

27-319. Ordinance for creation; public corporation; rights and immunities; tax exemptions; control; board of directors, appointment, terms, vacancies; expenses; transfer of property of city to authority. (a) The governing body of any city to which this act applies is hereby authorized to establish and create, by adoption of an appropriate ordinance citing this act, an authority as herein provided to acquire, own, maintain, operate, improve, develop, lease and dispose of property in furtherance of the provisions of this act. An authority created hereunder shall have all of the powers, and only the powers, prescribed by this act. Such authority shall be a body corporate and politic constituting a public corporation and a tax-supported institution, agency and organization. Except as provided in subsection (b), such authority shall have the same immunities and exemptions from the payment of costs, damages, charges, taxes and fees as are granted to the city. Such authority shall be managed and controlled by a board of directors consisting of five directors to be appointed by the governing body of the city. The original board of directors of the authority shall be appointed at the time of the creation of the authority. One of such directors shall be appointed for a term of three years, two for a term of two years and two for a term of one year, with the term of office of each such director to commence on the date of appointment. Each of the directors shall serve until the expiration of such person's term and until a successor is appointed. The governing body of the city 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. No director shall serve as a director for more than eight consecutive years. Vacancies shall be filled for unexpired terms. Any director may be removed by a majority vote of the governing body of the city from office for reasonable cause. The directors shall not be compensated for services rendered as such directors but shall be reimbursed in carrying out their duties as such directors.

(b) (1) For all taxable years commencing after December 31, 1988, the Salina airport authority shall be exempt from the payment of ad valorem taxes levied by the state and any other political or taxing subdivision of the state on property owned by it prior to and on January 1, 1989, and which is located within the corporate limits of the city creating the authority. All property taxes, including any penalties and interest accrued thereon, imposed upon any property herein described for all taxable years commencing prior to January 1, 1989, are hereby declared to be cancelled.

(2) For all taxable years commencing after December 31, 1991, the Pratt airport authority shall be exempt from the payment of ad valorem taxes levied by the state and any other political or taxing subdivision of the state on property owned by it prior to and on January 1, 1992, and which is located within the corporate limits of the city creating the authority. All property taxes, including any penalties and interest accrued thereon, imposed upon any property herein described for all taxable years commencing prior to January 1, 1992, are hereby declared to be cancelled.

(c) Upon the creation of an authority hereunder, the governing body of the city shall transfer all property and any funds belonging to the city or to which the city may be entitled, which are to be used for or are necessary for the operation of a public airport, to the authority created hereunder.

History: L. 1965, ch. 117, § 5; L. 1970, ch. 366, § 17; L. 1978, ch. 148, § 13; L. 1989, ch. 113, § 1; L. 1992, ch. 171, § 2; July 1.