An act relating to the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority; amending sections 2 and 3 of House Bill 3959, 1998 Regular Session, the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority charter; providing that the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority is an independent special district, as defined in chapter 189, Florida Statutes; revising the definition of the term "cost" as applied to a project acquired, constructed, extended or enlarged; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 3 of House Bill 3959, 1998 Regular Session, is amended to read:

Section 3. GREATER ORLANDO AVIATION AUTHORITY. --

 (1) There is hereby created a board or commission to be known as the "Greater Orlando Aviation Authority," and by that name the authority may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, contract and be contracted with, and have an official seal. The authority is hereby constituted an agency of the city, and exercise by the authority of the powers conferred by this act shall be deemed and held to be an essential municipal function of the city. In addition, the authority is an independent special district, as defined in chapter 189, Florida Statutes. The authority shall consist of seven members who shall be elected or appointed as follows: one member shall be an incumbent member of the City Council,

 who may be the mayor-commissioner or any other commissioner

elected by a majority vote of such council; one member shall

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be an incumbent member of the Board of County Commissioners of
    Orange County, Florida, who may be the chairman or any other
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    commissioner elected by a majority vote of such commission;
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    and five members shall be appointed by the Governor, subject
    to confirmation by the Senate. Three members appointed by the
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    Governor shall be residents and electors of Orange County,
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    Florida; one member appointed by the Governor shall be a
    resident and elector of Osceola County, Florida, and, one
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    member appointed by the Governor shall be a resident and
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    elector of Orange County, Florida, or Seminole County,
    Florida. All seven members shall be entitled to an equal voice
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    and vote on all matters relating to the authority and its
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    business. Two of the five appointed members initially
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    appointed by the Governor shall be appointed for a term of 2
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    years, the term of each member so appointed to be designated
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    by the Governor at the time of the appointment. All subsequent
    appointments shall be for a term of 4 years. The member of the
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    city council and the member of the county commission shall be
    elected for terms of 2 years each; provided, however, that any
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    such commissioner's term shall end at such time as he may
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    cease to be a city or county commissioner, at which time a
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    successor or successors shall be elected for any unexpired
    term. The terms of all members shall end at the expiration of
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    their terms or as otherwise specified herein.
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Section 2. Subsection (7) of section 2 of House Bill , 1998 Regular Session, is amended to read:

Section 2. DEFINITIONS. --

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(7) "Cost" as applied to a project acquired, constructed, extended or enlarged shall include the purchase price of any project acquired, the cost of improvements, the

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    of all lands, properties, rights, easements and franchises
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    interest rate swap, forward purchase agreement or other
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    financial products agreement entered into with respect to any
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    issued by the authority as authorized herein, cost of
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    acquisition or construction, administrative expense and such
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    construction of a project and the placing of the same in
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    by the authority prior to the conveyance of a project by the
    city to the authority under this act, or prior to the issuance
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    of revenue bonds under the provisions of this act, for
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    and for other technical, financial or legal services in
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    connection with the acquisition or construction of any
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    project, may be regarded as a part of the cost of such
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    project.
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           Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998.
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