

Senate Bill 205

By: Senators Walker III of the 20th, Kennedy of the 18th and Lucas of the 26th

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority,
2 approved February 27, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 3542), as amended, particularly by an Act
3 approved April 1, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 3831), so as to change requirements for appointment
4 of members of the authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and
5 for other purposes.

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act creating the Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority, approved
9 February 27, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 3542), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April
10 1, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 3831), is amended by revising subsections (a) through (d) of Section
11 2 as follows:

12 "(a) The Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority shall consist of 13
13 members, nine of whom shall be regular members and four of whom shall be ex officio
14 members. All 13 members of the authority shall be at least 18 years of age and residents
15 of the City of Perry or owners, operators, or managers of businesses within the city. The
16 Board of Directors of Perry Area Chamber of Commerce, Inc., shall recommend five of the
17 regular members, three of whom shall be an owner, operator, or manager of a hotel, motel,
18 or restaurant and two of whom shall not be an owner, operator, or manager of a hotel,
19 motel, or restaurant. The mayor and each city councilperson shall appoint one regular
20 member of the authority as provided for in subsection (b) of this section, and there shall
21 always be one regular authority member representing the mayor and each of the six council
22 posts. The members of the authority appointed by a particular city councilperson or the
23 mayor shall serve for the time served by the respective councilperson who appointed them,
24 or by the mayor if appointed by the mayor, with a new appointment to be made when there
25 is a new mayor or new city councilperson elected or at the beginning of a new term of a
26 mayor or respective city councilperson. In addition, the mayor and city council shall make
27 a joint appointment of two regular members, as provided for in subsection (b) of this

28 section, both of whom shall serve for two-year terms. Appointments of the members
 29 representing a city councilperson or the mayor shall be made within 30 days of the date the
 30 respective councilperson or the mayor takes office, and the joint appointments of the mayor
 31 and city council shall be made within 30 days of the first meeting of the mayor and city
 32 council in January of every odd-numbered year.

33 (b) The councilpersons serving in Council District 1, Post 1, Council District 2, Post 2, and
 34 Council District 3, Post 2 will each appoint a regular member of the authority. The
 35 councilpersons serving in Council District 1, Post 2, Council District 2, Post 1, and Council
 36 District 3, Post 1 will each appoint a regular member of the authority, and said
 37 appointments shall be made after receiving recommendations of the Board of Directors of
 38 Perry Area Chamber of Commerce, Inc. The mayor will appoint a regular member of the
 39 authority. The two joint appointments of the mayor and city council each shall be an
 40 owner, operator, or manager of a hotel, motel, or restaurant, and said appointments shall
 41 be made after receiving recommendations of the Board of Directors of Perry Area Chamber
 42 of Commerce, Inc.

43 (c) In choosing the regular members to represent Council District 1, Post 2, Council
 44 District 2, Post 1, and Council District 3, Post 1 and the regular members appointed jointly
 45 by the mayor and council, the mayor and council shall not be bound by the
 46 recommendations from the Board of Directors of Perry Area Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

47 (d) In addition to the nine regular members, there shall be four ex officio members of the
 48 authority. These members shall be the executive director of Perry Area Chamber of
 49 Commerce, Inc., the city manager for the City of Perry, and the executive director of the
 50 Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter or his or her designee. Ex officio members
 51 shall not be entitled to vote, but otherwise shall have all powers and responsibilities of a
 52 regular authority member."

53 **SECTION 2.**

54 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 12 as follows:

55 "SECTION 12.

56 Perry Area Chamber of Commerce, Inc., shall not have the power or authority to bind the
 57 City of Perry by any contract, agreement, financial obligation, or indebtedness or
 58 otherwise. No contract, agreement, financial obligation, or indebtedness incurred by the
 59 authority shall ever be a claim or charge against the city."

60 **SECTION 3.**

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