

House Bill 978

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Georgia International and Maritime Trade Center Authority,  
2 approved April 21, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 4499), as amended, so as to change the provisions  
3 relating to the membership of such authority; to provide an effective date; to repeal  
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 An Act creating the Georgia International and Maritime Trade Center Authority, approved  
8 April 21, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 4499), as amended, is amended by revising subsection (b)  
9 of Section 3 to read as follows:

10 "(b) The authority shall consist of the following membership: one member appointed by  
11 each member of the Georgia General Assembly representing a portion of Chatham County;  
12 one member appointed by the majority vote of the Board of Commissioners of Chatham  
13 County; one member appointed by the majority vote of the mayor and aldermen of the City  
14 of Savannah; the president of the Savannah Economic Development Authority, who shall  
15 serve ex officio and have a vote; and the president of the Savannah Area Convention and  
16 Visitors' Bureau, who shall serve ex officio and have a vote. Except for the ex officio  
17 members, who shall serve for a term of three years (with the initial term ending May 1,  
18 2008) for the initial term, four members shall be appointed for one year, three members  
19 shall be appointed for two years, and three members shall be appointed for three years.  
20 Selection of term length shall be by lot. After expiration of the initial term, the terms of  
21 all members except the ex officio members shall be for three years, except that the  
22 appointment of any person selected to fill an unexpired term shall be only for the remainder  
23 of such term."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
26 without such approval.

27 **SECTION 3.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.