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**DATE:** March 18, 1999

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE ON  
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS  
ANALYSIS - LOCAL LEGISLATION**

**BILL #:** HB 1581

**RELATING TO:** Palm Beach County/Boca Raton Airport Authority

**SPONSOR(S):** Representative Levine

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

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

(1) COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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I. SUMMARY:

This bill revises membership requirements for the Boca Raton Airport Authority (authority). The revisions increase membership on the authority and require the Palm Beach County Board of Commissioners and the Boca Raton City Council to each appoint an additional member to the authority.

The fiscal impact is insignificant.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

The Boca Raton Airport Authority (authority) is an independent special district located in Palm Beach County. According to the *1998-1999 Official List of Special Districts*, the authority was created in 1982 by chapter 82-259, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 91-381, Laws of Florida.

The authority consists of five members. As a condition of eligibility for appointment, four members are required to reside within the city and one member must reside within the Greater Boca Raton Reserve Area. There is no requirement that a member must live within the municipality and west of the airport.

The county commission must appoint the member who resides in the Greater Boca Raton Reserve Area. The city council must appoint one member from a list of nominees of the Boca Raton Pilots Association, one member from the city council's own nominees, one member from the list of nominees of the Boca Raton Federation of Homeowners Associations, and one member from a list of nominees of the Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

The bill increases the authority's membership to seven. It requires that four members reside within the municipality; two members must reside within the Greater Boca Raton Reserve Area; and one member must reside within the municipality and west of the airport.

The bill requires the board of county commissioners and the Boca Raton City Council to each appoint an additional member to the authority. The residential requirements of the city council appointees are revised so that the city council must appoint five members, four of whom must reside within the limits of the municipality and one of whom must reside within the limits of the municipality and west of the airport.

The addition of two members to the authority will cost the district \$2,400 for FY 1999-2000. This figure is based on the stipend cost for the additional members. The stipend is \$100 for each member per meeting attended. The stipend for all members is funded through user fees.

C. LAWS OF FLORIDA/FLORIDA STATUTES AFFECTED:

Chapter 82-259, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 91-380, Florida Statutes.

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?

N/A

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

Palm Beach County Commissioners and the Boca Raton City Council must appoint additional members to the Boca Raton Airport Authority (authority).

Potential authority appointees must qualify for the new residential requirements for serving on the authority.

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

N/A

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?

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

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?

N/A

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

N/A

4. Individual Freedom:

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

N/A

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

N/A

5. Family Empowerment:

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

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

N/A

- (2) Who makes the decisions?

N/A

- (3) Are private alternatives permitted?

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

- 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?

N/A

- (2) service providers?

N/A

- (3) government employees/agencies?

N/A

E. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

**Section 1.** Amends chapter 82-259, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 91-381, Laws of Florida; increases membership on the Boca Raton Airport Authority (authority); requires the board of county commissioners and the city council to each appoint an additional member to the authority; and revises requirements for residence of appointees to the authority.

**Section 2.** Provides that the bill is effective upon becoming a law.

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III. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes  No

IF YES, WHEN? January 31, 1999

WHERE? The Palm Beach Post

B. REFERENDUM(S) REQUIRED? Yes  No

IF YES, WHEN? N/A

C. LOCAL BILL CERTIFICATION FILED? Yes, attached  No

D. ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FILED? Yes, attached  No

IV. COMMENTS:

None.

V. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

None.

VI. SIGNATURES:

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