

House Bill 1575 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Crowe of the 110th and Holmes of the 129th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to create the Butts County, City of Flovilla, City of Jackson, and City of
2 Jenkinsburg Water and Sewer Authority, approved March 28, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 5457),
3 as amended, so as to increase the size of and reconstitute the members of the authority; to
4 revise provisions for the appointment, terms, and removal of members; to provide that the
5 authority chairperson can vote; to revise quorum provisions; to provide for related matters;
6 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 Butts County, City of Flovilla, City of Jackson, and City of Jenkinsburg
10 Water and Sewer Authority, approved March 28, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 5457), as amended,
11 is amended by revising subsections (b) and (c) of Section 2 as follows:

12 "(b) As of May 15, 2022, the authority shall consist of seven members, with such members
13 appointed in the following manner:

14 (1) Five members shall be appointed by the members of the Butts County Board of
15 Commissioners, with each individual commissioner appointing one member to the
16 authority. Each appointee need not reside within the district of his or her appointing

17 commissioner but shall be a resident of Butts County. Each such appointed member shall
18 serve an initial term that is commensurate with the remainder of the term of office of the
19 commissioner who appointed such member and until the successor is appointed and
20 qualified. Subsequent terms shall be for four years coinciding with the terms of office
21 of the commissioners who appointed such members and until their successors are
22 appointed and qualified;

23 (2) One member shall be a resident of Butts County appointed by the governing authority
24 of the City of Jackson to serve a term commensurate with the term of office of the mayor
25 of the City of Jackson and until a successor is appointed and qualified; and

26 (3) One member shall be a resident of Butts County appointed by the governing authority
27 of the City of Jenkinsburg to serve a term commensurate with the term of office of the
28 mayor of the City of Jenkinsburg and until a successor is appointed and qualified.

29 Members of the authority appointed pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
30 removed at will by majority vote of the Butts County Board of Commissioners. Members
31 of the authority appointed pursuant to paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection may be
32 removed at will by majority vote of the respective appointing authority. The terms of the
33 members of the authority serving on the effective date of this Act shall terminate on such
34 date. In the event of a vacancy, the relevant appointing authority shall fill such vacancy
35 as soon as possible and in accordance with its respective appointment power provided for
36 in this subsection.

37 (c) Immediately upon appointment, the members of the authority shall enter upon their
38 duties, and as soon as it is practicable thereafter, they shall hold an organizational meeting.
39 The members of the authority shall elect one of their number as chairperson and another
40 as vice chairperson. The chairperson shall be a full voting member of the authority. None
41 of the mayors of the cities nor the chairperson of the Butts County Board of Commissioners
42 shall serve as chairperson or vice chairperson of the authority. The members shall also
43 elect a secretary and a treasurer, or a secretary-treasurer, who need not be members of the

44 authority. Four members of the authority shall constitute a quorum, and no action shall be
45 taken without the approval of a majority of the board. No vacancy on the authority shall
46 impair the authority of the quorum to exercise all of the rights and powers of and perform
47 all of the duties and obligations of the authority. Members of the authority shall receive
48 \$200.00 for each meeting attended as compensation for their service on the board. The
49 members shall not receive any other benefits; provided, however, that such members shall
50 be reimbursed for their actual documented expenses necessarily incurred in the
51 performance of their duties. The authority may make rules and regulations and adopt
52 bylaws for its own governance. The authority shall have perpetual existence."

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SECTION 2.

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