

House Bill 526

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Georgia International and Maritime Trade Center Authority,  
2 approved April 21, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 4499), as amended by an Act approved April 4,  
3 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 3791), so as to change the provisions relating to the membership of  
4 such authority; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act creating the Georgia International and Maritime Trade Center Authority, approved  
9 April 21, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 4499), as amended by an Act approved April 4, 1997 (Ga.  
10 L. 1997, p. 3791), is amended by striking subsection (b) of Section 3 and inserting in its  
11 place a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

12 "(b) The authority shall consist of the following membership: one member appointed by  
13 each member of the Georgia General Assembly representing a portion of Chatham County;  
14 one member appointed by the majority vote of the Board of Commissioners of Chatham  
15 County; one member appointed by the majority vote of the mayor and aldermen of the City  
16 of Savannah; one member appointed from within the membership of the Georgia Ports  
17 Authority by the majority vote of the members of the Georgia Ports Authority; and the  
18 President of the Savannah Area Convention and Visitors' Bureau, who shall serve ex officio  
19 and shall have a vote. Except for the ex officio member and the member who is appointed  
20 by the Georgia Ports Authority, who shall serve for a term of three years (with the initial  
21 term ending May 1, 2008), for the initial term, four members shall be appointed for one  
22 year, three members shall be appointed for two years, and three members shall be  
23 appointed for three years. Selection of term length shall be by lot. After expiration of the  
24 initial term, the terms of all members except the ex officio member shall be for three years,  
25 except that the appointment of any person selected to fill an unexpired term shall be only  
26 for the remainder of such term."

1 **SECTION 2.**

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

4 **SECTION 3.**

5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.