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ENROLLED, An Act,

Relating to Etowah County; to create the Etowah County Mega Sports Complex Authority; to provide for membership of the authority; to provide duties of the authority; and to provide for the distribution of T.V.A. in-lieu-of-taxes payments to the Etowah County Mega Sports Complex Authority.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. This act shall only apply in Etowah County.

Section 2. (a) The Etowah County Mega Sports Complex Authority is created.

(b) (1) The authority shall consist of the following members:

a. The legislative sponsor of the act creating the authority.

b. A member appointed by each member of the local legislative delegation.

c. The Director of the Etowah County Chamber of Commerce.

d. Three members appointed by the Director of the Etowah County Chamber of Commerce.

(2) The authority may appoint additional members to the authority upon a majority vote of its members.

1           (c) The authority shall evaluate the development of  
2 a sports complex for Etowah County for implementation and  
3 administration by the authority. The evaluation shall include,  
4 but is not limited to, the following considerations and  
5 issues:

6           (1) The feasibility of a mega sports complex for the  
7 county.

8           (2) What should be included in such a complex.

9           (3) The location of such a complex.

10          (4) The cost associated with acquiring and  
11 maintaining such a complex.

12          (5) Possible funding sources for such a complex.

13          (d) After its evaluation, the authority may initiate  
14 the development and management of a public mega sports complex  
15 in the county.

16          (e) The authority shall also have the following  
17 powers and duties:

18           (1) To acquire or lease real property for the  
19 development of sports or other recreational facilities and  
20 related improvements for public purposes.

21           (2) To make, enter into, and execute contracts,  
22 agreements, or other instruments necessary to accomplish the  
23 purposes of this act.

1           (3) To establish and appoint committees and hire  
2 staff which it deems necessary for the carrying out of its  
3 functions.

4           (4) To accept any and all donations and grants of  
5 money, equipment, supplies, materials, and services, and to  
6 receive, utilize, and dispose of it.

7           (5) To perform other functions as may be necessary  
8 or appropriate to achieve the purposes of this act.

9           Section 3. All T.V.A. in-lieu-of-taxes payments to  
10 Etowah County retained by the county and not transferred to  
11 the City of Sardis pursuant to Section 40-28-2, Code of  
12 Alabama 1975, shall be distributed to the Etowah County Mega  
13 Sports Complex Authority, to be used for the financing and  
14 operation of a mega sports complex.

15           Section 4. The provisions of this act are severable.  
16 If any part of this act is declared invalid or  
17 unconstitutional, that declaration shall not affect the part  
18 which remains.

19           Section 5. This act shall become effective  
20 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
21 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

