

House Bill 628 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Neal of the 2nd, Deffenbaugh of the 1st, and Weldon of the 3rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to change the method of filling vacancies on the board of the hospital
2 authority of Walker, Dade, and Catoosa counties, approved April 12, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982,
3 p. 4531), so as to revise the method of filling vacancies; to provide for related matters; to
4 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 An Act to change the method of filling vacancies on the board of the hospital authority of
8 Walker, Dade, and Catoosa counties, approved April 12, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 4531), is
9 amended by revising Section 1 as follows:

10 "SECTION 1.

11 (a) Pursuant to the authority of subsection (d) of Code Section 31-7-72 of the O.C.G.A.,
12 the method of filling vacancies on the board of the hospital authority of Walker, Dade, and
13 Catoosa counties shall be as provided in this Act. This Act shall apply to vacancies for
14 unexpired and full terms. The governing authority of the county from which the member
15 whose seat becomes vacant was selected shall submit to the board of the hospital authority
16 a list of three eligible persons. The board at its next regular or special meeting shall select
17 one of those three persons to fill the vacancy.

18 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the next vacancy to
19 occur on the board following the effective date of this Act for a seat held by an appointee
20 from Dade County shall be filled in accordance with subsection (a) of this section from a
21 list of three eligible persons submitted by the governing authority of Catoosa County and
22 any subsequent vacancies in such seat shall be filled in accordance with subsection (a) of
23 this section by the submission of a list of three eligible persons by the governing authority
24 of Catoosa County.

25 (c) The provisions of subsection (b) of this section shall not become effective if Dade
26 County by not later than July 1, 2013:

27 (1) Enters into an intergovernmental contract with the hospital authority and Walker and
28 Catoosa counties pursuant to Code Section 31-7-85 of the O.C.G.A., under the terms of
29 which Dade County agrees to make payments to the hospital authority in an amount equal
30 to 20 percent of the annual principal and interest requirements of debt issued by the
31 hospital authority for which the remaining 80 percent is similarly supported by
32 agreements of Walker and Catoosa counties; and

33 (2) Amends its resolution creating the hospital authority to increase the number of
34 members of the board from nine members to ten members with one additional member
35 to represent Catoosa County."

36 **SECTION 2.**

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