

**27-330. Same; authority constitutes political and taxing subdivision; board of directors, appointment, term, vacancies, compensation.** (a) An authority created pursuant to the provisions of this act shall be a political and taxing subdivision separate and distinct from any other municipality, and shall be exempt from the payment of costs, damages, charges, taxes and fees levied by any other political or taxing subdivision of this state. An authority created hereunder shall have all of the powers, and only the powers, prescribed by this act.

(b) An authority shall be managed and controlled by a five member board of directors. The board of directors of an authority shall be appointed within twenty (20) days after the adoption of the provisions of this act, and shall consist of two members appointed by the governing body of the county, who shall be residents of the county residing outside the corporate limits of the city, and three members appointed by the mayor with the approval of the governing body of the city who shall be residents of the city. The original board of directors of such authority shall consist of at least three members of the board of directors of any airport authority previously established by charter ordinance of the city prior to the effective date of this act and shall consist of one director appointed by the board of county commissioners for a term of three years, one director appointed by the board of county commissioners for a term of two years, one director appointed by the mayor with the approval of the governing body of the city for a term of two years and two directors appointed by the mayor with the approval of the governing body of the city for terms of one year each. Each appointing body shall appoint successors to the original and succeeding directors as the respective term of each expires, each of whom shall serve for a term of three years and until a successor is appointed, but no director shall serve for more than three consecutive terms. From and after December 31, 1980, no member of the governing body of the city or the governing body of the county shall serve on the board of directors. Vacancies shall be filled for unexpired terms. Any director may be removed from office for reasonable cause by a majority vote of the appointing body. The directors shall not be compensated for services rendered as such directors but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in carrying out their duties as such directors.

**History:** L. 1978, ch. 148, § 4; L. 1979, ch. 114, § 4; April 27.