

House Bill 721

By: Representatives Howard of the 121st, Murphy of the 120th, Warren of the 122nd, Anderson of the 123rd, and Burmeister of the 119th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the continued existence of the Richmond County Department
2 of Health and for the management and control of such department by the Richmond County
3 Board of Health, approved March 7, 1955 (Ga. L. 1955, p. 3192), as amended, particularly
4 by an Act approved April 4, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4102), so as to change the method for
5 appointments; to provide a limitation of their consecutive terms of office; to repeal
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act providing for the continued existence of the Richmond County Department of Health
10 and for the management and control of such department by the Richmond County Board of
11 Health, approved March 7, 1955 (Ga. L. 1955, p. 3192), as amended, particularly by an Act
12 approved April 4, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4102), is amended by striking Section 1 in its
13 entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Section 1 to read as follows:

14 "SECTION 1.

15 (a) The membership of the Richmond County Board of Health for the Richmond County
16 Department of Health shall be composed as follows:

17 (1) One member from the Augusta-Richmond County Commission-Council appointed
18 by such commission-council;

19 (2) The president of the Richmond County Board of Education or his or her designee;

20 (3) One member appointed by the Augusta-Richmond County Commission-Council from
21 a list of three nominated by the Richmond County Medical Society;

22 (4) One member appointed by the Augusta-Richmond County Commission-Council from
23 a list of three nominated by the Stoney Medical, Dental & Pharmaceutical Association;

24 (5) One member appointed by the Augusta-Richmond County Commission-Council from
25 a list of three nominated by the Richmond County Board of Health;

1 (6) One member appointed by the Augusta-Richmond County Commission-Council
2 from a list of three nominated by the Tenth District of the Georgia Nurses Association;
3 and

4 (7) Five members at large appointed by the Augusta-Richmond County
5 Commission-Council.

6 (b) The members of the board of health in office on February 1, 1996, shall serve out the
7 terms of office to which they were appointed. As new members are appointed, such
8 members shall be appointed for terms of office of four years and until their successors are
9 appointed and qualified; provided, however, that the terms of office of the members of the
10 board of health provided for in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of this section shall
11 be terms of office of one year. New appointments shall be made such that the requirements
12 of subsection (a) of this section are met at the earliest date possible. The appointment of
13 additional members required by this Act shall be made by the Augusta-Richmond County
14 Commission-Council in compliance with subsection (a) of this section, provided that the
15 initial term of office of one of such appointments shall be two years. Except for successors
16 appointed to the board of health under paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of this
17 section for one-year terms of office, the remaining successors to the members provided for
18 in this section shall be appointed as provided in this section for terms of four years and
19 until their successors are appointed and qualified. Members may succeed themselves;
20 provided, however, that no person currently on such board of health or appointed to such
21 board of health after the effective date of this section shall serve more than three
22 consecutive terms of office."

23 **SECTION 2.**

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