

## SENATE BILL 18: Stanly Cty Airport Authority/Members & Leases.

This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

2023-2024 General Assembly

Committee: Senate State and Local Government. If Date:

February 7, 2023

favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of

the Senate

Introduced by: Sen. Ford Prepared by: Billy R. Godwin Analysis of: First Edition Staff Attorney

OVERVIEW: Senate Bill 18 would increase the membership of the Stanly County Airport Authority from five to seven and would authorize the Authority to enter into a lease or contract for a term not to exceed 30 years.

[As introduced, this bill was identical to H12, as introduced by Rep. Sasser, which is currently in House Local Government.]

**CURRENT LAW:** The Stanly County Airport Authority (Authority) has five members who must be residents of Stanly County and are appointed by the Stanly County Board of Commissioners. Four of the Authority members serve four-year staggard terms. The fifth member must be currently serving on the Stanly County Board of Commissioners and serves on the Authority at the pleasure of that board. The Stanly County Board of Commissioners may also appoint a Commissioner to serve as an alternate member of the Authority to attend and vote if the original Commissioner appointee is unable to attend or vote. Service on the Authority by a Stanly County Commissioner as a member or alternate is not considered dual office holding within the meaning of Article VI, Sec. 9 of the North Carolina Constitution. The Authority is authorized to enter into contracts and leases for terms not to exceed 25 years.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Senate Bill 18 would increase the membership of the Stanly County Airport Authority from five to seven and require that two of the Authority members must be a serving Stanly County Commissioner. The bill would continue staggered terms for members of the Authority. Terms of office of the five current Authority members would not be affected. The bill would also authorize the Authority to enter into contracts and leases for terms not to exceed 30 years.

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



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