

House Bill 801

By: Representatives Rogers of the 26th, Mills of the 25th, Collins of the 27th, and Benton of the 31st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Gainesville Redevelopment Authority, approved March 24,
2 1978 (Ga. L. 1978, p. 4440), so as to modify the composition and organization of the
3 authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

6 An Act creating the Gainesville Redevelopment Authority, approved March 24, 1978 (Ga. L.
7 1978, p. 4440), is amended by revising Section 4 as follows:

8 style="text-align:center">"SECTION 4.

9 style="text-align:center">Composition and Organization of Authority.

10 (a) The Authority shall consist of nine members who shall be either residents of the City
11 of Gainesville, operate, manage, or work for a business within the City of Gainesville, or
12 own real property within the City of Gainesville. In making the appointments of members
13 of the Authority, not more than one member should be selected from any one family,
14 partnership, or other business organization. Within 30 days of the effective date of this
15 Act, the city council of the City of Gainesville shall appoint eight members. The eight
16 appointed members shall select a ninth member to serve a full term. For the initial
17 appointments, the city shall appoint two persons for one year, two for two years, two for
18 three years, and two for four years. The ninth member appointed by the initial eight
19 members shall serve for a term of four years. Thereafter, all terms and appointments,
20 except in case of a vacancy, shall be for four years. In the event a vacancy occurs, the city
21 shall fill by appointment such vacancy for the unexpired term. In making any appointment
22 for a vacancy or after the expiration of a term, the city shall request two nominations for
23 each member to be appointed from the Authority. The governing authority of the City of
24 Gainesville may, in its discretion, request the Authority to submit additional names before

25 making any appointment to the membership of the Authority. If no nomination is made
26 within 14 days after such request, the appointment shall be made without any nomination.
27 A member who has served a full four-year term shall not be eligible for reappointment until
28 the lapse of one year after the expiration of his or her four-year term.

29 (b) In addition, the Authority shall have one ex officio member. The ex officio member
30 shall be the mayor of the City of Gainesville or another council member designated by the
31 mayor. The ex officio member shall serve in an advisory capacity only and shall have no
32 voting authority.

33 (c) The members of the Authority shall organize and enter upon the performance of their
34 duties immediately after their appointment as provided in this section.

35 (d) The Authority shall elect one of its members as Chairman and one as Vice-Chairman
36 and shall elect a Secretary-Treasurer or a Secretary and a Treasurer, who may but need not
37 necessarily hold membership on the Authority.

38 (e) Five members of the Authority shall constitute a quorum, and no vacancy on the
39 Authority shall impair the right of the quorum to exercise all the rights and perform all the
40 duties of the Authority at every meeting, and in every instance a majority vote of a quorum
41 shall authorize any legal act of the Authority, including all things necessary to authorize
42 and issue revenue bonds.

43 (f) The members of the Authority shall not be entitled to compensation for their services,
44 but may be reimbursed by the Authority for their actual expenses properly incurred in the
45 performance of their duties. Each member of the Authority shall hold office until his or
46 her successor shall have been appointed. The Authority shall make rules, bylaws, and
47 regulations for its own government and may retain, employ, and engage professional and
48 technical supervisors, assistants, and experts and other agents and employees, temporary
49 and permanent, as it may require. The members of the Authority shall be accountable in
50 all respects as trustees, and the Authority shall keep suitable books and records of all its
51 obligations, contracts, transactions, and undertakings and of all income and receipts of
52 every nature and all expenditures of every kind."

53 **SECTION 2.**

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