

Senate Bill 276

By: Senator Davis of the 22nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Augusta-Richmond County Coliseum Authority, approved
2 April 17, 1973 (Ga. L. 1973, p. 3042), as amended, so as to modify provisions relating to the
3 Authority; to provide for the terms and appointment of members of the Authority; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

7 An Act creating the Augusta-Richmond County Coliseum Authority, approved
8 April 17, 1973 (Ga. L. 1973, p. 3042), as amended, is amended by revising Section 2 as
9 follows:

10 "SECTION 2.

11 (a) There is created a body corporate and politic to be known as the Augusta-Richmond
12 County Coliseum Authority which shall be deemed to be a political subdivision of the State
13 of Georgia and a public corporation and by that name, style, and title said body may
14 contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, and complain
15 and defend in all courts of law and equity. Beginning on the day after the date this section
16 becomes effective in 2011, the Authority shall consist of seven members to be appointed
17 as follows:

18 (1) Six members shall be appointed by the Augusta-Richmond County Commission, with
19 the five commissioners of Super District 9 entitled to appoint three members and the five
20 commissioners of Super District 10 entitled to appoint three members; and

21 (2) One member shall be appointed by the legislative delegation which shall consist of
22 all members of the General Assembly representing all or a portion of Richmond County.
23 The member appointed by the legislative delegation shall be the chairperson of the
24 Authority.

25 In order to be qualified to serve on the Authority, an appointee shall be a resident of
26 Richmond County and shall have experience in business.

27 (b) Beginning on the day after the date this section becomes effective in 2011, the
28 appointees of the county commission shall serve a term concurrent with the term of the
29 Super District commissioner from the Super District that made the appointment. The
30 appointee from the legislative delegation shall serve a two-year term, except as otherwise
31 specified in this section. In order for an appointee of the county commission to be removed
32 from the Authority, seven members of the Augusta-Richmond County Commission,
33 including four members from the Super District that made the appointment, without the
34 necessity of a showing of cause, must vote for the removal of the appointee.

35 (c) The members of the Authority in office on the day before the date this section becomes
36 effective in 2011 shall not serve until the regular expiration of the terms to which such
37 members were appointed, and the terms of such members shall expire at 11:59 P.M. on the
38 date this section becomes effective in 2011.

39 (d) As soon as practicable on or after the date this section becomes effective in 2011, the
40 Augusta-Richmond County Commission shall appoint such members provided for in this
41 section for terms beginning on the day after such date to replace the previously appointed
42 members of the Authority. All appointees to the Authority shall serve until their respective
43 successors are appointed and qualified. Appointees shall be eligible for reappointment at
44 the discretion of the appointing authority or governing body.

45 (e) As soon as practicable on or after the date this section becomes effective in 2011, the
46 legislative delegation shall appoint such member provided for in this section for a term
47 beginning on the day after such date and ending on December 31, 2012, or until his or her
48 respective successor is appointed and qualified. Subsequent appointees of the legislative
49 delegation shall serve two-year terms or until his or her respective successor is appointed
50 and qualified.

51 (f) Immediately after their appointment, the members of the Augusta-Richmond County
52 Coliseum Authority shall enter upon their duties. They shall all attend an orientation and
53 training course approved by the Augusta-Richmond County Commission. They shall elect
54 one of their number as vice chairperson, and may also elect a secretary and treasurer who
55 need not necessarily be a member of the Augusta-Richmond County Coliseum Authority.
56 The vice chairperson and secretary and treasurer shall serve for a period of one year and
57 until their successors are appointed and qualified. Four members of the Augusta-Richmond
58 County Coliseum Authority shall constitute a quorum. The chairperson shall be a
59 nonvoting member of the Authority, except he or she may vote to break a tie vote by the
60 other members. The chairperson shall form committees and appoint members thereto as
61 he or she deems necessary.

62 (g) As soon as practicable after the date this section becomes effective in 2011, the
63 members of the Augusta-Richmond County Coliseum Authority shall cause to be published
64 a manual governing the acceptable business practices and management techniques to be
65 followed by all members during their service on the Authority. This manual shall also
66 include a statement of the purpose of the Augusta-Richmond County Coliseum Authority
67 and a statement of the vision for the future of the Authority.

68 (h) In the event of a vacancy by reason of death, disqualification, removal, resignation, or
69 other reason, the body which appointed such member shall appoint a person to serve the
70 remainder of the term of such member. No vacancy on the Augusta-Richmond County
71 Coliseum Authority shall impair the right of the quorum to exercise all their rights and to
72 perform all of the duties of the Authority.

73 (i) The members of the Augusta-Richmond County Coliseum Authority shall serve
74 without compensation provided that all members shall be reimbursed for their actual
75 expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties. The Authority shall make
76 rules and regulations governing the procedures to be followed in conducting the business
77 of the Authority. It shall have perpetual existence."

78 **SECTION 2.**

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