



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

2017-2018 General Assembly

Committee: Senate State and Local Government. If **Date:** June 20, 2017
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OVERVIEW: House Bill 426 would (i) eliminate the seat on the Sanford-Lee County Regional Airport Authority 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 the maximum term the Sanford-Lee County Regional Airport Authority may enter into a lease or contract from 20 years to 40 years.

CURRENT LAW: The Sanford-Lee County Regional Airport Authority 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 Authority 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 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 the maximum term the Authority may enter into leases of real property, contracts for airport operations, or contracts for amusements or concessions to 40 years.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act would be effective when it becomes law.

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