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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. CONSENT OF CONGRESS TO THE HISTORIC**  
2 **CHATTAHOOCHEE COMPACT BETWEEN THE**  
3 **STATES OF ALABAMA AND GEORGIA.**

4 The consent of Congress is given to the amendment  
5 of articles I, II, and III of the Historic Chattahoochee  
6 Compact between the States of Alabama and Georgia,  
7 which articles, as amended, read as follows:

8 “ARTICLE I

9 “The purpose of this compact is to promote the coop-  
10 erative development of the Chattahoochee valley’s full po-  
11 tential for historic preservation and tourism and to estab-  
12 lish a joint interstate authority to assist in these efforts.

13 “ARTICLE II

14 “This compact shall become effective immediately as  
15 to the States ratifying it whenever the States of Alabama  
16 and Georgia have ratified it and Congress has given con-  
17 sent thereto.

18 “ARTICLE III

19 “The States which are parties to this compact (here-  
20 inafter referred to as ‘party States’) do hereby establish  
21 and create a joint agency which shall be known as the  
22 Historic Chattahoochee Commission (hereinafter referred  
23 to as the ‘Commission’). The Commission shall consist of  
24 28 members who shall be bona fide residents and qualified  
25 voters of the party States and counties served by the Com-  
26 mission. Election for vacant seats shall be by majority vote

1 of the voting members of the Commission board at a regu-  
2 larly scheduled meeting. In Alabama, two shall be resi-  
3 dents of Barbour County, two shall be residents of Russell  
4 County, two shall be residents of Henry County, two shall  
5 be residents of Chambers County, two shall be residents  
6 of Lee County, two shall be residents of Houston County,  
7 and two shall be residents of Dale County. In Georgia,  
8 one shall be a resident of Troup County, one shall be a  
9 resident of Harris County, one shall be a resident of  
10 Muscogee County, one shall be a resident of Chattahoo-  
11 chee County, one shall be a resident of Stewart County,  
12 one shall be a resident of Randolph County, one shall be  
13 a resident of Clay County, one shall be a resident of  
14 Quitman County, one shall be a resident of Early County,  
15 one shall be a resident of Seminole County, and one shall  
16 be a resident of Decatur County. In addition, there shall  
17 be three at-large members who shall be selected from any  
18 three of the Georgia member counties listed above. The  
19 Commission at its discretion may appoint as many advi-  
20 sory members as it deems necessary from any Georgia or  
21 Alabama County which is located in the Chattahoochee  
22 Valley area. The contribution of each party State shall be  
23 in equal amounts. If the party States fail to appropriate  
24 equal amounts to the Commission during any given fiscal  
25 year, voting membership on the Commission board shall

1 be determined as follows: The State making the larger ap-  
2 propriation shall be entitled to full voting membership.  
3 The total number of members from the other State shall  
4 be divided into the amount of the larger appropriation and  
5 the resulting quotient shall be divided into the amount of  
6 the smaller appropriation. The then resulting quotient,  
7 rounded to the next lowest whole number, shall be the  
8 number of voting members from the State making the  
9 smaller contribution. The members of the Commission  
10 from the State making the larger contribution shall decide  
11 which of the members from the other State shall serve as  
12 voting members, based upon the level of tourism, preserva-  
13 tion, promotional activity, and general support of the  
14 Commission's activities by and in the county of residence  
15 of each of the members of the State making the smaller  
16 appropriation. Such determination shall be made at the  
17 next meeting of the Commission following September 30  
18 of each year. Members of the Commission shall serve for  
19 terms of office as follows: Of the 14 Alabama members,  
20 one from each of said counties shall serve for two years  
21 and the remaining member of each county shall serve for  
22 four years. Upon the expiration of the original terms of  
23 office of Alabama members, all successor Alabama mem-  
24 bers shall be appointed for four-year terms of office, with  
25 seven vacancies in the Alabama membership occurring

1 every two years. Of the 14 Georgia members, seven shall  
2 serve four-year terms and seven two-year terms for the  
3 initial term of this compact. The terms of the individual  
4 Georgia voting members shall be determined by their place  
5 in the alphabet by alternating the four- and two-year  
6 terms beginning with Chattahoochee County, four years,  
7 Clay County, two years, Decatur County, four years, etc.  
8 Upon the expiration of the original terms of office of Geor-  
9 gia members, all successor Georgia members shall be ap-  
10 pointed for four-year terms of office, with seven vacancies  
11 in the Georgia membership occurring every two years. Of  
12 the three Georgia at-large board members, one shall serve  
13 a four-year term and two shall serve two-year terms.

14        “All board members shall serve until their successors  
15 are appointed and qualified. Vacancies shall be filled by  
16 the voting members of the Commission. The first chair-  
17 man of the commission created by this compact shall be  
18 elected by the board of directors from among its voting  
19 membership. Annually thereafter, each succeeding chair-  
20 man shall be selected by the members of the Commission.  
21 The chairmanship shall rotate each year among the party  
22 States in order of their acceptance of this compact. Mem-  
23 bers of the Commission shall serve without compensation  
24 but shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual expenses

1 incurred in the performance of the duties of the  
2 Commission.”.

Passed the House of Representatives March 12,  
1996.

Attest:

*Clerk.*