

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in municipal authorities, further
3 providing for governing board.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 5607(f) of Title 53 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 5607. Purposes and powers.

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10 (f) Authorization to control airports.--

11 (1) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to
12 prevent an authority which owns or operates an airport as a
13 project from leasing airport land on a short-term or long-
14 term basis for commercial, industrial or residential purposes
15 when the land is not immediately needed for aviation or
16 aeronautical purposes in the judgment of the authority.

17 (2) Within 60 days of the effective date of this
18 paragraph, an authority which owns or operates an airport

1 shall by resolution provide for the following:

2 (i) The circumstances under which residents may
3 inspect and make copies of the records of the authority
4 in accordance with the act of June 21, 1957 (P.L.390,
5 No.212), referred to as the Right-to-Know Law.

6 (ii) A code of ethics that applies to members of the
7 board and employees of the authority. The code of ethics
8 shall be consistent with 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 11 (relating to
9 ethics standards and financial disclosure), contain
10 provisions for restricted activities and require ethic
11 disclosures to be filed annually.

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13 Section 2. Section 5610 of Title 53 is amended by adding a
14 subsection to read:

15 § 5610. Governing body.

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17 (a.1) Board membership for airport authorities.--

18 (1) The powers of an authority which owns or operates an
19 airport located in a county of the third class shall be
20 exercised by a board composed as follows:

21 (i) If the authority is incorporated solely by a
22 city of the third class located in the county, the board
23 shall consist of 11 members, seven of whom shall
24 represent each of the county council districts and whom
25 shall be appointed by the county executive or other
26 elected chief executive officer of the county, with the
27 advice and consent of the county council or equivalent
28 body, or if there is no county executive or elected chief
29 executive officer of the county, by the governing body of
30 the county, two of whom shall be appointed by the mayor

1 of the third class city with the advice and consent of
2 the city council, and two of whom shall be appointed by
3 the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.
4 The terms of office shall commence on the effective date
5 of the appointment. Of the board members appointed by the
6 county executive, one member shall serve for one year,
7 two for two years, two for three years and two for four
8 years commencing with the first Monday in January next
9 succeeding the date of incorporation or amendment. Of the
10 board members appointed by the mayor, one member shall
11 serve for one year and one for two years commencing with
12 the first Monday in January next succeeding the date of
13 incorporation or amendment. Of the board members
14 appointed by the Governor, one member shall serve for two
15 years and one for four years commencing with the first
16 Monday in January next succeeding the date of
17 incorporation or amendment. Thereafter, whenever a
18 vacancy has occurred by reason of the expiration of the
19 term of any member, the original appointing official
20 shall appoint a member of the board for a term of four
21 years from the date of expiration of the prior term to
22 succeed the member whose term has expired. No person may
23 serve more than two four-year terms on the board.

24 (ii) If the authority is incorporated by a
25 municipality other than a city of the third class or
26 municipalities that include a city of the third class,
27 the board shall consist of a number of members as
28 provided in subsection (a).

29 (2) This subsection shall apply to all authorities that
30 own or operate an airport located in a county of the third

1 class regardless of their date of incorporation. The articles
2 of incorporation of such an authority existing on the
3 effective date of this subsection and subject to this
4 subsection are superseded to the extent of an inconsistency
5 with the provisions of this subsection.

6 (3) A board member appointed prior to the effective date
7 of this subsection may continue to serve only until 60 days
8 after the effective date of this subsection.

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10 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.