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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to regional planning councils;  
3           amending s. 186.504, F.S.; prescribing  
4           membership in the councils; providing an  
5           effective date.

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

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9           Section 1. Section 186.504, Florida Statutes, is  
10 amended to read:

11           186.504 Regional planning councils; creation;  
12 membership.--

13           (1) A regional planning council shall be created in  
14 each of the several comprehensive planning districts of the  
15 state. Only one agency shall exercise the responsibilities  
16 granted herein within the geographic boundaries of any one  
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  
30 serving as voting members on the governing bodies of such  
31 regional planning councils shall be elected officials of local

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

16 (4) In addition to voting members appointed pursuant  
17 to paragraph (2)(c), the Governor shall appoint the following  
18 ex officio nonvoting members to each regional planning  
19 council:

20 (a) A representative of the Department of  
21 Transportation.

22 (b) A representative of the Department of  
23 Environmental Protection.

24 ~~(c) A representative of the Department of Commerce.~~

25 (c)~~(d)~~ A representative of the appropriate water  
26 management district or districts.

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

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