

House Bill 1539 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to create the Waycross Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority,
2 approved May 3, 2017 (Ga. L. 2017, p. 3729), so as to add two additional directors; to
3 provide for the appointment and initial terms of such directors; to provide for related matters;
4 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 An Act to create the Waycross Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority, approved May 3,
8 2017 (Ga. L. 2017, p. 3729), is amended by revising subsections (b) and (c) of Section 6 as
9 follows:

10 "(b) As of the June 1, 2022, the board shall consist of seven directors. One director shall
11 be the city manager, one director shall be the executive director, and the remaining
12 directors shall be appointed by majority vote of the city commission. All directors shall
13 be at least 21 years of age, and all appointed directors shall be residents of the City of
14 Waycross or owners or employees of businesses within the City of Waycross. No member
15 of the governing authority of Ware County or the governing authority of the City of
16 Waycross shall serve as a director.

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17 (c)(1) Except as provided for in paragraph (3) of this subsection, all appointed directors
18 shall serve terms of four years. After having served an initial four-year term, an
19 appointed director may succeed himself or herself for one additional four-year term of
20 appointment and thereafter shall be ineligible for reappointment for a period of at least
21 one year. The terms of appointed directors shall expire on December 31 of the year in
22 which the term is scheduled to end, and the appointment for the succeeding term shall be
23 effective January 1 of the next year.

24 (2) Any appointed director may resign at any time by filing a written notice of
25 resignation with the city clerk. Appointed directors shall serve at the pleasure of the
26 mayor and city commission and may be removed, with or without cause, by a two-thirds'
27 vote of the mayor and entire city commission with the mayor having the right to vote on
28 the question of such removal.

29 (3) Upon subsection (b) becoming effective, the two new directors shall be appointed as
30 follows:

31 (A) The city commission shall designate one of the initial additional appointees to
32 serve a term ending on December 31, 2022;

33 (B) The city commission shall designate one the initial additional appointees to serve
34 a term ending on December 31, 2023."

35 **SECTION 2.**

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