

1 HB658  
2 167191-7  
3 By Representative Ford (N & P)  
4 RFD: Local Legislation  
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9 A BILL  
10 TO BE ENTITLED  
11 AN ACT  
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13 Relating to Etowah County; to create the Etowah  
14 County Mega Sports Complex Authority; to provide for  
15 membership of the authority; to provide duties of the  
16 authority; and to provide for the distribution of T.V.A.  
17 in-lieu-of-taxes payments to the Etowah County Mega Sports  
18 Complex Authority.

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9           (c) The authority shall evaluate the development of  
10 a sports complex for Etowah County for implementation and  
11 administration by the authority. The evaluation shall include,  
12 but is not limited to, the following considerations and  
13 issues:

14           (1) The feasibility of a mega sports complex for the  
15 county.

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

17           (3) The location of such a complex.

18           (4) The cost associated with acquiring and  
19 maintaining such a complex.

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

21           (d) After its evaluation, the authority may initiate  
22 the development and management of a public mega sports complex  
23 in the county.

24           (e) The authority shall also have the following  
25 powers and duties:

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

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

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

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

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

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

21               Section 4. The provisions of this act are severable.  
22       If any part of this act is declared invalid or  
23       unconstitutional, that declaration shall not affect the part  
24       which remains.

25               Section 5. This act shall become effective  
26       immediately following its passage and approval by the  
27       Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

