

House Bill 1056 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Jasperse of the 11th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Pickens County Airport Authority, approved April 19, 2006
2 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 3645), so as to reduce the number of members; to revise the appointment and
3 qualifications of members; to revise the election of chairperson; to revise terms by which a
4 vacancy on the authority shall exist; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;
5 and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act creating the Pickens County Airport Authority, approved April 19, 2006 (Ga.
9 L. 2006, p. 3645), is amended by revising Section 3 as follows:

10 **"SECTION 3.**

11 Pickens County Airport Authority.

12 (a) There is created a body corporate and politic to be known as the Pickens County
13 Airport Authority which shall be deemed to be a political subdivision of the State of
14 Georgia and a public corporation, and by that name, style, and title, said body may contract
15 and be contracted with, sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, and bring and defend
16 actions in all courts.

17 (b) The authority shall consist of five members who shall be residents of Pickens County.
18 Four of the members shall be appointed by the governing authority of Pickens County for
19 terms of office of four years each; three of the four such members appointed shall at the
20 time of their appointment be pilots fully licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration.
21 One of the members shall be appointed by the Pickens County Development Authority for
22 a term of office of four years. After the first term expires, members of the authority shall
23 serve the terms specified until their respective successors are appointed and qualified.
24 Each of the members shall be appointed for four years. Any member of the authority may

25 be selected and appointed to succeed himself or herself. After such appointment, the
26 members of such authority shall enter upon their duties. Any vacancy on the authority
27 shall be filled in the same manner as was the original appointment of the member whose
28 term of membership resulted in such vacancy, and the person so selected and appointed
29 shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term. The members of the authority shall be
30 reimbursed for all actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties out of funds
31 of the authority. The authority shall make rules and regulations for its own government.
32 The authority shall have perpetual existence.

33 (c) In May of each year, the members of the authority shall elect one of their number as
34 chairperson. Also, the members of the authority shall elect one of their number as vice
35 chairperson, shall elect one of their number as secretary, and may elect one of their number
36 as treasurer. Each of such officers shall serve for a period of one year and until their
37 successors are duly elected and qualified. The chairperson of the authority shall be entitled
38 to vote upon any issue, motion, or resolution.

39 (d) A majority of the members of the authority shall constitute a quorum. No vacancy on
40 the authority shall impair the right of the quorum to exercise all of the rights and perform
41 all of the duties of the authority.

42 (e) A vacancy on the authority shall exist in the office of any member of the authority who
43 is convicted of a felony or who enters a plea of nolo contendere thereto; who is convicted
44 of a crime involving moral turpitude or who enters a plea of nolo contendere thereto; who
45 moves such person's residence from the county; who is convicted of any act of
46 misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance of such person's duties as a member of the
47 authority; or who fails to attend any regular or special meeting of the authority for a period
48 of three meetings without an excuse approved by a resolution of the authority.

49 (f) All meetings of the authority, regular or special, shall be open to the public. The
50 authority may hold public hearings on its own initiative or at the request of residents of
51 Pickens County or any area affected by the actions of the authority. The authority may go
52 into executive session to discuss matters of personnel, real estate acquisition or disposal,
53 and litigation. No votes may be taken during an executive session."

54 **SECTION 2.**

55 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.