GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2001

SENATE BILL 603 RATIFIED BILL

AN ACT TO TEMPORARILY EXPAND THE NAVASSA TOWN BOARD TO INCLUDE REPRESENTATION FROM THE AREA RECENTLY ANNEXED, TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF CARY TO REGULATE THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON PUBLIC STREETS WITHIN THE TOWN, AND CONCERNING AIRPORT LEASES BY MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding Section 3 of Chapter 77 of the 1977 Session Laws, as rewritten by S.L. 2001-325, from January 1, 2002, through the organizational meeting after the 2003 municipal election, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Navassa shall consist of seven members.

SECTION 2. One of the additional two members of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Navassa authorized by Section 1 of this act shall be appointed from District 2, as established by Section 4 of Chapter 77 of the 1977 Session Laws, as amended by Chapter 424 of the 1979 Session Laws, as rewritten by S.L. 2001-325, to serve until the organizational meeting after the 2003 municipal election. The other additional new member shall be appointed from District 3 to serve until the organizational meeting after the 2003 municipal election.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 20-50 and G.S. 20-54, the Town of Cary may, by ordinance, regulate the operation of electric golf carts on any public street or road within the Town. By ordinance, the Town may require the registration of golf carts, specify the persons authorized to operate golf carts, and specify required equipment, load limits, and the hours and methods of operation of the golf carts.

SECTION 3.1.(a) G.S. 160A-272 reads as rewritten:

"§ 160A-272. Lease or rental of property.

Any property owned by a city may be leased or rented for such terms and upon such conditions as the council may determine, but not for longer than 20 years (except as otherwise provided herein) and only if the council determines that the property will not be needed by the city for the term of the lease. In determining the term of a proposed lease, periods that may be added to the original term by options to renew or extend shall be included. Property may be rented or leased only pursuant to a resolution of the council authorizing the execution of the lease or rental agreement adopted at a regular council meeting upon 10 days' public notice. Notice shall be given by publication describing the property to be leased or rented, stating the annual rental or lease payments, and announcing the council's intent to authorize the lease or rental at its next regular meeting.

No public notice need be given for resolutions authorizing leases or rentals for terms of one year or less, and the council may delegate to the city manager or some other city administrative officer authority to lease or rent city property for terms of one year or less. Leases for terms of more than 20 years shall be treated as a sale of property and may be executed by following any of the procedures authorized for sale of real property.

SECTION 3.1.(b) This section applies to Montgomery County only, and as to that county only to leases for airport purposes.

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law. In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 6th day of December, 2001.

Marc Basnight President Pro Tempore of the Senate

James B. Black Speaker of the House of Representatives