

House Bill 171 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to create the Meriwether County Water and Sewerage Authority, approved  
2 April 17, 1975 (Ga. L. 1975, p. 3194), so as to change the designation of members of the  
3 Authority from serving on posts to serving for districts; to change the method of designation  
4 of the chairperson of the Authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;  
5 and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

8 An Act to create the Meriwether County Water and Sewerage Authority, approved April 17,  
9 1975 (Ga. L. 1975, p. 3194), is amended by revising Section 2 as follows:

10 **"Section 2. Meriwether County Water and Sewerage Authority.** There is hereby  
11 created a body corporate and politic, to be known as the Meriwether County Water and  
12 Sewerage Authority, which shall be deemed to be a political subdivision of the State of  
13 Georgia, and a public corporation and by that name, style and title, said body may contract  
14 and be contracted with, sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, and complain and  
15 defend in all courts of law and equity. The Authority shall consist of five members whose  
16 positions shall be designated as Districts One through Five, with each such District member  
17 corresponding to members of Posts One through Five, respectively, as those Posts existed  
18 on January 1, 2017. All members shall be residents of the county, and all members shall  
19 be appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Meriwether County.

20 All members selected and appointed shall serve for a term of four years and until their  
21 successors have been selected and appointed. Any member of the Authority may be  
22 selected and appointed to succeed himself or herself. Immediately after such appointments,  
23 the members of such Authority shall enter upon their duties. Any vacancy on the Authority  
24 shall be filled in the same manner as was the original appointment of the member whose

25 termination of membership resulted in such vacancy, and the person so selected and  
26 appointed shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term. The Authority shall elect  
27 one of its members as chairperson and one of its members as vice chairperson, and it may  
28 also elect a secretary and treasurer, either of whom need not be a member of the Authority,  
29 and if not a member he or she shall have no voting rights. Three members of the Authority  
30 shall constitute a quorum. No vacancy on the Authority shall impair the right of the  
31 quorum to exercise all the rights and perform all the duties of the Authority. The members  
32 of the Authority shall be compensated as determined from time to time by the governing  
33 body of Meriwether County; however, it is expressly provided that they shall be  
34 reimbursed for all actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The  
35 Authority shall make rules and regulations for its own government. It shall have perpetual  
36 existence."

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**SECTION 2.**

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