

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2017**

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**HOUSE BILL 426**

Short Title:    Sanford-Lee County Airport Authority Changes. (Local)

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Sponsors:     Representatives Sauls and Reives (Primary Sponsors).  
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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO REVISE THE COMPOSITION OF THE SANFORD-LEE COUNTY  
3 REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND TO AUTHORIZE THE AUTHORITY TO  
4 ENTER INTO CERTAIN CONTRACTS FOR A PERIOD GREATER THAN TWENTY  
5 YEARS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7        **SECTION 1.** Chapter 903 of the 1991 Session Laws, as amended by Section 7(a)  
8 of S.L. 2006-171, reads as rewritten:

9        "Section 1. There is hereby created an airport authority to be known as the "Sanford-Lee  
10 County Regional Airport Authority" which shall be a body politic and corporate. The ~~said~~  
11 authority shall be composed of seven members; two appointed by the Board of Commissioners  
12 of the County of Lee, two by the City Council of the City of Sanford; and three ex officio  
13 voting members: the Sanford City Manager, the Lee County Manager, and ~~the Lee County~~  
14 ~~Economic Development Director~~ an appointee of the Sanford Area Growth Alliance Executive  
15 Committee. The ~~said~~ members shall be allowed a reasonable compensation as determined by  
16 the joint action of the City Council of the City of Sanford and the Board of Commissioners for  
17 the County of Lee, and shall be paid actual expenses incurred in the transaction of business at  
18 the instance of the authority; provided, however, that no full-time employee of the city or  
19 county, or an elected member of either the City Council of the City of Sanford or the Board of  
20 Commissioners of the County of Lee shall be paid for his or her services in connection with  
21 ~~said~~ the authority, but shall be entitled only to reimbursement of actual expenses.

22        ...  
23        "Section 3. (a) The authority shall, in addition to the powers conferred in Chapter 63 of the  
24 General Statutes of North Carolina, have the following powers:

- 25        ...
- 26        (5) To lease for a term of ~~20~~40 years and for purposes not inconsistent with  
27 airport purposes or usage, real or personal property or both, under the  
28 supervision of or administered by the airport authority.
- 29        (6) To contract with persons, firms, or corporations for terms not to exceed ~~20~~40  
30 years, for the operation of passenger and freight flights, scheduled or  
31 nonscheduled, and any other plane or flight activities not inconsistent with  
32 airport operations and to charge and collect reasonable fees, charges, and  
33 rents for the use of such property, and services rendered in the operation  
34 thereof.



- 1           (7)    To operate, own, control, regulate, lease, or grant to others the license to
- 2                    operate amusements or concessions for a term not exceeding ~~20~~40 years.
- 3                    ...."
- 4           **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.