

The House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation offers the following substitute to HB 615:

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 revise the membership of the authority; to provide for new
3 board membership; to provide terms of office; to revise quorum requirements; to provide for
4 related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 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) On July 1, 2025, and until February 28, 2029, the authority shall be governed by
12 a board that shall consist of no more than 14 members. As of March 1, 2029, the
13 authority shall be governed by a board that shall consist of nine members.

14 (2)(A) Those members of the authority serving on the effective date of this subsection
15 shall serve out the terms to which they were appointed; provided, however, that any
16 vacancy on the board:

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17 (i) Existing on the effective date of this subsection; or
18 (ii) Created by one or more of such members vacating his or her office prior to the
19 end of his or her term following the effective date of this subsection;
20 shall be filled by a member appointed by the Chatham County legislative delegation to
21 serve out the remainder of the unexpired term.

22 (B)(i) Upon the expiration of the term of board member Sandra Cason, the Board of
23 Commissioners of Chatham County shall appoint a member of the authority from a
24 list of nominees made by the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce.

25 (ii) Upon the expiration of the term of board member Bob Fritz, the Board of
26 Commissioners of Chatham County shall appoint a member of the authority.

27 (iii) Upon the expiration of the term of any other member of the authority serving on
28 June 30, 2025, such board membership shall be abolished.

29 (3)(A) Except as provided for in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2) of this subsection,
30 members of the authority appointed by the legislative delegation shall serve two-year
31 terms of office and until their successors are appointed and qualified; provided,
32 however, that of the initial seven members appointed by the legislative delegation
33 pursuant to this subsection, the legislative delegation shall designate three of the initial
34 seven members to serve an initial term of one year and until their successors are
35 appointed and qualified.

36 (B) Members of the authority appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Chatham
37 County pursuant to divisions (2)(B)(i) and (2)(B)(ii) of this subsection shall serve
38 four-year terms of office and until their successors are appointed and qualified;
39 provided, however, that the initial member appointed pursuant to division (2)(B)(ii) of
40 this subsection shall be appointed to an initial term of office of three years and until his
41 or her successor is appointed and qualified.

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

45 "(h) A quorum of the authority shall be a majority of the board members authorized by this
46 Act. No vacancy on the authority shall impair the right of the quorum to exercise all of the
47 rights and perform all the duties of the authority."

48 **SECTION 2.**

49 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025.

50 **SECTION 3.**

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