

27 **SECTION 1.**

28 Short title.

29 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Griffin-Spalding County Airport Authority
30 Act."

31 **SECTION 2.**

32 Griffin-Spalding County Airport Authority; creation.

33 There is created a body corporate and politic to be known as the Griffin-Spalding County
34 Airport Authority, which shall be deemed to be a political subdivision of the State of Georgia
35 and a public corporation by that name, style, and title, and said body may contract and be
36 contracted with, bring and defend actions, implead and be impleaded, and complain and
37 defend in all courts of law and equity, except that the authority of the trustee acting under the
38 trust indenture herein provided for shall in no event be liable for any torts committed by any
39 of the officers, agents, and employees of the authority. The authority shall have perpetual
40 existence.

41 **SECTION 3.**

42 Membership.

43 The Griffin-Spalding County Airport Authority shall be composed of nine members who
44 shall be appointed by the governing authorities of the County of Spalding and City of Griffin
45 as hereinafter set out. Members of each governing authority shall be qualified to serve in
46 Posts No. 1 through 4. Within 60 days after the approval of this Act, it shall be the duty of
47 said governing authorities to appoint the membership of the authority. The authority shall
48 be composed of nine posts to be designated as Post No. 1, Post No. 2, Post No. 3, Post No. 4,
49 Post No. 5, Post No. 6, Post No. 7, Post No. 8, and Post No. 9. The governing authorities of
50 the County of Spalding and the City of Griffin shall each appoint two of their members to
51 Posts No. 1 and 3 and Posts No. 2 and 4, respectively. The terms of these members shall
52 coincide with their terms of elective office. For Posts No. 5 through 9, the term of each
53 member shall be six years and until a successor is appointed and qualified, except that the
54 initial terms shall be as follows: The member from Post No. 5 shall be appointed initially by
55 the governing authority of Spalding County for a term which shall expire December 31,
56 2018, or when his or her successor is appointed and qualified. The member from Post No. 6
57 shall be appointed by the governing authority of the City of Griffin for a term which shall
58 expire on December 31, 2017, or when his or her successor is appointed and qualified. The
59 member from Post No. 7 shall be appointed by the governing authority of Spalding County
60 for a term which shall expire on December 31, 2016, or when his or her successor is
61 appointed and qualified. The member from Post No. 8 shall be appointed by the governing

62 authority of the City of Griffin for a term which shall expire on December 31, 2015, or when
63 his or her successor is appointed and qualified. The member from Post No. 9 shall be
64 appointed by the governing authority of Spalding County for a term which shall expire on
65 December 31, 2014, or when his or her successor is appointed and qualified; thereafter, such
66 member from Post No. 9 shall be appointed to a full six-year term by the governing authority
67 of the City of Griffin. Future appointments to Post No. 9 shall alternate between the
68 governing authority of Spalding County and the governing authority of the City of Griffin.
69 Following initial appointments, vacancies in each post, other than Post No. 9, shall be filled
70 by the governing authority making the initial appointment.

71 SECTION 4.

72 Meetings.

73 The authority shall hold its organizational meeting on July 16, 2012, at 10:00 A.M. in the
74 City Courtroom, One Griffin Center, 100 S. Hill Street, Griffin, Georgia. Notice of such
75 meeting shall be given to local news media not less than 15 days prior thereto, and a notice
76 shall be posted on the city's official bulletin board and website. The authority shall meet at
77 such times as may be necessary to transact the business coming before it, but not less than
78 quarterly. All meetings shall be called, noticed, and conducted in accordance with Chapter
79 14 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., the "Open Meetings Law." At its organizational meeting and
80 its first regular meeting in January of each year thereafter, the authority shall elect one of its
81 members as its chairperson and another member as secretary-treasurer. It shall be the duty
82 of the secretary-treasurer to prepare written minutes of all meetings of the authority. Only
83 one person shall hold the office of secretary-treasurer. These officers shall be elected for a
84 term ending on December 31 of the year in which they were elected or until their successors
85 are elected and qualified. Five members of the authority shall constitute a quorum for the
86 transaction of all business coming before it. The members of the authority may be
87 compensated as determined from time to time by said governing authorities; however, it is
88 expressly provided that they shall be reimbursed for all actual, reasonable, and necessary
89 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

90 SECTION 5.

91 Vacancies in office.

92 In the event of a vacancy on the authority by reason of death, resignation, or otherwise, the
93 vacancy shall be filled by the governing authority which appointed such member, and the
94 person so appointed shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.