

House Bill 1512

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority,
2 approved May 14, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 4328), so as to modify certain provisions relating
3 to the membership of the authority, to ensure community representation on the authority; to
4 provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 An Act creating the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority, approved
8 May 14, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 4328), is amended by revising Sections 3 and 31 as follows:

9 "SECTION 3.

10 McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority.

11 (a) There is created a body corporate and politic, to be known as the 'McPherson
12 Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority,' which shall be deemed to be a political
13 subdivision of the State of Georgia and a public corporation and by that name, style, and
14 title said body may contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, implead and be
15 impleaded, and bring and defend actions in all courts. The authority shall have perpetual
16 existence.

17 (b) The authority shall consist of not less than 11 nor more than 15 members, the majority
18 of whom shall come from the City of Atlanta. In addition, the Governor shall select a
19 voting member to represent the State of Georgia. With the exception of the member
20 selected by the Governor to represent the State of Georgia and as otherwise provided in this
21 subsection, the members shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of nominees
22 submitted by the governing authorities of any county and the mayor of any municipality
23 in which Fort McPherson is located and the mayor of any municipality which abuts Fort
24 McPherson. Persons so appointed shall serve for initial terms of office which shall expire

25 on December 31 of the fourth year after their appointment. After the initial terms of office,
26 members of the authority shall serve for terms of office of four years each. Members of
27 the authority shall serve for their respective terms of office specified in this subsection and
28 until their respective successors are appointed and qualified. Any member of the authority
29 may be appointed to succeed himself or herself. After such appointment, the members of
30 such authority shall enter upon their duties. Any vacancy on the authority shall be filled
31 in the same manner as was the original appointment of the member whose term of
32 membership resulted in such vacancy, except that if a nomination of a person to fill a
33 vacancy in membership is not submitted to the Governor within 30 days after the vacancy
34 occurs, the vacancy shall be filled by an appointment made by the Governor without the
35 necessity of a nomination from the affected area. A person appointed to fill a vacancy shall
36 serve for the remainder of the unexpired term and until the appointment and qualification
37 of a successor. In addition to the members appointed by the Governor, the following shall
38 be ex officio members:

39 (1) Members of the Senate whose districts include all or a portion of Fort McPherson and
40 members of the House of Representatives whose districts include all or a portion of Fort
41 McPherson;

42 (2) One member appointed by the members of the Atlanta City Council whose districts
43 include all or a portion of Fort McPherson; and

44 (3) One member appointed by the members of the Senate and the members of the House
45 of Representatives whose districts include all or a portion of Fort McPherson which
46 appointed member shall be a resident, residing within one mile of property adjoining the
47 boundaries of Fort McPherson and who is an active member of a local community
48 organization.

49 (c) To be eligible for appointment as a member of the authority, a person shall be at least
50 21 years of age and shall not have been convicted of a felony.

51 (d) The Governor shall select one of the members of the authority to serve as chairperson.
52 Also, the members of the authority shall elect one of their number as vice chairperson, shall
53 elect one of their number as secretary, and may elect one of their number as treasurer. The
54 secretary may also serve as treasurer. Each of such officers shall serve for a period of two
55 years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. The chairperson of the
56 authority shall be entitled to vote upon any issue, motion, or resolution.

57 (e) The members of the authority shall be reimbursed, upon submission of sworn vouchers,
58 for all actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties out of funds of the
59 authority but shall receive no further compensation. The authority shall make rules and
60 regulations for its own government.

61 (f) In addition to the members set forth in subsection (b) of this section, there shall be
62 nonvoting ex officio members who shall be as follows:

63 (1) The commissioner of the Department of Economic Development or his or her
64 designee;

65 (2) The commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs or his or her designee;

66 (3) The commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources or his or her designee;

67 (4) The commissioner of the Department of Transportation or his or her designee;

68 (5) The Commissioner of Labor or his or her designee; and

69 (6) The chancellor of the University System of Georgia or his or her designee.

70 The ex officio members designated in this subsection shall have all of the rights and duties
71 as other members of the redevelopment authority except that they shall not have the right
72 to vote on any matter.

73 (g) The redevelopment authority may create the following subcommittees: health care,
74 education, infrastructure, labor, real estate, economic development, housing and
75 homelessness, environment, and quality of life and others as deemed appropriate. The
76 redevelopment authority may appoint as members of the subcommittees such individuals
77 from the community as the authority deems appropriate and such members do not have to
78 be members of the authority. The subcommittees shall serve in an advisory capacity to the
79 redevelopment authority. The chairperson of the authority shall choose from among the
80 members of each subcommittee a person to serve as chairperson of that subcommittee. The
81 chairpersons of the subcommittees shall serve two-year terms and shall be eligible for
82 reappointment.

83 (h) A majority of the members of the authority, excluding nonvoting ex officio members
84 designated in subsection (f), shall constitute a quorum. No vacancy on the authority shall
85 impair the right of the quorum to exercise all of the rights and perform all of the duties of
86 the authority.

87 (i) A vacancy on the authority shall exist in the office of any member of the authority who
88 is convicted of a felony or who enters a plea of nolo contendere thereto; who is convicted
89 of a crime involving moral turpitude or who enters a plea of nolo contendere thereto; who
90 is convicted of any act of misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance of such person's duties
91 as a member of the authority; or who fails to attend three consecutive regular meetings of
92 the authority without an excuse approved by a resolution of the authority.

93 (j) All meetings of the authority, regular or special, shall be open to the public.

94 (k) No member or employee of the authority shall have, directly or indirectly, any financial
95 interest, profit, or benefit in any contract, work, or business of the authority nor in the sale,
96 lease, or purchase of any property to or from the authority."

97 "SECTION 31.

98 Effective date.

99 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
100 without such approval."

101 **SECTION 2.**

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