

House Bill 681 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Sainz of the 180th and Corbett of the 174th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to create the Camden County Public Service Authority, approved
2 March 30, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 4273), as amended, so as to revise a definition; to provide
3 for the composition of the Authority; to provide for an annual certified audit; to provide for
4 related matters; to provide for a referendum; to provide for contingent effective dates and
5 automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act to create the Camden County Public Service Authority, approved March 30, 1990
9 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 4273), as amended, is amended by revising subparagraph (c)(1)(F) of
10 Section 2 as follows:

11 "(F) 'Project' means:

12 (i) All buildings, facilities, and equipment necessary or convenient for the efficient
13 operation of:

14 (I) Camden County, Georgia, or any department, agency, division, or commission
15 thereof; or

16 (II) Any other political subdivision or municipality of the State of Georgia located
17 within Camden County, Georgia; and

18 (ii) Any undertaking permitted by the 'Revenue Bond Law.'"

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 Said Act is further amended by revising subsection (f) of Section 2 as follows:

21 "(f)(1) The Authority shall be composed of nine members: the members shall include the
22 elected official or appointee of the City of Kingsland, the City of St. Mary's, and the City
23 of Woodbine and the elected official or appointee for the County of Camden. Each city
24 council shall appoint one resident from their respective city to serve on the Authority and
25 the county board of commissioners shall appoint two residents of the county to serve on

26 the Authority. With respect to the resident member appointments, each shall be
 27 appointed for a term of three years. Immediately after such appointments, the resident
 28 members of the Authority shall enter upon their duties. Each of such resident members
 29 shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified. The Authority board
 30 members serving as of the effective date of this Act shall serve until their term is
 31 completed.

32 (2) To be eligible for appointment as a member of the Authority, a person shall be at
 33 least 21 years of age and a resident of Camden County for at least two years prior to the
 34 date of his or her appointment and shall not be a convicted felon.

35 (3) Any member of the Authority may be selected and appointed to succeed himself
 36 or herself. A member may be removed from office for failure to perform the
 37 appropriate duties of membership.

38 (4) The members of the Authority shall elect one of their number as chairperson and
 39 another as vice chairperson. The members of the Authority shall also elect a secretary,
 40 who need not be a member of the Authority, and may also elect a treasurer, who need
 41 not be a member of the Authority. The secretary may also serve as treasurer. If the
 42 secretary and treasurer are not members of the Authority, such officers shall have no
 43 voting rights. Each of such officers shall serve for a period of one year and until their
 44 successors are duly elected and qualified."

45 **SECTION 3.**

46 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 6 as follows:

47 "SECTION 6.

48 Annual Audit.

49 Each year the Authority shall have made an independent certified audit and examination of
 50 the Authority's previous fiscal year financial records and transactions. Said audit shall be
 51 made on or before October 1 of each year. The audit shall be conducted in accordance with
 52 established national audit and accounting standards. Copies of said audit shall be available
 53 for public review and provided to each participating jurisdiction."

54 **SECTION 4.**

55 The election superintendent of the County of Camden shall call and conduct an election as
 56 provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of the County
 57 of Camden for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct such election
 58 on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 2019, and shall issue the call and

59 conduct such election as provided by general law. The election superintendent shall cause
60 the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately
61 preceding the date thereof in the official organ of the County of Camden. The ballot shall
62 have written or printed thereon the words:

63 "() YES Shall the Act be approved which amends the Act creating the Camden
64 () NO County Public Service Authority?"

65 All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring
66 to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on
67 such question are for approval of the Act, then Sections 1 through 4 of this Act shall become
68 effective upon approval of such Act by the voters in 2019. If more than one-half of the votes
69 cast on such question are for rejection of the Act or if the election is not held as provided in
70 this section, then this Act shall not become effective and Sections 1 through 4 of this Act
71 shall be automatically repealed upon the rejection of such Act by the voters in 2019. The
72 expense of such election shall be borne by the County of Camden. It shall be the election
73 superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State.

74 **SECTION 5.**

75 Except as otherwise provided in Section 5 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon
76 its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

77 **SECTION 6.**

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