

330A.8 Purposes and powers general.

An authority is hereby granted the following rights and powers, and shall have and may exercise all powers necessary, appurtenant, convenient, or incidental to the carrying out of the powers enumerated in this chapter:

1. To sue and be sued in all courts.
2. To adopt, use, and alter at will a seal.
3. To acquire, hold, construct, improve, maintain, operate, own, and lease as lessor or lessee, aviation facilities, provided that no lease of the authority's property whose primary term is in excess of three years shall be entered by the authority until after publication of notice of the terms of the proposed lease once in the county in which said property is located, in the manner provided by section 618.14, together with the date, time, and place of a public hearing which shall be held not less than fourteen days thereafter, at which the authority will hear proponents for and objectors against the lease and may, thereafter, cause it to be executed.
4. To acquire, purchase, hold, own, operate, and lease as lessee and use any franchise, property, real, personal or mixed, tangible or intangible, or any interest therein, necessary or desirable for carrying out the purposes of an authority and this chapter, and to sell, mortgage, lease as lessor, transfer, and dispose of any property or interest therein at any time acquired by it.
5. To enter into and make leases, either as lessee or lessor, for such period or periods of time and under such terms and conditions as an authority shall determine. Such leases may be entered into for buildings, structures, or facilities constructed or acquired or to be constructed or acquired by an authority, or may be entered into for lands owned by an authority where the lessee of said lands agrees as a consideration for said lease to construct or acquire buildings, structures, or facilities on said lands which will become the property of an authority under such terms, rentals, and other conditions as the authority shall deem proper.
6. To acquire by purchase, lease, or otherwise, and to construct, improve, maintain, repair, and operate aviation facilities.
7. To fix, alter, charge, establish, and collect rates, fees, rentals, and other charges for the services and facilities of aviation facilities, or any part thereof, at reasonable and uniform rates to be determined exclusively by an authority for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this chapter.
8. To borrow money, make and issue negotiable bonds, certificates, refunding bonds, and other obligations (herein called "*bonds*") and notes of an authority and to secure the payment of such bonds or any part thereof by a pledge of any or all of an authority's revenues, rates, fees, rentals, or other charges, and any other funds which it has a right to, or may hereafter have the right to pledge for such purposes (hereafter sometimes referred to as "*revenues*"), and to mortgage its property as security for the payment of such bonds; and in general, to provide for the security of said bonds and the rights and remedies of the holders thereof. Such bonds may be issued to finance either one or more or a combination of aviation facilities and the revenues of any one or more aviation facilities may, subject to any prior rights of bondholders, be pledged for any one or more or a combination of aviation facilities. Any revenues from existing aviation facilities theretofore constructed or acquired pursuant to this chapter or existing laws, or existing aviation facilities constructed or acquired by an authority from any source may be pledged for any one or more or a combination of aviation facilities financed under this chapter, regardless of whether or not such existing aviation facilities are then being improved or financed by the proceeds of the bonds to be issued to finance the one or more or the combination of aviation facilities for which such revenues of such existing aviation facilities are to be pledged.
9. To make contracts of every kind and nature and to execute all instruments necessary or convenient for the carrying on of its business.

10. Without limitation of the foregoing, to borrow money and accept grants, contributions or loans from, and to enter into contracts, leases, or other transactions with, municipal, county, state, or federal government.

11. To have the power of eminent domain, such power to be exercised in the manner provided by law for municipal corporations of this state.

12. To pledge, hypothecate, or otherwise encumber all or any part of the revenues, rates, fees, rentals, or other charges or receipts of an authority as security for all or any of the obligations issued by an authority.

13. To pledge, mortgage, hypothecate, or otherwise encumber all or any part of the property, real or personal, of the authority as security for all or any of the obligations issued by an authority.

14. To employ technical experts necessary to assist an authority in carrying out or exercising any powers granted hereby, including but not limited to architects, engineers, attorneys, fiscal advisors, fiscal agents, investment bankers, and aviation consultants.

15. To do all acts and things necessary or convenient for the promotion of its business and the general welfare of an authority, in order to carry out the powers granted to it by this chapter or any other laws. An authority shall have no power at any time or in any manner to pledge the taxing power of the state or any political subdivision or agency thereof, nor shall any of the obligations issued by an authority be deemed to be an obligation of the state or any political subdivision or agency thereof secured by and payable from ad valorem taxes thereof, nor shall the state or any political subdivision or agency thereof be liable for the payment of principal of or interest on such obligations except from the special funds provided for in this chapter.

16. To designate employees upon whom are conferred all the powers of a peace officer as defined in section 801.4. The maximum age for a person designated as a peace officer pursuant to this subsection is sixty-five years of age.

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89 Acts, ch 182, § 7; 98 Acts, ch 1183, §111