

House Bill 615

By: Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Hitchens of the 161st, and Jackson of the 165th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Chatham County Recreation Authority, approved April 5, 1995
2 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 4281), so as to abolish the current authority memberships; to provide for
3 new board membership; to provide terms of office; to revise quorum requirements; to
4 provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act creating the Chatham County Recreation Authority, approved April 5, 1995
9 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 4281), is amended in Section 2 by revising subsections (b) and (h) as
10 follows:

11 "(b)(1) The authority membership in office on June 30, 2025, shall vacate their offices,
12 and such offices shall be abolished as of that date.

13 (2) On July 1, 2025, the authority shall be governed by a new board that shall consist of
14 nine members. Seven members of the authority shall be appointed by the Chatham
15 County legislative delegation, and two members of the authority shall be appointed by
16 the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County. One of the members of the authority

17 appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County shall be from a list of
18 nominations made by the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce.

19 (3)(A) Members of the authority appointed by the legislative delegation shall serve
20 two-year terms of office and until their successors are appointed and qualified;
21 provided, however, that of the initial seven members appointed pursuant to this
22 subsection, the legislative delegation shall designate three of such members to serve an
23 initial term of one year and until their successors are appointed and qualified.

24 (B) Members of the authority appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Chatham
25 County shall serve four-year terms of office and until their successors are appointed and
26 qualified; provided, however, that the initial member appointed from the chamber of
27 commerce's nomination list shall be appointed to an initial term of office of three years
28 and until his or her successor is appointed and qualified.

29 (3) The board established pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection shall in all matters
30 be the successor to the authority membership abolished in paragraph (1) of this
31 subsection.

32 (4) For the purposes of this subsection, the Chatham County legislative delegation shall
33 be composed of all senators and representatives in the General Assembly whose districts
34 are wholly or partially in Chatham County."

35 "(h) Five members of the authority shall constitute a quorum. No vacancy on the authority
36 shall impair the right of the quorum to exercise all of the rights and perform all the duties
37 of the authority."

38 **SECTION 2.**

39 This Act shall become effective on June 30, 2025.

40 **SECTION 3.**

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