



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB4182

Introduced 10/28/2025, by Rep. Stephanie A. Kifowit

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Amends the Airport Authorities Act. Provides that, for authorities other than Metropolitan Airport Authorities, the Greater Metropolitan Airport Authority, and the Crawford County Airport Authority, in the order finding the results of the election to be favorable to the establishment of the authority, the circuit court shall determine the population of the authority and the population of each municipality located in whole or in part within the corporate limits of the authority having 5,000 or more inhabitants who reside within the corporate limits of the authority according to the last census (rather than the population of each municipality within the authority having 5,000 or more inhabitants according to the last census). Provides that, if a municipality located in whole or in part within the corporate limits of the authority attains 5,000 or more inhabitants who reside within the corporate limits of the authority (rather than if the municipality that is located wholly within the authority attains 5,000 inhabitants), or if a municipality having 5,000 or more inhabitants who reside within the corporate limits of the authority is established (rather than if a municipality located wholly within the authority having a population of 5,000 or more inhabitants), then the presiding officer of the municipality may petition the circuit court for an order finding and determining the population of the municipality and, if it is found and determined upon the hearing of the petition that 5,000 or more inhabitants reside within the corporate limits of both the municipality and the authority (rather than the population of the municipality is 5,000 or more), then the board of commissioners of the authority as previously established shall be increased by one commissioner who shall reside within the corporate limits of the municipality and shall be appointed by its presiding officer. Provides that all appointments of Commissioners to Boards of Commissioners of Airport Authorities shall be in writing and shall indicate the legal residence of the person appointed and whether or not he resides within or without a municipality having a population of 5,000 or more inhabitants within the corporate limits of the authority (rather than having a population of 5,000 or more).

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1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Airport Authorities Act is amended by
5 changing Sections 3, 3.1, and 3.2 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 5/3) (from Ch. 15 1/2, par. 68.3)

7 Sec. 3. Boards of commissioners. Every authority
8 established under this Act shall be governed by a board of
9 commissioners. For authorities other than Metropolitan Airport
10 Authorities, the Greater Metropolitan Airport Authority, and
11 the Crawford County Airport Authority, in the order finding
12 the results of the election to be favorable to the
13 establishment of the authority, the circuit court shall
14 determine the population of the authority and the population
15 of each municipality located in whole or in part within the
16 corporate limits of the authority having 5,000 or more
17 inhabitants who reside within the corporate limits of the
18 authority according to the last census.

19 (Source: P.A. 95-365, eff. 1-1-08.)

20 (70 ILCS 5/3.1) (from Ch. 15 1/2, par. 68.3a)

21 Sec. 3.1. Boards of commissioners - Appointment. The
22 Boards of Commissioners of Authorities shall be appointed as

1 follows:

2 (1) In case there are one or more municipalities having a
3 population of 5,000 or more within the Authority, the
4 commissioners shall be appointed as follows:

5 (a) Where there is only one such municipality, 3
6 commissioners shall be appointed from such municipality,
7 and 2 commissioners shall be appointed at large.

8 (a-5) Within 30 days after the effective date of this
9 amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, one
10 additional commissioner shall be appointed to the board of
11 the Springfield Airport Authority from each municipality
12 having a population of 5,000 or more within the Authority,
13 and one additional commissioner shall be appointed at
14 large. The additional commissioners shall serve for a term
15 of 4 or 5 years, as determined by lot. Their successors
16 shall serve for terms of 5 years.

17 (b) Where there are 2 or more such municipalities, one
18 commissioner shall be appointed from each municipality
19 with a population between 5,000 and 45,000, 2
20 commissioners shall be appointed from each municipality
21 with a population of more than 45,000, and 3 commissioners
22 shall be appointed at large; except that when the physical
23 facilities of the airport of the Authority are located
24 wholly within a single county with a population between
25 600,000 and 3,000,000 there shall be one commissioner
26 appointed from each municipality within the corporate

1 limits of the Authority having 5,000 or more population
2 and 5 commissioners appointed at large. If the Authority
3 is located wholly within the corporate limits of such
4 municipalities, 2 commissioners shall be appointed from
5 the one of such municipalities having the largest
6 population, and one commissioner shall be appointed from
7 each of the other such municipalities, and 2 commissioners
8 shall be appointed at large.

9 (c) Commissioners representing the area within an
10 Authority located outside of any municipality having 5,000
11 or more population and commissioners appointed at large
12 when the authority is wholly contained within a single
13 county shall be appointed by the presiding officer of the
14 county board with the advice and consent of the county
15 board, and when the physical facilities of the airport of
16 the Authority are located wholly within a single county
17 with a population between 600,000 and 3,000,000 the
18 commissioners appointed at large shall be appointed by the
19 chairman of the county board of such county, and any
20 commissioner representing the area within any such
21 municipality shall be appointed by its mayor or the
22 presiding officer of its governing body. If however the
23 district is located in more than one county other than a
24 county with a population between 600,000 and 3,000,000,
25 the members of the General Assembly whose legislative
26 districts encompass any portion of the Authority shall

1 appoint the commissioners representing the area within an
2 Authority located outside of any municipality having 5,000
3 or more population and commissioners at large but any
4 commissioner representing the area within any such
5 municipality shall be appointed by its mayor or the
6 presiding officer of its governing body.

7 (d) A commissioner representing the area within any
8 such municipality shall reside within its corporate
9 limits. A commissioner appointed at large may reside
10 either within or without any such municipality but must
11 reside within the territory of the authority. Should any
12 commissioner cease to reside within that part of the
13 territory he represents, or should the territory in which
14 he resides cease to be a part of the authority, then his
15 office shall be deemed vacated, and shall be filled by
16 appointment for the remainder of the term as hereinafter
17 provided.

18 (2) In case there are no municipalities having a
19 population of 5,000 or more within such authority located
20 wholly within a single county, such order shall so find, and in
21 such case the Board shall consist of 5 commissioners who shall
22 be appointed at large by the presiding officer of the county
23 board with the advice and consent of the county board. If
24 however the district is located in more than one county, the
25 members of the General Assembly whose legislative districts
26 encompass any portion of the Authority shall appoint the

1 commissioners at large.

2 (3) Should a municipality located in whole or in part
3 within the corporate limits of the authority attain 5,000 or
4 more inhabitants who reside within the corporate limits of the
5 authority ~~which is wholly within an authority attain,~~ or
6 should such a municipality be established, having a population
7 with ~~of~~ 5,000 or more inhabitants who reside within the
8 corporate limits of the authority after the entry of said
9 order by the circuit court, then the presiding officer of such
10 municipality may petition the circuit court for an order
11 finding and determining the population of such municipality
12 and, if it is found and determined upon the hearing of said
13 petition that 5,000 or more inhabitants reside within the
14 corporate limits of both the municipality and the authority
15 ~~the population of such municipality is 5,000 or more,~~ then the
16 board of commissioners of such authority as previously
17 established shall be increased by one commissioner who shall
18 reside within the corporate limits of such municipality and
19 shall be appointed by its presiding officer. The initial
20 commissioner so appointed shall serve for a term of 1, 2, 3, 4
21 or 5 years, as may be determined by lot, and his successors
22 shall be similarly appointed and shall serve for terms of 5
23 years. All provisions of this section applicable to
24 commissioners representing municipal areas shall apply to any
25 such commissioner. Each such commissioner shall reside within
26 the corporate limits of the authority and shall continue to

1 reside therein.

2 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section,
3 the Board of Commissioners of a Metropolitan Airport Authority
4 shall consist of 9 commissioners.

5 Seven commissioners shall be residents of the county with
6 a population between 600,000 and 3,000,000 within which the
7 Metropolitan Airport Authority was established. These
8 commissioners shall be appointed by the county board chairman
9 of the county with a population between 600,000 and 3,000,000
10 within which the Metropolitan Airport Authority was
11 established, with the advice and consent of the county board
12 of that county.

13 Two commissioners shall be residents of the territory of
14 the Authority located outside the county with a population
15 between 600,000 and 3,000,000. These commissioners shall be
16 appointed jointly by the mayors of the municipalities having a
17 population over 5,000 that are located outside the county with
18 a population between 600,000 and 3,000,000, with the advice
19 and consent of the governing bodies of those municipalities.

20 The transition from the pre-existing composition of the
21 Metropolitan Airport Authority Board of Commissioners to the
22 composition specified in this amendatory Act of 1991 shall be
23 accomplished as follows:

24 (A) The appointee who was required to be a resident of
25 the area outside of the county with a population between
26 600,000 and 3,000,000 may serve until his or her term

1 expires. The replacement shall be one of the 2 appointees
2 who shall be residents of the territory of the Authority
3 located outside the county with a population between
4 600,000 and 3,000,000.

5 (B) The other 8 commissioners may serve until their
6 terms expire. Upon the occurrence of the second vacancy
7 among these 8 commissioners after the effective date of
8 this amendatory Act of 1991, the replacement shall be the
9 second of the 2 appointees who shall be residents of the
10 territory of the Authority located outside of the county
11 with a population between 600,000 and 3,000,000. Upon the
12 expiration of the terms of the other 7 commissioners, the
13 replacements shall be residents of the county with a
14 population between 600,000 and 3,000,000.

15 (C) All commissioners appointed after the effective
16 date of this amendatory Act of 1991, and their successors,
17 shall be appointed in the manner set forth in this
18 amendatory Act of 1991.

19 (Source: P.A. 94-466, eff. 1-1-06; 95-641, eff. 10-11-07.)

20 (70 ILCS 5/3.2) (from Ch. 15 1/2, par. 68.3b)

21 Sec. 3.2. Manner of exercising appointments. All
22 appointments of Commissioners to Boards of Commissioners of
23 Airport Authorities shall be in writing and shall indicate the
24 legal residence of the person appointed and whether or not he
25 resides within or without a municipality having a population

1 of 5,000 or more inhabitants within the corporate limits of
2 the authority.

3 (Source: P.A. 77-685.)

1 INDEX

2 Statutes amended in order of appearance

3 70 ILCS 5/3 from Ch. 15 1/2, par. 68.3

4 70 ILCS 5/3.1 from Ch. 15 1/2, par. 68.3a

5 70 ILCS 5/3.2 from Ch. 15 1/2, par. 68.3b