

House Bill 1184

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164th and Bryant of the 160th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 5 of Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to the Herty Foundation, so as to change the name of the Herty
3 Foundation; to provide for modifying the purpose for the foundation; to provide for creating
4 a subsidiary corporation for the foundation; to provide for related matters; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 5 of Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to the Herty Foundation, is amended by striking Code Section 12-6-131, relating to
10 creation of foundation, board of trustees and their terms, and purpose of foundation, and
11 inserting in its place a new Code section to read as follows:

12 "12-6-131.

13 (a) The Herty ~~Foundation~~ Advanced Materials Development Center is created as a body
14 politic and corporate, with perpetual succession of members for the purposes stated in this
15 part, and as such shall have full power and authority to make bylaws for its own
16 governance and rules and regulations for the governance of the directors and employees,
17 to contract with all necessary employees for the successful operation of the ~~foundation~~
18 center, to bring and defend actions by the name and style aforesaid, and to have and use a
19 common seal. The ~~foundation~~ center generally shall be clothed with all the rights, powers,
20 and privileges incident to corporations and necessary or convenient for carrying out the
21 purposes of their creation.

22 (b) There is created and established a board of trustees for the Herty ~~Foundation~~ Advanced
23 Materials Development Center, to be composed of five members to be appointed by the
24 Governor. Trustees shall be named for five-year terms staggered so that one term will
25 expire each year. Their successors shall be named for five-year terms.

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1 ~~(c) The purposes of the foundation are to experiment in pulpwood of all kinds, to discover~~
 2 ~~and determine uses for which the same are adaptable, to conduct research and~~
 3 ~~experimentation with respect to natural and synthetic fibers and materials of all types, to~~
 4 ~~produce and manufacture for others goods and products using such pulpwood, fibers, and~~
 5 ~~materials, and to permit those states, subdivisions, corporations, and individuals who~~
 6 ~~contribute to the maintenance and support of the foundation to share fully and equally in~~
 7 ~~the accomplishments and services of the foundation~~ The purposes of the Herty Advanced
 8 Materials Development Center are to conduct research, development, and
 9 commercialization with respect to natural and synthetic materials of all types; to accelerate
 10 the commercial availability of newly developed or discovered systems or processes using
 11 these materials; and to produce and manufacture for others goods and products using
 12 natural and synthetic materials of all types that serve to enhance the economy of the State
 13 of Georgia.

14 (d) The foundation center is assigned to the State Forestry Commission for administrative
 15 purposes only.

16 (e) The State Forestry Commission is authorized to incorporate one or more nonprofit
 17 corporations as subsidiary corporations of the center for the purpose of carrying out any of
 18 the powers of the center and to accomplish any of the purpose of the center. Any
 19 subsidiary corporations created pursuant to this subsection shall be created pursuant to
 20 Chapter 3 of Title 14, the 'Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code,' and the Secretary of State
 21 shall be authorized to accept such filings. Upon dissolution of any subsidiary corporation
 22 of the center, any assets shall revert to the center or to any successor to the center or, failing
 23 such succession, to the State of Georgia."

24 SECTION 2.

25 Said part is further amended by striking Code Section 12-6-133, relating to the powers of the
 26 Herty Foundation, and inserting in its place a new Code section to read as follows:

27 "12-6-133.

28 The foundation center shall have the following powers:

29 (1) To establish and modify from time to time a system of experimentation in pulpwood
 30 natural and synthetic materials of all types;

31 (2) To conduct research ~~and experimentation,~~ development, and commercialization with
 32 respect to natural and synthetic ~~fibers and~~ materials of all types; to accelerate the
 33 commercial availability of newly developed or discovered systems or processes using
 34 these materials; and to produce and manufacture for others goods and products using
 35 natural and synthetic materials of all types that serve to enhance the economy of the State

- 1 of Georgia and to produce and manufacture for others goods and products using
 2 pulpwood and natural or synthetic fibers and ~~materials~~ material;
- 3 (3) To accept and hold title to the equipment of every kind now being used at Savannah,
 4 Georgia, or elsewhere;
- 5 (4) To acquire and own realty and personal property regardless of where located; and
- 6 (5) To do generally such acts and things as are found necessary to promote and advance
 7 the basic purpose of the ~~foundation~~ center as stated in Code Section 12-6-131."

8 **SECTION 3.**

9 Said part is further amended by striking Code Section 12-6-134, relating to the purpose of
 10 the Herty Foundation, acceptance of donations and appropriations, certain duties, and reports,
 11 and inserting in its place a new Code section to read as follows:

12 "12-6-134.

13 (a) The Herty ~~Foundation~~ Advanced Materials Development Center is declared to be a
 14 public ~~foundation~~ center created, designed, and intended for the purpose of rendering
 15 services not only to the citizens of Georgia but, in equal manner and to the same extent, to
 16 the citizens of the other states of the South.

17 (b) The ~~foundation~~ center is authorized to accept donations, bequests, and appropriations
 18 from this state or any other state or any subdivision thereof or from any individual or
 19 corporation. In consideration of such appropriations, the ~~foundation~~ center is empowered
 20 to conduct, within the limits of its equipment, experimentation on any pulpwood or natural
 21 or synthetic fibers or materials peculiarly beneficial to the various states making such
 22 appropriations.

23 (c) The ~~foundation~~ center is required to permit the citizens of those states or subdivisions
 24 contributing to the support of the ~~foundation~~ center to visit and go upon the premises,
 25 observe the experiments, and in general to exercise and enjoy a full and free privilege at
 26 and around experimental stations.

27 (d) The ~~foundation~~ center is directed, after conducting experiments for this state or for
 28 other states which contribute to the support of the ~~foundation~~ center, to make a full and
 29 intelligent report of the results of such experimentation."

30 **SECTION 4.**

31 Said part is further amended by striking Code Section 12-6-135, relating to the appointment
 32 of directors from states making financial contribution to the Herty Foundation and effect of
 33 cessation of contributions, and inserting in its place a new Code section to read as follows:

1 "12-6-135.
2 If at any time any other state making financial contributions or appropriations to the
3 support of the ~~foundation~~ center desires to be represented on the board of directors,
4 authority is given to the governor of such other state to appoint one citizen of his or her
5 state to become a director of the ~~foundation~~ center, who shall upon being thus appointed
6 have and enjoy the same rights and powers as the five original members, provided that
7 when any state ceases for a period of one year to contribute to the support of the ~~foundation~~
8 center, the member of the board of directors appointed by such state shall automatically
9 cease to be a member of the board and shall cease to enjoy and exercise the powers of such
10 director."

11 **SECTION 5.**

12 Said part is further amended by striking Code Section 12-6-136, relating to service of process
13 upon the Herty Foundation, and inserting in its place a new Code section to read as follows:

14 "12-6-136.

15 No process shall be deemed served upon the ~~foundation~~ center by service upon any person
16 other than one of the five trustees provided for in Code Section 12-6-131."

17 **SECTION 6.**

18 Said part is further amended by striking Code Section 12-6-137, relating to the Herty
19 Foundation's title to property, and inserting in its place a new Code section to read as
20 follows:

21 "12-6-137.

22 The title to the properties of the ~~foundation~~ center shall be vested in the five trustees whose
23 residence shall be in Georgia and their successors in office, the venue to all court actions
24 to be in the State of Georgia, the rules and regulations with reference to the county in
25 which actions may be brought and the proceedings regarding service to be as now provided
26 by law, provided that in the event the ~~foundation~~ center is dissolved, the assets of the
27 ~~foundation~~ center shall revert to the State of Georgia."

28 **SECTION 7.**

29 Said part is further amended by striking Code Section 12-6-138, relating to the Herty
30 Foundation's support of experimental work, and inserting in its place a new Code section to
31 read as follows:

1 "12-6-138.
2 The board of directors as provided for in Code Section 12-6-132 shall have such authority
3 as they may, in their discretion, require in order to extend support to other individuals or
4 ~~foundations~~ centers in experimental work with pulpwood or natural or synthetic fibers or
5 materials of all kinds."

6 **SECTION 8.**

7 Said part is further amended by striking Code Section 12-6-139, relating to audit of the Herty
8 Foundation's accounts, and inserting in its place a new Code section to read as follows:

9 "12-6-139.

10 It shall be the duty of the state auditor to audit the books and accounts of the ~~foundation~~
11 center and to submit such audit to the Governor, who shall notify the members of the
12 General Assembly of the availability of the audit in the manner which he or she deems to
13 be most effective and efficient."

14 **SECTION 9.**

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