

House Bill 1289

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Subpart 1 of Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame, so as change provisions relating to the powers of the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame Board; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Subpart 1 of Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame, is amended by striking Code Section 50-12-72, relating to the purpose and function of the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame Board, and Code Section 50-12-73, relating to facilities of the hall of fame, and inserting in their place new Code sections to read as follows:

"50-12-72.

(a) It shall be the main purpose and function of the board to promote and encourage the growth and public support of aviation within the state by honoring those, living or dead, who by extraordinary achievement or service have made outstanding and lasting contributions to aviation in Georgia. Persons eligible for recognition in the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame shall include residents of the state whose achievements in or contributions to aviation occurred within or outside the state and nonresidents whose achievements in or contributions to aviation occurred within the state. The board is authorized to conduct surveys and polls and to appoint committees to assist it in performing its purpose and function.

(b) The board shall construct and maintain a facility and related attractions to house the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame which, with the approval of the federal government, shall be located at Robins Air Force Base in Houston County, Georgia.

(c) The board shall be authorized:

1 (1) To have custody and control of any real property, or interest therein, located at  
2 Robins Air Force Base in Houston County, Georgia, and acquired by the state through  
3 its State Properties Commission for the benefit of the board and to construct Georgia  
4 Aviation Hall of Fame buildings and facilities on that property;

5 (2) To contract with the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission for the  
6 construction of the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame, as provided for in Article 2 of  
7 Chapter 17 of this title, or to contract with other authorities, departments, or agencies of  
8 the State of Georgia for the construction of the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame;

9 (3) To acquire by purchase, gift, lease, or otherwise and to own, hold, improve, and use  
10 and to sell, convey, exchange, transfer, lease, sublease, and dispose of personal property  
11 of every kind and character or any interest therein for its purposes; and

12 (4) To operate, advertise, and promote the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame.

13 ~~(b)~~(d) Without limiting the generality of subsection (a) of this Code section, it is  
14 specifically further provided that the board shall be authorized to establish a library and a  
15 research archive program for purposes of education and research in the fields of aviation,  
16 aviation history, and related areas. The board shall be authorized to receive, catalog, and  
17 maintain documents, books, pictures, and other items for such purposes.

18 50-12-73.

19 ~~(a) With the approval of the federal government, the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame shall~~  
20 ~~be located in the Museum of Aviation at Robins Air Force Base in Houston County,~~  
21 ~~Georgia. The headquarters of the board shall be located in Houston County, Georgia. The~~  
22 ~~board may obtain such halls, rooms, quarters, and offices as it deems necessary for~~  
23 ~~conducting its affairs. The board is authorized to recognize and designate any existing or~~  
24 ~~proposed facility as a part of the hall of fame as may be appropriate.~~

25 ~~(b) The Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame is designated as and shall be known as the Official~~  
26 ~~State of Georgia Repository for Aviation History."~~

## 27 **SECTION 2.**

28 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
29 without such approval.

## 30 **SECTION 3.**

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