

Senate Bill 280

By: Senator Brown of the 26th

**AS PASSED SENATE**

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT**

1 To amend an Act known as the "Macon-Bibb County Water and Sewerage Authority Act,"  
 2 approved March 2, 1966 (Ga. L. 1966, p. 2737), as amended, particularly by an Act approved  
 3 March 23, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 4991), so as to change the procedure for choosing members  
 4 of such authority; to provide for terms for such members; to provide for certain billing  
 5 cycles; to eliminate certain excises; to provide for the elimination of certain compensation  
 6 plans; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act known as the "Macon-Bibb County Water and Sewerage Authority Act," approved  
 10 March 2, 1966 (Ga. L. 1966, p. 2737), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March  
 11 23, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 4991), is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (b),  
 12 subsection (c), and subsection (h) of Section 2 as follows:

13 "(1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of this section, the authority shall  
 14 consist of eight members, five of whom shall be elected as provided in this section. Of the  
 15 remaining three members of the authority, two shall be appointed by the mayor of the City  
 16 of Macon, and one shall be a member of the governing authority of Bibb County to be  
 17 appointed by the governing authority of Bibb County."

18 "(c)(1) In the 2010 general election, candidates shall be elected from Districts 2 and 3 and  
 19 serve an initial term of three years, and their successors shall serve for terms of two years  
 20 thereafter. In the 2014 general election candidates shall be elected from Districts 1, 4, and  
 21 5. Candidates elected from such districts shall take office on the first day of January  
 22 following their election and serve for a term of office of two years and until their  
 23 successors are duly elected and qualified. Thereafter, successors to the elected members  
 24 of the authority shall be elected in the general election conducted immediately prior to the  
 25 expiration of the term of office for which they offer as candidates, shall take office on the  
 26 first day of January following their election, and shall serve for terms of office of two years  
 27 and until the election and qualification of their successors. Members of the authority from

28 the City of Macon and Bibb County shall be appointed by the respective appointing body  
29 or official, and such members shall serve on the authority at the pleasure of each appointing  
30 body or official and only so long as they are members of the respective appointing body.

31 (2) The members of the authority in office on the effective date of this Act shall continue  
32 in office until the expiration of the terms for which they are serving on the effective date  
33 of this Act."

34 "(h) The salary for each elected member of the authority shall be \$5,400.00 per annum,  
35 payable monthly at the rate of \$450.00."

36 **SECTION 2.**

37 Said Act is further amended by adding a new paragraph to Section 5 to read as follows:

38 "(14.1)(A) For the purposes of this paragraph, the term 'residential apartment complex'  
39 means any property that has been subdivided into units and leased to persons for a  
40 certain term for residential use.

41 (B) With respect to the rates, fees, tolls, or charges that the authority has the power to  
42 prescribe, fix or collect pursuant to paragraph (14) of this section, the authority:

43 (i) Shall not prescribe, fix or collect a rate, fee, toll, or charge of which its application  
44 shall impact only such properties zoned as a residential apartment complex.

45 (ii) Shall bill the customer on a 30 day billing cycle. Such billing cycle shall include  
46 a reasonable grace period prior to such rate, fee, toll, or charge being designated late  
47 for the purposes of charging any additional fees or penalties."

48 **SECTION 3.**

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