House Bill 1565 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)
By: Representatives Mallow of the 163rd, Stephens of the 164th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Jackson of the 165th, and Hitchens of the 161st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act to create the Savannah Development and Renewal Authority, approved May 4, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 6764), so as to revise provisions related to the appointment of authority members; to revise notice requirements regarding appointment of members; to revise quorum provisions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act to create the Savannah Development and Renewal Authority, approved May 4, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 6764), is amended by revising Section 5 as follows:

SECTION 5.

Membership.

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

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(b) All members of the authority shall be appointed for terms of four years. Any vacancy occurring on the authority for any reason shall be filled by the original appointing body. All members of the authority shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified.

(c) Each member of the authority shall be a resident of Savannah at the time of appointment and while holding office as a member of the authority. The mayor and aldermen may invite the authority and business, civic, educational, and neighborhood associations to suggest the names of persons as nominees for appointment to the authority but shall not be required to make appointments from such nominees.

(d) Prior to the appointment of any member of the authority, the mayor and aldermen shall cause a notice to be published. Such notice shall be in substantially the following form: "The mayor and aldermen of the City of Savannah will appoint -- (Insert number) -- member(s) of the Savannah Development and Renewal Authority within not less than 30 days from the publication of this notice. Any business, civic, educational, or neighborhood association and any resident of Savannah may suggest names of persons as nominees for appointment to the authority by submitting such names to the mayor and aldermen.'

(e) Members of the authority shall receive no compensation for serving on the authority but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred by them in carrying out their official duties."

SECTION 2.

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

"(b) A majority of the appointed members of the authority shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The powers and duties of the authority shall be transacted, exercised, and performed only pursuant to the affirmative vote of at least a majority of a quorum."
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SECTION 3.

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