

**STORAGE NAME:** h0597a.ca

**DATE:** March 11, 1997

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE ON  
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS  
BILL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT - LOCAL LEGISLATION**

**BILL #:** HB 597

**RELATING TO:** Greater Boca Raton Beach Tax District

**SPONSOR(S):** Representative Sanderson

**COMPANION BILL(S):** None.

**ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:**

- (1) COMMUNITY AFFAIRS YEAS 5 NAYS 0
  - (2) FINANCE & TAXATION
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**I. SUMMARY:**

This bill renames the Greater Boca Raton Beach Tax District as the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District (District). The bill provides for District commissioners to receive \$50 per diem in compensation for attendance at a meeting of the District board, or a meeting attended by any commissioner at which the purposes, obligations, or business of the District are discussed or transacted. Members may not receive compensation for more than one meeting per day. The bill also increases from \$1,000 to \$5,000 the minimum purchase or lease amount that must be competitively bid.

According to the attached Economic Impact Statement, the bill would have no fiscal impact on the District.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

The Greater Boca Raton Tax District was created by chapter 74-423, Laws of Florida. The District, which was renamed the Greater Boca Raton Beach Tax District (District) (chapter 76-323, Laws of Florida), is an independent tax District governed by an elected five member board of commissioners. The purposes of the District are to reimburse the City of Boca Raton costs associated with acquiring and improving beach properties and park properties, and to acquire, maintain, operate, or improve beach or park properties. The District is authorized to levy an ad valorem tax not to exceed 2 mills.

Subsection (7) of section 2 of chapter 74-423, Laws of Florida, created by chapter 82-350, Laws of Florida, provides for District commissioners to receive compensation based upon per diem compensation allowable by statute. Section 7 of chapter 74-423, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 76-323, Laws of Florida, requires the District board to competitively bid all purchases or leases of supplies, equipment, materials, or office space in excess of \$1,000.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill renames the Greater Boca Raton Beach Tax District as the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District. The bill provides for District commissioners to receive \$50 per diem in compensation for attendance at a meeting of the District board, or a meeting attended by any commissioner at which the purposes, obligations, or business of the District are discussed or transacted. Members may not receive compensation for more than one meeting per day. The bill also increases from \$1,000 to \$5,000 the minimum purchase or lease amount that must be competitively bid.

C. LAWS OF FLORIDA/FLORIDA STATUTES AFFECTED:

Chapter 74-423, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapters 75-330, 76-323, and 82-350, Laws of Florida.

D. APPLICATION OF PRINCIPLES:

1. Less Government:

a. Does the bill create, increase or reduce, either directly or indirectly:

(1) any authority to make rules or adjudicate disputes?

No.

(2) any new responsibilities, obligations or work for other governmental or private organizations or individuals?

No.

(3) any entitlement to a government service or benefit?

No.

b. If an agency or program is eliminated or reduced:

(1) what responsibilities, costs and powers are passed on to another program, agency, level of government, or private entity?

Not applicable.

(2) what is the cost of such responsibility at the new level/agency?

Not applicable.

(3) how is the new agency accountable to the people governed?

Not applicable.

2. Lower Taxes:

a. Does the bill increase anyone's taxes?

No.

b. Does the bill require or authorize an increase in any fees?

No.

c. Does the bill reduce total taxes, both rates and revenues?

No.

d. Does the bill reduce total fees, both rates and revenues?

No.

e. Does the bill authorize any fee or tax increase by any local government?

No.

3. Personal Responsibility:

a. Does the bill reduce or eliminate an entitlement to government services or subsidy?

No.

- b. Do the beneficiaries of the legislation directly pay any portion of the cost of implementation and operation?

Not applicable.

4. Individual Freedom:

- a. Does the bill increase the allowable options of individuals or private organizations/associations to conduct their own affairs?

No.

- b. Does the bill prohibit, or create new government interference with, any presently lawful activity?

No.

5. Family Empowerment:

- a. If the bill purports to provide services to families or children:

- (1) Who evaluates the family's needs?

Not applicable.

- (2) Who makes the decisions?

Not applicable.

- (3) Are private alternatives permitted?

Not applicable.

- (4) Are families required to participate in a program?

Not applicable.

- (5) Are families penalized for not participating in a program?

Not applicable.

- b. Does the bill directly affect the legal rights and obligations between family members?

No.

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c. If the bill creates or changes a program providing services to families or children, in which of the following does the bill vest control of the program, either through direct participation or appointment authority:

(1) parents and guardians?

Not applicable.

(2) service providers?

Not applicable.

(3) government employees/agencies?

Not applicable.

**E. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:**

**Section 1.** Section 1 of chapter 74-423, Laws of Florida, as amended, is amended to change the name of the Greater Boca Raton Beach Tax District to the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District.

**Section 2.** Subsection (7) of section 2 of chapter 74-423, Laws of Florida, as created by chapter 82-350, Laws of Florida, is amended to provide for District commissioners to receive in compensation an amount equal to the dollar amount set forth in section 112.061(6)(a)1., F.S., (\$50/day) for attendance at a meeting of the district board, or a meeting attended by any commissioner at which the purposes, obligations, or business of the District are discussed or transacted. Members may not receive compensation for more than one meeting per day.

**Section 3.** Section 7 of chapter 74-323, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 76-323, Laws of Florida, is amended to increase from \$1,000 to \$5,000 the minimum purchase or lease amount that must be competitively bid.

**Section 4.** This section provides a severability clause.

**Section 5.** An effective date of becoming a law is provided.

**III. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:**

A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes [X] No [ ]

IF YES, WHEN? January 8, 1997

WHERE? The Palm Beach Post, West Palm Beach County, Florida

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B. REFERENDUM(S) REQUIRED? Yes [ ] No [X]

IF YES, WHEN? N/A

C. LOCAL BILL CERTIFICATION FILED? Yes, attached [X] No [ ]

D. ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FILED? Yes, attached [X] No [ ]

IV. COMMENTS:

None.

V. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

None.

VI. SIGNATURES:

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