting in its place the following:

6 "(2) Any differences between amounts charged for various transportation services to the  
7 public including, but not limited to, amounts charged for weekend or off-peak hours'  
8 service, or amounts charged special groups of persons, shall be approved by at least a  
9 two-thirds' vote of the total ~~membership~~ number of members of the Board, as it may exist  
10 at the time, who have the power to vote."

11 **SECTION 5.**

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

14 **SECTION 6.**

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