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2 An act relating to the Gasparilla Island Bridge  
3 Authority, Charlotte and Lee Counties; amending  
4 chapter 2000-425, Laws of Florida; correcting a  
5 scrivener's error; revising requirements for the  
6 election of the voting members of the board of  
7 supervisors; clarifying and revising financial  
8 disclosure requirements for members of the board of  
9 supervisors; revising the authority's fiscal year;  
10 providing an effective date.

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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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14 Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 4, subsections (3)  
15 and (7) of section 5, and subsection (2) of section 12 of  
16 section 2 of chapter 2000-425, Laws of Florida, are amended to  
17 read:

18 Section 4. DEFINITIONS.—As used in this act, the following  
19 words and terms shall have the following meanings, unless some  
20 other meaning is plainly intended:

21 (4) "Lee County Commission" means the Lee ~~Charlotte~~ County  
22 Board of County Commissioners.

23 Section 5. GOVERNING BODY.—

24 (3) The voting members of the Board of Supervisors shall  
25 be elected by a plurality ~~majority~~ of the electors of the  
26 authority voting in the general election in November of each  
27 even-numbered year. Each elector may exercise one vote. Those  
28 members duly elected to serve will take office on November 15

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29 following their election.

30 (a) Board Supervisor No. 1, Board Supervisor No. 3, Board  
31 Supervisor No. 5, Board Supervisor No. 6, and Board Supervisor  
32 No. 8 shall be first elected or appointed in the November 1996  
33 election and every fourth year thereafter.

34 (b) Board Supervisor No. 2, Board Supervisor No. 4, Board  
35 Supervisor No. 7, and Board Supervisor No. 9 shall be first  
36 elected or appointed at the November 1996 election to a 2-year  
37 term. They shall be appointed or stand for election to a full 4-  
38 year term commencing at the November 1998 election and shall be  
39 elected or appointed every fourth year thereafter.

40 (7) The Board of Supervisors shall elect a chair and vice  
41 chair from members of the authority, each of whom shall serve  
42 for 1 year or until his or her successor is chosen. The chair,  
43 or the vice chair in the chair's absence, shall preside at all  
44 meetings of the authority and shall perform such additional  
45 duties as prescribed by the members or contained in the bylaws  
46 of the authority. The authority shall hold regular meetings at  
47 least quarterly at such times and places as it may designate and  
48 may hold more frequent special meetings. Three voting members  
49 constitute a quorum for the purpose of meeting and transacting  
50 business. Each voting member of the authority shall have one  
51 vote. The authority may adopt bylaws and may make all policies,  
52 procedures, rules, and regulations not inconsistent with this  
53 act which it may deem necessary respecting the conduct of its  
54 affairs. Such policies, procedures, rules, and regulations shall  
55 provide for notice of all public meetings in conformity with the  
56 requirements of section 189.417, Florida Statutes, and shall

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57 | provide that an agenda shall be prepared by the authority in  
58 | time to ensure that a copy of the agenda will be available at  
59 | least 3 days prior to any regular meetings of the authority.  
60 | After the agenda has been made available, items may be added for  
61 | good cause, as determined by the chair or person designated to  
62 | preside at the meeting. The reason for adding an item to the  
63 | agenda shall be stated in the record. Special or emergency  
64 | meetings may be called by the chair upon no less than 48 hours'  
65 | notice. The authority shall publish and thereafter codify and  
66 | index all rules, regulations, and resolutions formulated,  
67 | adopted, or used by authority in the discharge of its functions.  
68 | Such rules, regulations, and resolutions shall be made available  
69 | for public inspection and copying, at no more than cost. The  
70 | authority shall not be deemed to be an agency within the meaning  
71 | of chapter 120, Florida Statutes. The authority shall be deemed  
72 | to be an agency within the meaning of chapter 119, Florida  
73 | Statutes, and all records of the authority shall be open to the  
74 | public. The authority shall be deemed an agency or authority of  
75 | the county for purposes of section 286.011, Florida Statutes,  
76 | the "Government in the Sunshine" law. Notwithstanding s.  
77 | 348.0003(4)(c), Florida Statutes, all ~~voting~~ members of the  
78 | Board of Supervisors shall be deemed to be local officers for  
79 | the purposes of section 112.3145(3), Florida Statutes, requiring  
80 | disclosure of their financial interests. These statements of  
81 | financial interests shall be filed with the Florida Commission  
82 | on Ethics ~~Lee County Supervisor of Elections~~ and available for  
83 | public inspection. In addition to the foregoing, the authority  
84 | shall comply with the requirements of section 189.417, Florida

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85 Statutes, regarding notice of meetings which shall be deemed to  
86 supersede any inconsistent provisions of this section in the  
87 event of conflict.

88 Section 12. BUDGET; REPORTS AND REVIEW.—

89 (2) The fiscal year for the authority shall commence on  
90 October ~~July~~ 1 of each calendar year and shall conclude on  
91 September ~~June~~ 30 of each calendar year. On or before September  
92 ~~June~~ 1, the executive director shall prepare a proposed budget  
93 for the ensuing fiscal year to be submitted to the board for  
94 board approval. The proposed budget shall include, at the  
95 direction of the board, an estimate of all necessary  
96 expenditures of the authority for the ensuing fiscal year and an  
97 estimate of income to the authority from all sources of revenue  
98 provided in this act. The board shall consider the proposed  
99 budget and may either approve the budget as proposed by the  
100 manager or modify the same in part or in whole.

101 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.