

- (9) the Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee or his designee;
- (10) the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee or his designee;
- (11) the Chairman of the Education and Public Works Committee or his designee; and
- (12) one resident of Jasper County appointed by the Jasper County Council to serve at the pleasure of the council.

The Governor or his designee shall serve as chairman of the commission.

(C) Any state, county, or municipal officeholder named or designated to serve on the commission shall serve ex officio. Notwithstanding Section 8-13-770 of the 1976 Code, members of the General Assembly may be appointed to serve on this commission as the designee of an appointing official.

(D) Professional and clerical services for the commission must be provided by the staff of the Attorney General's office and supplemented by the staffs of other public officials serving on the commission as required by the commission.

(E) Members serving on the commission shall receive such mileage, subsistence, and per diem as is provided by law for members of state boards, commissions, and committees when engaged in the exercise of their duties as members of the commission to be paid from their approved accounts or the approved accounts of their appointing authority.

(F) Except as provided below, nothing in this section shall supersede the authority of other state agencies, departments, or instrumentalities including the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Health and Environmental Control, or the State Ports Authority to exercise all powers, duties, and functions within their responsibilities as provided by law. However, on an interstate basis and specifically in regard to the State of Georgia, the responsibilities granted to the Savannah River Maritime Commission in this joint resolution supersede any other concurrent responsibilities of a particular state agency or department. Any requirements for permitting and constructing new terminal facilities on the Savannah River in Jasper County are declared not to be the responsibility of this commission, except as they may relate to this state's responsibility for the navigability or depth of the South Carolina portion of the Savannah River.

(G) The Savannah River Maritime Commission established herein shall exist for a period of twenty-five years after the effective date of this joint resolution and may be continued for additional periods as provided by the General Assembly by law.

SECTION 7. There is created the Jasper County Port Facility Infrastructure Fund. The fund shall be used for expenses and administrative fees incurred by the county relative to the county's infrastructure and service provision requirements related to the Jasper County Port Facility.

SECTION 8. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

SECTION 9. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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