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HOUSE BILL 464

Short Title: Washington-Warren Airport Authority. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Kidwell.

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Referred to: Local Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 27, 2023

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT CHANGING THE MANNER IN WHICH APPOINTMENTS SHALL BE MADE TO
THE WASHINGTON-WARREN AIRPORT AUTHORITY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of S.L. 2022-34 reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 2. The Airport Authority shall consist of seven members appointed by the ~~Washington City Council~~ as provided in this section to serve staggered three-year terms. Each member shall take and subscribe an oath of office before the Clerk of Superior Court of Beaufort County and file the same with the Washington City Council. Members of the Airport Authority may be appointed to one or more successive terms by the ~~Washington City Council~~ authority making the initial appointment as provided in this section. The ~~Washington City Council~~ appointing authority shall fill any vacancies arising on the Airport Authority. ~~In appointing members or filling vacancies to Members of the Airport Authority, the Washington City Council shall appoint members~~ Authority shall be appointed as follows:

- (1) ~~Two members~~ One member appointed by the City of Washington who shall be a registered voters-voter of the City of Washington with experience in aviation-aviation, drone, or business management.
- (2) ~~One member shall be a registered voter of the City of Washington.~~
- (3)(2) Two members appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate pursuant to G.S. 120-121, both of whom shall be registered voters of the County of Beaufort with experience in aviation-aviation, drone, or business management and shall not be registered voters of the City of Washington.
- (4)(3) One member shall be a registered voter of the County of Beaufort and shall not be a registered voter of the City of Washington.
- (5) ~~One member shall be a registered voter of the County of Beaufort and may be a registered voter of the City of Washington.~~
- (4) Two members appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to G.S. 120-121, both of whom shall be registered voters of the County of Beaufort with experience in aviation, drone, or business management and shall not be registered voters of the City of Washington.
- (5) One member appointed by the members of the Authority, appointed as provided in subdivisions (1) through (3) of this section, at the first meeting of the Authority after their appointment. The member appointed as provided in



1 this subdivision shall be selected from among the businesses located at the
2 Washington-Warren Airport."

3 **SECTION 2.** The terms of current members of the Washington-Warren Airport
4 Authority shall expire six months after the date this act becomes law. Upon the expiration of
5 those terms, appointments shall be made to the Airport Authority as provided in Section 2 of S.L.
6 2022-34, as enacted by Section 1 of this act, with three seats expiring in one year and two seats
7 expiring in each of the next two years so as to stagger the terms. After establishing the staggered
8 terms, all terms of office shall be for three years as provided in Section 2 of S.L. 2022-34, as
9 enacted by Section 1 of this act.

10 **SECTION 3.** Section 16 of S.L. 2022-34 is repealed.

11 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.