



# HOUSE BILL 426: Sanford-Lee County Airport Authority Changes.

2017-2018 General Assembly

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<b>Committee:</b>	House State and Local Government I	<b>Date:</b>	March 31, 2017
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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 426 would (i) eliminate the seat on the Sanford-Lee County Regional Airport Authority (SLCRAA) designated for the Lee County Economic Development Director and replace it with one designated for an appointee of the Sanford Area Growth Alliance Executive Committee, and (ii) increase from 20 to 40 years the maximum term the SLCRAA may enter into a lease or contract. The bill would be effective when it becomes law.*

**CURRENT LAW:** The SLCRAA was created by the General Assembly in 1991. The authority is a body politic and body corporate composed of seven members appointed as follows:

- Two by the Lee County Board of Commissioners.
- Two by the Sanford City Council.
- Three ex officio voting members consisting of the Sanford City Manager, The Lee County Manager, and the Lee County Economic Development Director.

The maximum term that the SLCRAA may enter into leases of real or personal property, contracts for airport operations, or contracts for amusements or concessions is 20 years.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 426 would eliminate the seat on the Sanford-Lee County Regional Airport Authority (SLCRAA) designated for the Lee County Economic Development Director and replace it with one designated for an appointee of the Sanford Area Growth Alliance Executive Committee. The bill would also increase from 20 to 40 years the maximum term the SLCRAA may enter into leases of real or personal property, contracts for airport operations, or contracts for amusements or concessions is 20 years.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The bill would become effective when it becomes law.

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