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Short Title:	Pitt-Greenville Airport Authority Changes.	(Local)
Sponsors:	Representative Reeder.	
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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT AMENDING THE APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORITY OF THE PITT COUNTY-CITY OF GREENVILLE AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND UPDATING CROSS-REFERENCES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

REVISING THE APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORITY OF THE PITT COUNTY-CITY OF GREENVILLE AIRPORT AUTHORITY

SECTION 1.(a) Section 4 of Chapter 571 of the Session Laws of 1967 reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 4. The Authority shall prepare an annual budget setting forth the cost of operation and maintenance of the airport and landing field. All anticipated revenues to be derived from the operation of the airport and landing field shall be included in the budget. The budget shall be delivered to the governing body of the County and the governing body of the City. The governing body of the County and the governing body of the City are each ~~hereby~~ authorized to annually appropriate and pay to the Authority ~~one-half of~~ the cost of operation and maintenance of the airport and landing ~~field~~ field, in proportions jointly determined by the governing body of the County and the governing body of the City. This appropriation and payment may be made from ~~revenues~~ any of the following sources:

(1) Revenues derived from the operation of the airport and landing ~~field, from funds~~ field.

(2) Funds derived from the sale of any land now or ~~heretofore~~ previously or hereafter owned and used for landing field ~~purposes, or from any funds legally available therefor, provided, however, that no funds or revenues may be derived from the levy of ad valorem taxes unless a majority of the qualified voters in the respective County and City approve the same at an election called and held for said purpose.~~purposes.

(3) Any other legally available funds."

SECTION 1.(b) Section 5 of Chapter 571 of the Session Laws of 1967 reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 5. The Authority may, from time to time, prepare and submit to the governing body of the County and the governing body of the City a plan or plans with respect to additional land acquisition, additional construction, ~~enlargement or improvement to the airport and landing field or the further equipping thereof to the governing body of the County and the governing body of the City.~~ enlargement, or improvement to or further equipping of the airport and landing field. Acquisition of additional land for the use and benefit of the Authority requires the approval of

the governing body of the County and the governing body of the City after a public hearing conducted at a regularly scheduled meeting of the governing body of the County and the governing body of the City. The governing body of the County and the governing body of the City are each ~~hereby~~ authorized to acquire the additional land and to appropriate and pay to the Authority ~~one-half of~~ the cost of the ~~additional construction, enlargement and improvement to the airport and landing field and the further equipping thereof,~~ additional construction, enlargement, or improvement to or further equipping of the airport and landing field, in proportions jointly determined by the governing body of the County and the governing body of the City. This appropriation and payment may be made from ~~revenues~~ any of the following sources:

(1) Revenues derived from the operation of the airport and landing ~~field, from funds~~ field.

(2) Funds derived from the sale of any land now or ~~heretofore~~ previously or hereafter owned and used for landing field ~~purposes, from any funds legally available therefor, or from the proceeds~~ purposes.

(3) Proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to Section 6 of this ~~Act, provided, however, that no funds or revenues may be derived from the levy of ad valorem taxes nor may bonds be issued unless a majority of the qualified voters in the respective County and City approve the same at an election called and held for said purpose.~~Act.

(4) Any other legally available funds."

CONFORMING CROSS-REFERENCES WITHIN THE CREATION OF THE PITT COUNTY-CITY OF GREENVILLE AIRPORT AUTHORITY

SECTION 2.(a) Section 6 of Chapter 571 of the Session Laws of 1967 reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 6. The County and the ~~City, severally are hereby~~ City are each authorized to issue their notes, ~~bonds~~ bonds, or other certificates of indebtedness to pay ~~as~~ their ~~share, one-half of~~ share of the cost of acquiring or grading real property to be jointly owned by the County and the City for any airport or landing field to be constructed, enlarged, improved, maintained, ~~equipped~~ equipped, or operated by the ~~Authority, and of grading of such real property, and~~ Authority; constructing suitable drainage ~~facilities suitable therefor, and constructing or reconstructing~~ facilities; constructing, reconstructing, or enlarging ~~buildings or~~ buildings; acquiring or installing ~~equipment~~ equipment; or making other improvements necessary or suitable for the maintenance or operation of ~~such~~ the airport, landing field, or airport ~~facilities and to pay said obligations and the interest thereon,~~ facilities. The County and the City are each authorized to pay for these obligations and the interest thereon by levying ad valorem ~~taxes in an amount sufficient to pay said obligations and the interest thereon when due, provided a majority of the qualified voters in the respective County and City approve the same at an election called and held for any or all of said purposes. Such bonds if issued by the County shall be issued pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by Article 9 of Chapter 153 of the General Statutes, constituting the County Finance Act, and such bonds if issued by the City shall be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by Subchapter III of Chapter 160 of the General Statutes, constituting the Municipal Finance Act. Each of said purposes is hereby determined to be a special purpose within the meaning of Section 6 of Article V of the Constitution of North Carolina and a special approval of the General Assembly is hereby given to the issuance of such obligations by the County or the City for any of said purposes and for the levy of taxes for the payment of such obligations and the interest thereon.~~taxes. Bonds issued under this section shall be issued pursuant to the Local Government Bond Act, Article 4 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes."

SECTION 2.(b) Section 11 of Chapter 571 of the Session Laws of 1967 reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 11. The Authority shall have the authority to adopt reasonable rules and regulations for the safety zoning of the airport and landing field, including the power to regulate the height of buildings, towers, ~~trees~~ trees, and other obstructions within a reasonable ~~radius thereof,~~ radius, in order to comply with any rules and regulations of the ~~Civil Aeronautics Board, the Federal Aviation Agency,~~ Federal Aviation Administration or other successor federal agency relating thereto. The Authority shall also have the authority to adopt reasonable rules and regulations in accordance with the Model Airport Zoning Act as provided in Section ~~63-29~~ 63-30 through ~~63-37~~ 63-37.1 of the General Statutes of North Carolina and shall have the authority to institute an action in any court of competent jurisdiction seeking enforcement of the rules and regulations as provided in Section 63-35 of the General Statutes of North Carolina."

SECTION 2.(c) Section 13 of Chapter 571 of the Session Laws of 1967 reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 13. The Authority shall have exclusive jurisdiction, control, ~~supervision~~ supervision, and management over an airport, landing field, or adjoining grounds acquired under the provisions of and for the purposes set out in this Act whether owned by the County or City. The Authority shall have the right and is ~~hereby empowered,~~ empowered to spend ~~such~~ the funds ~~as~~ that are appropriated and contributed from time to time by the County and City jointly or severally for airport ~~purposes~~ purposes, and is empowered to enter into contracts and pledge the credit of the Authority to the extent of the money appropriated and contributed by the County and City for the purposes enumerated. The Authority is also empowered to spend or use funds and revenue derived from the operation of the airport and all ~~facilities connected therewith.~~ connected facilities. The Authority shall have authority to deal and contract with the ~~Civil Aeronautics Board, the Federal Aviation Agency~~ Federal Aviation Administration or any successor agency of the United States or any other representative or agency of the United States relative to the acquiring, grading, constructing, equipping, improving, ~~maintaining~~ maintaining, and operating of an airport or landing field established or acquired by the County and City under the authority of this Act."

SECTION 2.(d) Section 16 of Chapter 571 of the Session Laws of 1967 reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 16. A member of the Authority shall not be considered a public officer or as a person holding office within the meaning of ~~Article XIV, Section 7,~~ Article VI, Section 9, of the Constitution of North Carolina. Any public officer of the County or the City who may be appointed as a member of the Authority shall serve ex officio as a part of his duty as a public officer of said County or City."

EFFECTIVE DATE

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.