



SENATE BILL 186: Beaufort-Morehead Cty Airport Authority/Amend.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee:	Senate State and Local Government. If favorable, re-refer to Transportation. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate	Date:	March 19, 2019
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OVERVIEW: *Senate Bill 186 would rename the Beaufort-Morehead City Airport Authority as the Carteret County-Beaufort Airport Authority, would increase the membership of the Airport Authority from five to seven members, and would change the manner of appointment to the Airport Authority.*

CURRENT LAW: The Beaufort-Morehead City Airport Authority consists of five members. One of the members must be a resident voter of the Town of Beaufort and must be appointed by the Town of Beaufort Commissioners. One of the members must be a resident voter of Morehead City and must be appointed by the Morehead City Commissioners. The other three members must be from the county at large and must be appointed by the Carteret County Board of Commissioners. The term of office is two years.

The Airport Authority has the power to (1) purchase, acquire, operate, and regulate airports or landing fields, ramps, and other facilities for the use of airplanes within Carteret County; (2) sue or be sued in the name of the Airport Authority, hold lands, and make contracts for the Airport Authority; (3) charge and collect fees for use of airport property; and (4) make rules to maintain and operate the airport. The Airport Authority is also permitted to make agreements with Carteret County and the Towns of Beaufort and Morehead City to acquire any real or personal property necessary to construct and operate any airport in Carteret County.

BILL ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 186 would do all of the following:

- Change the name of the Beaufort-Morehead City Airport Authority to the Carteret County-Beaufort Airport Authority.
- Increase the membership of the Airport Authority from five members to seven members. The terms of the new members would begin on July 1, 2019.
- Provide that one of the members of the Airport Authority must be a resident voter of the Town of Beaufort and appointed by the Beaufort Town Commissions and the other six members must be resident voters of Carteret County and appointed by the Carteret County Board of Commissioners.
- Authorize the Airport Authority to acquire from Carteret County and Beaufort any real or personal property necessary for the construction, operation, and maintenance of any airport in Carteret County.

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

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