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1 governmental entity relating to the Miami River shall remain  
2 with such respective governmental entity. However, the  
3 commission may accept any specifically defined coordinating  
4 authority or functions delegated to the commission by any  
5 governmental entity, through a memorandum of understanding or  
6 other legal instrument. The commission shall use powers of  
7 persuasion to achieve its objectives through the process of  
8 building a consensus work plan and through widespread  
9 publication of regular progress reports.

10 (2) The Miami River Commission shall consist of:  
11 (a) A policy committee comprised of the Governor, the  
12 chair of the Dade delegation, the chair of the governing board  
13 of the South Florida Water Management District, the Miami-Dade  
14 County State Attorney, the Mayor of Miami, the Mayor of  
15 Miami-Dade County, a commissioner of the City of Miami  
16 Commission, a commissioner of the Miami-Dade County  
17 Commission, the chair of the Miami River Marine Group, the  
18 chair of the Marine Council, the Executive Director of the  
19 Downtown Development Authority, and the chair of the Greater  
20 Miami Chamber of Commerce; two neighborhood representatives,  
21 selected from the Spring Garden Neighborhood Association, the  
22 Grove Park Neighborhood Association, and the Miami River  
23 Neighborhood Enhancement Corporation, one neighborhood  
24 representative to be appointed by the city commission and one  
25 neighborhood representative to be appointed by the county  
26 commission, each selected from a list of 3 names submitted by  
27 each such organization; one representative from an  
28 environmental or civic association, appointed by the Governor;  
29 and three members-at-large, who shall be persons who have a  
30 demonstrated history of involvement on the Miami River through  
31 business, residence, or volunteer activity, one appointed by

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1 the Governor, one appointed by the city commission, and one  
2 appointed by the county commission. All members shall be  
3 voting members. The committee shall also include a member of  
4 the United States Congressional delegation and the Captain of  
5 the Port of Miami as a representative of the United States  
6 Coast Guard, as nonvoting, ex officio members. The policy  
7 committee may meet monthly, but shall meet at least quarterly.

8 (b) A managing director who has the responsibility to  
9 implement plans and programs.

10 (c) A working group consisting of all governmental  
11 agencies that have jurisdiction in the Miami River area, as  
12 well as representatives from business and civic associations.

13 (3) The policy committee shall have the following  
14 powers and duties:

15 (a) Consolidate existing plans, programs, and  
16 proposals into a coordinated strategic plan for improvement of  
17 the Miami River and surrounding areas, addressing  
18 environmental, economic, social, recreational, and aesthetic  
19 issues. The committee shall monitor the progress on each  
20 element of such plan and shall revise the plan regularly.

21 (b) Prepare an integrated financial plan using the  
22 different jurisdictional agencies available for projected  
23 financial resources. The committee shall monitor the progress  
24 on each element of such plan and revise the plan regularly.

25 (c) Provide technical assistance and political support  
26 as needed to help implement each element of the strategic and  
27 financial plans.

28 (d) Accept any specifically defined coordinating  
29 authority or function delegated to the committee by any level  
30 of government through a memorandum of understanding or other  
31 legal instrument.

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1           (e) Publicize a semiannual report describing  
2 accomplishments of the commission and each member agency, as  
3 well as the status of each pending task. The committee shall  
4 distribute the report to the City and County Commissions and  
5 Mayors, the Governor, chair of the Dade County delegation,  
6 stakeholders and the local media.

7           (f) Seek grants from public and private sources and  
8 receive grant funds to provide for the enhancement of its  
9 coordinating functions and activities and administer contracts  
10 that achieve these goals.

11           (g) Coordinate a joint planning area agreement between  
12 the Department of Community Affairs, the city, and the county  
13 under the provisions of s. 163.3177(11)(a),(b), and (c),  
14 Florida Statutes.

15           (h) Provide a forum for exchange of information and  
16 facilitate the resolution of conflicts.

17           (i) Act as a clearinghouse for public information and  
18 conduct public education programs.

19           (j) Establish the Miami River working group, appoint  
20 members to the group, and organize subcommittees, delegate  
21 tasks, and seek council from members of the working group as  
22 necessary to carry out the powers and duties listed in this  
23 subsection.

24           (k) Elect officers and adopt rules of procedure as  
25 necessary to carry out the powers and duties listed above and  
26 solicit appointing authorities to name replacements for policy  
27 committee members who do not participate on a regular basis.

28           (l) Hire the managing director, who shall be  
29 authorized to represent the commission and to implement all  
30 policies, plans, and programs of the commission. The committee  
31 shall employ any additional staff necessary to assist the

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1 managing director.

2           Section 6. (1) No item, motion, directive, or policy  
3 position that would impact or in any way diminish levels of  
4 currently permitted commercial activity on the Miami River or  
5 riverfront properties shall be adopted by the Miami River  
6 Commission unless passed by a unanimous vote of the appointed  
7 members of the commission then in office.

8           (2) No item, motion, directive, or policy position  
9 suggesting, proposing, or otherwise promoting additional  
10 taxes, fees, charges, or any other financial obligation on  
11 owners of riverfront property or shipping companies or  
12 operators shall be adopted by the Miami River Commission  
13 unless passed by a unanimous vote of all appointed members of  
14 the commission then in office.

15           Section 7. The Miami River Commission shall terminate  
16 July 1, 2003, unless the Legislature, in a review of the  
17 creation, operation, and accomplishments of the Miami River  
18 Commission during the 2003 Regular Session, determines that  
19 the commission should be continued and reenacts provisions  
20 providing for its continuation.

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24 And the title is amended as follows:

25           On page 1, line 18,

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27 insert:

28           prohibiting the adoption of certain actions by  
29           the commission unless by a required minimum  
30           vote; providing for future termination of the  
31           commission pending legislative review of

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