



HOUSE BILL 1040: Pitt-Greenville Airport Authority Changes.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 1040 would amend the appropriations authority of the Pitt County-City of Greenville Airport Authority (Authority) and would make other technical and conforming changes to related provisions.*

CURRENT LAW AND BILL ANALYSIS: Under Section 4 of Chapter 571 of the 1967 Session Laws, the Authority must prepare an annual budget noting the cost of operations and maintenance of the airport and landing field. The budget must include all anticipated revenues from operation of the airport and landing field. The governing body of Pitt County (County) and the governing body of the City of Greenville (City) may appropriate and pay to the Authority one-half of the cost of operation and maintenance of the airport and landing field from revenues derived from the operation of the airport and landing field, from funds derived from the sale of land owned and used for landing field purposes, or from any funds legally available therefor. No funds may come from ad valorem taxes unless a majority of qualified voters of the County and City approve after an election held for that purpose.

Section 1.(a) would remove the requirement that the County and the City provide one-half the cost of operation and maintenance of the airport and landing field and instead would provide that these payments be made in proportions jointly determined by the County and City governing boards. It also would remove the requirement that no funds may come from ad valorem taxes unless a majority of qualified voters of the County and City approve in an election held for that purpose.

Under Section 5 of Chapter 571 of the 1967 Session Laws, the Authority may prepare and submit a plan for additional land acquisition, additional construction, enlargement or improvement to the airport and landing field to the County and City governing bodies. The governing body of the County and the City are each authorized to acquire additional land and to appropriate and pay to the Authority one-half of the cost of the additional construction, enlargement and improvement to the airport and landing field. Payment may come from revenues derived from the operation of the airport and landing field, from funds derived from the sale of any land now owned or later owned and used for landing field purposes, from any funds legally available therefor, or from the proceeds of bonds issued. No funds or revenues may be derived from the levy of ad valorem taxes nor may bonds be issued unless a majority of the qualified voters in the County and City approve at an election held for that purpose.

Section 1.(b) would provide that the acquisition of additional land for the Authority's use and benefit requires the approval of the County and City governing boards after a public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting of the governing boards of the County and City. It would remove the requirement that the County and City pay one-half the cost for any approved plan and instead would provide that the cost could be jointly determined by the County and City governing boards. It also would delete the requirement that no funds or revenues be derived from the levy of ad valorem taxes unless a majority of the qualified

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voters in the County and City approve in an election called for that purpose. Appropriation and payment could be made from the proceeds of bonds issued under the Local Government Bond Act.

Section 2 would correct terminology, update citations, and make other technical and conforming changes.

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

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