

House Bill 595

By: Representatives Jones of the 47th, Geisinger of the 48th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Golick of the 40th, Beskin of the 54th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the establishment of a county-wide library system in Fulton
2 County, approved April 12, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 4174), as amended, particularly by an Act
3 approved May 17, 2004 (Ga. L. 2004, p. 4347), so as to specify a name for the county-wide
4 library system; to change membership, the number of members, and the selection of
5 members of the library board of trustees; to provide for vacancies; to provide for the
6 selection of the executive director of the library system and to whom the executive director
7 shall report; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting
8 laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 An Act providing for the establishment of a county-wide library system in Fulton County,
12 approved April 12, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 4174), as amended, particularly by an Act approved
13 May 17, 2004 (Ga. L. 2004, p. 4347), is amended by revising Section 4 as follows:

14 "SECTION 4.

15 (a) The county-wide library system shall be named the Fulton County Library System.
16 Within the corporate limits of the City of Atlanta, the system may, but is not required to,
17 continue to use the name Atlanta-Fulton County Library System, but the legal name of the
18 system shall remain the Fulton County Library System. Responsibility for constructing,
19 operating, and maintaining all library facilities and services within the service area of the
20 library system shall hereinafter be vested in the county-wide library system which shall be
21 administered by the library board of trustees.

22 (b)(1) The term of office of each member of the library board of trustees serving as such
23 trustee on June 30, 2015, shall expire on July 1, 2015. On and after July 1, 2015, the
24 library board of trustees shall consist of eight members as provided in this section.

25 (2) The mayor of the City of Atlanta shall appoint one member to serve on the board of
26 trustees as an ex officio, nonvoting member.

27 (3) There shall be seven Fulton County appointed members, with one such member
28 appointed by each member of the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County. Each
29 member of the board of trustees appointed by a member of the board of commissioners
30 shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing member of the board of commissioners and
31 for the same term as the commissioner making such appointment. Each member of the
32 board of trustees appointed by a member of the board of commissioners shall reside
33 within Fulton County during his or her service on the board of trustees or that office shall
34 become vacant.

35 (c) No person may be appointed or serve as a member of the library board of trustees who
36 holds any elective office.

37 (d) Any vacancy on the library board of trustees shall be filled in the same manner as the
38 initial appointment.

39 (e) Members of the library board of trustees shall be removed for cause or for failure to
40 attend three consecutive meetings or for failure to attend four or more meetings in a
41 calendar year. Upon being removed for cause or for failure to attend meetings, such
42 member shall not be eligible for reappointment during the appointing authority's present
43 term of office.

44 (f) Members of the library board of trustees may receive a per diem allowance for each
45 meeting of the board of trustees which they attend. Such allowance shall be in such
46 amount as may be fixed from time to time by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton
47 County.

48 (g) There shall be an executive director of the library system who shall be hired by and
49 serve at the pleasure of the library board of trustees with the confirmation of a majority of
50 the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County and shall report directly to the library board
51 of trustees for purposes of job performance, evaluation, and budgeting."

52 **SECTION 2.**

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

55 **SECTION 3.**

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