

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to Holmes, Jackson, and Washington
 3 Counties; amending ch. 69-534, Laws of Florida;
 4 designating the Tri-County Airport Authority as an
 5 independent special district; authorizing a Board of
 6 Directors to govern the authority; providing for terms
 7 of office and appointment of members to the board;
 8 providing and revising organizational meeting dates;
 9 providing for quorum and voting; revising certain
 10 officer positions of the authority; providing an
 11 effective date.

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 13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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15 Section 1. Sections 1, 3, 4, and 5 of chapter 69-534, Laws
 16 of Florida, are amended to read:

17 Section 1. There is hereby created the "Tri-County Airport
 18 Authority," an independent special district and a body
 19 corporate, ~~as an agency~~ designed to accomplish the cooperative
 20 joint effort of the boards of county commissioners of Holmes
 21 County, Jackson County, and Washington County, in the
 22 establishment and operation of an airport in Holmes County near
 23 the common geographic boundary point of said counties.

24 Section 3. The authority ~~hereby created~~ shall be governed
 25 by a Board of Directors (board) consisting ~~consist~~ of nine (9)

26 ~~fifteen (15) members, of which number five (5) shall be~~
27 ~~appointed by the board of county commissioners of each of the~~
28 ~~three (3) participating counties of Holmes, Jackson and~~
29 ~~Washington, initial appointments to be made not later than~~
30 ~~thirty (30) days after July 1, 1969. Three (3) members shall be~~
31 ~~appointed by the Holmes County Board of County Commissioners,~~
32 ~~three (3) members shall be appointed by the Jackson County Board~~
33 ~~of County Commissioners, and three (3) members shall be~~
34 ~~appointed by the Washington County Board of County~~
35 ~~Commissioners. Within sixty (60) days after the effective date~~
36 ~~of this act, each county board of county commissioners shall~~
37 ~~appoint members for initial terms to begin on the date that the~~
38 ~~organizational meeting is held pursuant to section 4. On that~~
39 ~~same date, all terms of the members of the board existing on~~
40 ~~July 1, 2020, shall terminate; however, such members may~~
41 ~~continue to serve additional terms if reappointed by the Holmes,~~
42 ~~Jackson, or Washington County Board of County Commissioners. For~~
43 ~~the purpose of providing staggered terms, each county board of~~
44 ~~county commissioners shall appoint one (1) member to serve an~~
45 ~~initial term ending on October 1, 2021, one (1) member to serve~~
46 ~~an initial term ending on October 1, 2022, and one (1) member to~~
47 ~~serve an initial term ending on October 1, 2023. ~~Members of the~~~~
48 ~~original authority shall be appointed for terms as follows from~~
49 ~~each of the three (3) participating counties: One (1) member for~~
50 ~~a one (1) year term ending July 1, 1970; one (1) member for a~~

51 ~~two (2) year term ending July 1, 1971; one (1) member for a~~
52 ~~three (3) year term ending July 1, 1972; one (1) member for a~~
53 ~~four (4) year term ending July 1, 1973; and one (1) member for a~~
54 ~~five (5) year term ending July 1, 1974; and Thereafter,~~ members
55 shall be appointed to the board for three (3) year terms, except
56 appointments to fill vacancies for unexpired terms, in which
57 event the appointment shall be for the unexpired term only. The
58 members of the board authority shall receive no compensation for
59 their services but shall be entitled to reimbursement ~~be~~
60 ~~reimbursed~~ for per diem and travel expenses incurred in the
61 performance of their official duties ~~as members of the authority~~
62 when authorized by the board ~~a majority of the members of the~~
63 ~~authority at a regular meeting,~~ subject to the applicable
64 provisions and limitations of section 112.061, Florida Statutes.

65 Section 4. Not later than thirty (30) ~~fifteen (15)~~ days
66 after the appointment of members to initial terms pursuant to
67 section 3 ~~the authority created hereby,~~ and annually thereafter
68 during October ~~July~~ of each year, the members of the board shall
69 hold an organizational meeting at which they shall elect from
70 their own membership a chairman, a vice-chairman, ~~and a~~
71 secretary ~~secretary-treasurer,~~ and a treasurer. Except as
72 otherwise provided by law, no business shall be transacted by
73 the authority except at a public ~~regular-called~~ meeting of the
74 Board of Directors ~~members,~~ at which a quorum is present and the
75 minutes thereof recorded. A majority of the members of the board

76 | shall constitute a quorum, and the affirmative vote of a
77 | majority of the members present shall be necessary for any
78 | action taken by the board. Permanent records shall be maintained
79 | which shall reflect all official actions of the authority
80 | including all financial transactions.

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

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