

Senate Bill 624

By: Senator Williams of the 25th

AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to create the Public Facilities Authority of the City of Milledgeville and
2 Baldwin County, approved May 11, 2009 (Ga. L. 2009, p. 3955), so as to remove references
3 to the City of Milledgeville; to provide for membership of the authority; to provide for terms
4 of office of members of the authority; to permit members to succeed themselves; to provide
5 for vacancies of members; to provide for certain tax exemptions; to provide for related
6 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act to create the Public Facilities Authority of the City of Milledgeville and Baldwin
10 County, approved May 11, 2009 (Ga. L. 2009, p. 3955), is amended by adding a new section
11 to read as follows:

12 "SECTION 1.1.

13 The Public Facilities Authority of the City of Milledgeville and Baldwin County shall be
14 known and may be referred to as the Public Facilities Authority of Baldwin County. Any
15 reference in this Act to the Public Facilities Authority of the City of Milledgeville and

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16 Baldwin County shall be deemed to refer to the Public Facilities Authority of Baldwin
17 County. Any reference to the City of Milledgeville, or the city, shall be deemed to refer
18 to Baldwin County, Georgia, or its successor."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 5 as follows:

21 "SECTION 5.

22 Members of the authority and terms of office.

23 (a) The terms of the current members of the authority shall end on December 31, 2026.

24 (b) Beginning on January 1, 2027, the authority shall consist of five members appointed
25 by the board of commissioners who are residents of the county. The members of the
26 authority shall be appointed for a term of one year from the date of appointment and until
27 their successors shall have been selected and appointed.

28 (c) Any member of the board of commissioners may be appointed to serve as a member
29 of the authority. The term of office of any member of the authority who also serves as
30 a member of the board of commissioners shall be concurrent with his or her term of office
31 as a member of the board of commissioners.

32 (d) Any member of the authority may be selected and appointed to succeed himself or
33 herself.

34 (e) Immediately after their appointments, the members of the authority shall enter upon
35 their duties. Any vacancy on the authority shall be filled in the same manner as the
36 original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term. A majority of the members
37 of the authority holding office at any time shall constitute a quorum, and no vacancy on
38 the authority shall impair the right of the quorum to exercise all the rights and perform
39 all the duties of the authority and, in every instance, a majority vote of a quorum shall

40 authorize any legal act of the authority, including all things necessary to authorize and
41 issue revenue bonds and other obligations. The authority shall elect one of its members
42 as chairperson, and from its membership shall elect a secretary and a treasurer. The
43 authority may elect one of its members as vice chairperson and may elect any number of
44 assistant secretaries or treasurers, who need not be members of the authority, as it may
45 from time to time deem necessary or desirable. The members of the authority shall not
46 be entitled to compensation for their services, but may be reimbursed for their actual
47 expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties. The authority may make
48 rules and regulations for its own governance and it shall have perpetual existence. Any
49 change in name or composition of the authority shall in no way affect the vested rights
50 of any person under the provisions of this Act or impair the obligations of any contracts
51 existing under this Act."

52 **SECTION 3.**

53 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 16 as follows:

54 "SECTION 16.

55 Revenue bonds or other obligations exempt from taxation.

56 All revenue bonds or other obligation issued as provided in this Act are declared to be
57 issued or incurred for an essential public and government purpose and such obligations and
58 the interest thereon shall, to the extent not prohibited by general law, be exempt from all
59 taxation within this state, whether or not the income on such bonds or other obligations is
60 excludable from the gross income of the holders thereof for federal income tax purposes."

61 **SECTION 4.**

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