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1 A bill to be entitled An act relating to regional planning councils; 2 3 amending s. 186.504, F.S.; prescribing 4 membership in the councils; providing an effective date. 5 6 7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 8 9 Section 186.504, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 10 11 186.504 Regional planning councils; creation; 12 membership. --13 (1) A regional planning council shall be created in each of the several comprehensive planning districts of the 14 15 state. Only one agency shall exercise the responsibilities granted herein within the geographic boundaries of any one 16 17 comprehensive planning district. 18 (2) Membership on the regional planning council shall 19 be as follows: 20 (a) Representatives appointed by each of the member 21 counties in the geographic area covered by the regional 22 planning council. 23 (a) (b) Representatives appointed by each of the from 24 other member local general-purpose governments in the 25 geographic area covered by the regional planning council which 26 choose to be members. 27 (b) (c) Representatives appointed by the Governor from 28 the geographic area covered by the regional planning council. 29 (3) Not less than two-thirds of the representatives

serving as voting members on the governing bodies of such

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general-purpose governments chosen by the cities and counties of the region, provided each <u>local general-purpose government that is a member county</u> shall have at least one vote. The remaining one-third of the voting members on the governing board shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate, and shall reside in the region. No two appointees of the Governor shall have their places of residence in the same county until each county within the region is represented by a Governor's appointee to the governing board. Nothing contained in this section shall deny to local governing bodies or the Governor the option of appointing either locally elected officials or lay citizens provided at least two-thirds of the governing body of the regional planning council is composed of locally elected officials.

- (4) In addition to voting members appointed pursuant to paragraph (2)(c), the Governor shall appoint the following ex officio nonvoting members to each regional planning council:
- (a) A representative of the Department of Transportation.
- (b) A representative of the Department of Environmental Protection.
 - (c) A representative of the Department of Commerce.
- $\underline{\text{(c)}}$ A representative of the appropriate water management district or districts.

The Governor may also appoint ex officio nonvoting members representing appropriate metropolitan planning organizations and regional water supply authorities.

(5) Nothing contained in this act shall be construed
to mandate county or municipal government membership or
participation in a regional planning council. However, each
county shall be a member of the regional planning council
created within the comprehensive planning district
encompassing the county.
(6) The existing regional planning council in each of
the several comprehensive planning districts shall be
designated as the regional planning council specified under
subsections (1)-(5), provided the council agrees to meet the
membership criteria specified therein and is a regional
planning council organized under either s. 163.01 or s. 163.02
or chapter 160.
Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
law.

SENATE SUMMARY
Deletes the requirement that a county must be a member of a regional planning council. Provides that representatives on such council may be appointed by a local general-purpose government in the geographic area covered by a regional planning council which chooses to be a member of the council.