

House Bill 635

By: Representative Pruett of the 149th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide for the membership of the Dodge County-Eastman Development
2 Authority, approved May 1, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 4970), so as to change the membership
3 and terms of office of the Dodge County-Eastman Development Authority; to provide for the
4 transfer of the powers, duties, assets, property, liabilities, and indebtedness of the Heart of
5 Georgia Regional Airport Authority to the Dodge County-Eastman Development Authority;
6 to provided a statement of authority; to provide for related matters; to provide a contingent
7 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 SECTION 1.

10 This Act is enacted pursuant to Paragraph L of Section 1 of an amendment to the
11 Constitution of Georgia creating the Dodge County-Eastman Development Authority
12 pursuant to a Resolution of the General Assembly approved April 9, 1968 (Ga. L. 1968,
13 p. 1693), and continued in effect pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly approved
14 March 25, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 4534), which grants to the General Assembly the authority
15 to regulate the management and conduct of the authority by law.

16 SECTION 2.

17 An Act to provide for the membership of the Dodge County-Eastman Development
18 Authority, approved May 1, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 4970), is amended by revising Section 2
19 as follows:

20 "SECTION 2.

- 21 (a) The Dodge County-Eastman Development Authority shall consist of seven members.
- 22 (b) The members of the authority in office on the effective date of this section who were
23 appointed by the governing authorities of Dodge County and the City of Eastman and the
24 Dodge County delegation in the Georgia House of Representatives shall continue to serve

25 until December 31, 2013, and until their respective successors are appointed and qualified.
26 The terms of the two members of the Dodge County-Eastman Development Authority who
27 were appointed by the Heart of Georgia Regional Airport Authority shall terminate on the
28 effective date of this section.

29 (c) Within 30 days after the effective date of this section, the governing authority of Dodge
30 County shall appoint an additional member and the Dodge County delegation to the
31 Georgia House of Representatives shall appoint an additional member to replace the
32 members formerly appointed by the Heart of Georgia Regional Airport Authority. All such
33 appointees shall be citizens of Dodge County. Such appointees shall serve terms of office
34 beginning on the first day of the second month following the month this section becomes
35 effective and ending on December 31, 2013, and until their respective successors are
36 appointed and qualified.

37 (d) Successors to all members of the authority shall be appointed by their respective
38 appointing authorities not later than 30 days prior to the expiration of the terms of office
39 of those persons serving and shall serve two-year terms of office and until their respective
40 successors are appointed and qualified. All such appointees shall be citizens of Dodge
41 County.

42 (e) At the first meeting of the authority following the reconstitution of the authority as
43 provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, the authority shall elect new officers
44 who shall serve until the next regular election of officers for the authority."

45 **SECTION 3.**

46 On the effective date of this Act, all powers, duties, assets, real and personal property,
47 liabilities, and indebtedness of the Heart of Georgia Regional Airport Authority are
48 transferred to the Dodge County-Eastman Development Authority. The Dodge
49 County-Eastman Development Authority shall be the successor to the Heart of Georgia
50 Regional Airport Authority in all matters, including all contracts entered into by the Heart
51 of Georgia Regional Airport Authority which are in existence on the effective date of this
52 Act and to all accounts of and debts owed to the Heart of Georgia Regional Airport Authority
53 that are outstanding on the effective date of this Act.

54 **SECTION 4.**

55 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
56 without such approval, provided that there is enacted at the same session of the General
57 Assembly an Act to abolish the Heart of Georgia Regional Airport Authority. If no such Act
58 is enacted, this Act shall not become effective and shall be repealed by operation of law.

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SECTION 5.

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