

By the Committee on Commerce and Economic Opportunities; and  
Senator Thomas

310-1816-99

1                                   A bill to be entitled

2           An act relating to enterprise zones; creating

3           s. 290.0069, F.S.; authorizing the Office of

4           Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to

5           designate an enterprise zone in Liberty County;

6           providing requirements with respect thereto;

7           authorizing the Office of Tourism, Trade, and

8           Economic Development to designate an enterprise

9           zone in Columbia County; providing requirements

10          with respect thereto; authorizing the Office of

11          Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to

12          designate an enterprise zone in Suwannee

13          County; providing requirements with respect

14          thereto; providing an extended application

15          period for certain businesses to claim tax

16          incentives; providing an effective date.

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

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20           Section 1. Section 290.0069, Florida Statutes, is

21          created to read:

22           290.0069 Enterprise zone designation for Liberty

23          County.--Liberty County may apply to the Office of Tourism,

24          Trade, and Economic Development for designation of one

25          enterprise zone within an area in Liberty County that is south

26          of the border between Liberty and Gadsden Counties, south of

27          Highway 12, east of Highway 271, and north of Highway 20. The

28          application must be submitted by December 31, 1999, and must

29          comply with the requirements of s. 290.0055. Notwithstanding

30          the provisions of s. 290.0065 limiting the total number of

31          enterprise zones designated and the number of enterprise zones

1 within a population category, the Office of Tourism, Trade,  
2 and Economic Development may designate one enterprise zone  
3 under this section. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
4 Development shall establish the initial effective date of the  
5 enterprise zone designated pursuant to this section.

6       Section 2. Columbia County, or Columbia County and the  
7 municipality of Lake City jointly, may apply to the Office of  
8 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for designation of  
9 one enterprise zone encompassing an area within the county, or  
10 within both the county and the municipality. In identifying  
11 the area to be nominated for designation as an enterprise  
12 zone, Columbia County, or Columbia County and the municipality  
13 of Lake City jointly, shall seek to maximize the strategic  
14 economic development advantages resulting from the  
15 intersection of Interstate 75 and Interstate 10 within  
16 Columbia County. The application must be submitted by December  
17 31, 1999, and must comply with the requirements of section  
18 290.0055, Florida Statutes. Notwithstanding the provisions of  
19 section 290.0065, Florida Statutes, limiting the total number  
20 of enterprise zones designated and the number of enterprise  
21 zones within a population category, the Office of Tourism,  
22 Trade, and Economic Development may designate one enterprise  
23 zone under this section. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and  
24 Economic Development shall establish the initial effective  
25 date of the enterprise zone designated pursuant to this  
26 section.

27       Section 3. Suwannee County, or Suwannee County and the  
28 municipality of Live Oak jointly, may apply to the Office of  
29 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for designation of  
30 one enterprise zone encompassing an area within the county, or  
31 within both the county and the municipality. In identifying

1 the area to be nominated for designation as an enterprise  
2 zone, Suwannee County, or Suwannee County and the municipality  
3 of Live Oak jointly, shall seek to maximize the strategic  
4 economic development advantages resulting from the  
5 intersection of Interstate 75 and Interstate 10. The  
6 application must be submitted by December 31, 1999, and must  
7 comply with the requirements of section 290.0055, Florida  
8 Statutes. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 290.0065,  
9 Florida Statutes, limiting the total number of enterprise  
10 zones designated and the number of enterprise zones within a  
11 population category, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and  
12 Economic Development may designate one enterprise zone under  
13 this section. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
14 Development shall establish the initial effective date of the  
15 enterprise zone designated pursuant to this section.

16       Section 4. Notwithstanding the time limitations  
17 contained in chapters 212 and 220, Florida Statutes, relating  
18 to enterprise zone tax incentives, a business that was  
19 purchased in February 1992 within an area of Tampa that  
20 received a designation as an enterprise zone under section  
21 290.0065, Florida Statutes, effective July 1, 1995, and that  
22 was eligible to receive enterprise zone tax incentives from  
23 July 1, 1995, to July 1, 1998, must submit an application for  
24 the tax incentives by December 1, 1999. All other requirements  
25 of the enterprise zone program apply to such a business.

26       Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
27 law.  
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
Senate Bill 1510

The committee substitute differs substantially from Senate Bill 1510 in that it also allows Suwannee and Columbia counties to apply for enterprise zones and allows a business located in a Tampa enterprise zone to apply for tax incentives dating back to July 1, 1995.

The committee substitute also removes from the bill language exempting Liberty County's enterprise zone application from a statutory provision that does not appear to be applicable to the county's circumstances.