

House Bill 557

By: Representatives Benton of the 31<sup>st</sup> and McCall of the 30<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act entitled "An Act to create and establish the Jackson County Airport  
2 Authority," approved June 30, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 2260), as amended, particularly by an  
3 Act approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4660), so as to change the manner of  
4 appointment of members of the authority; to change the terms of office for such members to  
5 staggered, three-year terms of office; to provide for related matters; to provide for an  
6 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act entitled "An Act to create and establish the Jackson County Airport Authority,"  
10 approved June 30, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 2260), as amended, particularly by an Act approved  
11 June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4660), is amended by revising Section 3 as follows:

12 "SECTION 3.

13 Membership.

14 (a) The authority shall consist of five members who shall be appointed by the Jackson  
15 County Board of Commissioners. One member shall be appointed by each of the four  
16 district commissioners and the fifth member shall be appointed by the chairperson of the  
17 board of commissioners. The members shall be appointed at large from anywhere within  
18 Jackson County. The members holding office on the effective date of this Act shall serve  
19 out the terms to which they were appointed. Beginning with the appointments in 2010, one  
20 member shall be appointed for a term of one year and until his or her successor is appointed  
21 and qualified, two members shall be appointed for terms of two years and until their  
22 respective successors are appointed and qualified, and two members shall be appointed for  
23 terms of three years and until their respective successors are appointed and qualified.  
24 Thereafter, all appointments of successors shall serve terms of three years and until their

25 successors are appointed and qualified. Immediately after such appointments, the members  
26 of the authority shall enter upon their duties. To be eligible for appointment as a member  
27 of the authority, a person shall be at least 21 years of age, a resident of Jackson County for  
28 at least two years prior to the date of his or her appointment, and shall not have been  
29 convicted of a felony. Any member of the authority may be selected and appointed to  
30 succeed himself or herself.

31 (b) The Jackson County Board of Commissioners may provide by resolution for  
32 compensation for the services of the members of the authority in such amounts as it may  
33 deem appropriate; provided, however, that such members shall be reimbursed for their  
34 actual expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties.

35 (c) The members of the authority shall elect one of their number as chairperson and  
36 another as a vice chairperson. The members of the authority shall also elect a secretary,  
37 who need not be a member of the authority, and may also elect a treasurer, who need not  
38 be a member of the authority. The secretary may also serve as treasurer. If the secretary  
39 or treasurer are not members of the authority, such officer shall have no voting rights.  
40 Each of such officers shall serve for a period of one year and until their successors are duly  
41 elected and qualified.

42 (d) Three members of the authority shall constitute a quorum. No vacancy on the authority  
43 shall impair the right of the quorum to exercise all of the rights and perform all of the  
44 duties of the authority.

45 (e) The authority may be dissolved by the Jackson County Board of Commissioners if the  
46 authority has no outstanding debt. Upon such dissolution, all property owned by the  
47 authority shall be transferred to the county or to a municipality if such municipality has  
48 paid the debt service on the debt which financed a project."

49 **SECTION 2.**

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

52 **SECTION 3.**

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