

House Bill 177

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 12-3-402 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 creation and operation of the Oconee River Greenway Authority, so as to change the  
3 membership of the authority; 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 Code Section 12-3-402 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the creation  
7 and operation of the Oconee River Greenway Authority, is amended by revising subsection  
8 (b) as follows:

9 "(b) The authority shall consist of the commissioner of natural resources or the designee  
10 thereof, the director of the State Forestry Commission or the designee thereof, the mayor  
11 of Milledgeville, the president of Georgia Military College, the chairperson of the  
12 governing authority of each county which is in the geographic jurisdiction of the authority  
13 or the designee thereof, and ~~two~~ no more than four residents of each county which is in the  
14 geographic jurisdiction of the authority who have training or experience in biology, botany,  
15 or environmental science and who shall be appointed by the chairperson of the governing  
16 authority of such county."

17 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.