

House Bill 1611

By: Representative Stephens of the 164th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to create the Savannah Development and Renewal Authority, approved
2 May 4, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 6764), so as to revise provisions related to the appointment of
3 authority members; to revise notice requirements regarding appointment of members; to
4 revise quorum provisions; to provide for related matters; 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 to create the Savannah Development and Renewal Authority, approved May 4, 1992
9 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 6764), is amended by revising Section 5 as follows:

10 "SECTION 5.

11 Membership.

12 (a) The authority shall be comprised of 17 members who shall be appointed by the mayor
13 and aldermen of the City of Savannah.

- 14 (b) All members of the authority shall be appointed for terms of four years. Any vacancy
15 occurring on the authority for any reason shall be filled by the original appointing body.
16 All members of the authority shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified.
- 17 (c) Each member of the authority shall be a resident of Savannah at the time of
18 appointment and while holding office as a member of the authority. The mayor and
19 aldermen may invite the authority and business, civic, educational, and neighborhood
20 associations to suggest the names of persons as nominees for appointment to the authority
21 but shall not be required to make appointments from such nominees.
- 22 (d) Prior to the appointment of any member of the authority, the mayor and aldermen shall
23 cause a notice to be published. Such notice shall be in substantially the following form:
24 "The mayor and aldermen of the City of Savannah will appoint -- (Insert number) --
25 member(s) of the Savannah Development and Renewal Authority within not less than 30
26 days from the publication of this notice. Any business, civic, educational, or neighborhood
27 association and any resident of Savannah may suggest names of persons as nominees for
28 appointment to the authority by submitting such names to the mayor and aldermen.'
- 29 (e) Members of the authority shall receive no compensation for serving on the authority
30 but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred by them in carrying out
31 their official duties."

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SECTION 2.

33 Said Act is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Section 6 as follows:

- 34 "(b) A majority of the appointed members of the authority shall constitute a quorum for
35 the transaction of business. The powers and duties of the authority shall be transacted,
36 exercised, and performed only pursuant to the affirmative vote of at least a majority of a
37 quorum."

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SECTION 3.

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