

CHAPTER 2020-198

House Bill No. 1375

An act relating to Holmes, Jackson, and Washington Counties; amending ch. 69-534, Laws of Florida; authorizing a Board of Directors to govern the authority; providing for terms of office and appointment of members to the board; providing and revising organizational meeting dates; providing for quorum and voting; revising certain officer positions of the authority; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Sections 1, 3, 4, and 5 of chapter 69-534, Laws of Florida, are amended to read:

Section 1. There is hereby created the “Tri-County Airport Authority,” a body corporate, as an agency designed to accomplish the cooperative joint effort of the boards of county commissioners of Holmes County, Jackson County, and Washington County, in the establishment and operation of an airport in Holmes County near the common geographic boundary point of said counties.

Section 3. ~~The authority hereby created shall be governed by a Board of Directors (board) consisting consist of nine (9) fifteen (15) members, of which number five (5) shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners of each of the three (3) participating counties of Holmes, Jackson and Washington, initial appointments to be made not later than thirty (30) days after July 1, 1969. Three (3) members shall be appointed by the Holmes County Board of County Commissioners, three (3) members shall be appointed by the Jackson County Board of County Commissioners, and three (3) members shall be appointed by the Washington County Board of County Commissioners. Within sixty (60) days after the effective date of this act, each county board of county commissioners shall appoint members for initial terms to begin on the date that the organizational meeting is held pursuant to section 4. On that same date, all terms of the members of the board existing on July 1, 2020, shall terminate; however, such members may continue to serve additional terms if reappointed by the Holmes, Jackson, or Washington County Board of County Commissioners. For the purpose of providing staggered terms, each county board of county commissioners shall appoint one (1) member to serve an initial term ending on October 1, 2021, one (1) member to serve an initial term ending on October 1, 2022, and one (1) member to serve an initial term ending on October 1, 2023. Members of the original authority shall be appointed for terms as follows from each of the three (3) participating counties: One (1) member for a one (1) year term ending July 1, 1970; one (1) member for a two (2) year term ending July 1, 1971; one (1) member for a three (3) year term ending July 1, 1972; one (1) member for a four (4) year term ending July 1, 1973; and one (1) member for a five (5) year term ending July 1, 1974; and Thereafter, members shall be~~

appointed to the board for three (3) year terms, except appointments to fill vacancies for unexpired terms, in which event the appointment shall be for the unexpired term only. The members of the board authority shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be entitled to reimbursement be ~~reimbursed~~ for per diem and travel expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties ~~as members of the authority~~ when authorized by the board ~~a majority of the members of the authority at a regular meeting~~, subject to the applicable provisions and limitations of section 112.061, Florida Statutes.

Section 4. Not later than thirty (30) ~~fifteen (15)~~ days after the appointment of members to initial terms pursuant to section 3 ~~the authority created hereby~~, and annually thereafter during October ~~July~~ of each year, the members of the board shall hold an organizational meeting at which they shall elect from their own membership a chairman, a vice-chairman, ~~and a secretary~~ secretary-treasurer, and a treasurer. Except as otherwise provided by law, no business shall be transacted by the authority except at a public regular called meeting of the Board of Directors members, at which a quorum is present and the minutes thereof recorded. A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum, and the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present shall be necessary for any action taken by the board. Permanent records shall be maintained which shall reflect all official actions of the authority including all financial transactions.

Section 5. The treasurer ~~secretary-treasurer~~ of the authority ~~hereby created~~ shall give bond payable to the governor of the state in such amount and under such conditions as may be determined by the members of the authority.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

Approved by the Governor June 9, 2020.

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