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**DATE:** April 3, 2000

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE ON  
TRANSPORTATION  
ANALYSIS - LOCAL LEGISLATION**

**BILL #:** House Bill 1095

**RELATING TO:** Boca Raton Airport Authority

**SPONSOR(S):** Representative Levine

**TIED BILL(S):** N/A

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

- (1) TRANSPORTATION YEAS 10 NAYS 0
  - (2) COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
  - (3)
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**I. SUMMARY:**

The bill modifies the special acts relating to the Boca Raton Airport Authority (Authority) in Palm Beach County to change requirements for membership on the Authority; to change meeting quorum requirements; and to change the voting requirements for taking Authority action and for hiring or firing the airport manager.

The bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. DOES THE BILL SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. <u>Less Government</u>         | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. <u>Lower Taxes</u>             | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. <u>Individual Freedom</u>      | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. <u>Personal Responsibility</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. <u>Family Empowerment</u>      | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

B. PRESENT SITUATION:

The Boca Raton Airport Authority (Authority) was created in 1982 by special act of the Legislature and is an independent special district. The Authority's purpose is to operate, maintain and improve the Boca Raton Airport.

The Authority consists of seven members. The Boca Raton City Council appoints five members who must reside within the municipality. Of these five municipal resident members, three must reside east of the airport, one must reside west of the airport, and one may reside anywhere in the municipality. The Palm Beach County Board of Commissioners appoints two members who must reside within the Greater Boca Raton Reserve Area.

Current law requires that only three members of the Authority are needed for a quorum, and that a vote of at least three members is needed to take Authority action. Also, a four-fifths vote of the Authority's membership is required to hire or fire the airport manager.

C. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

The bill modifies the special acts relating to the Boca Raton Airport Authority (Authority) in Palm Beach County. The bill changes the requirement that three members reside east of the airport and one member reside west of the airport, to provide that three members reside east of Interstate 95 and one member resided west of Interstate 95. In addition, members are given staggered terms by requiring that the terms of three of the city appointees expire in even-numbered years and that the terms of two of the city appointees and of the two county appointees expire in odd-numbered years. An incorrect reference to the Boca Raton Pilots Association is also deleted by the bill.

The bill changes quorum and voting requirements to provide that a quorum consists of four members, and that a vote of four members is required to take official Authority action and to hire or fire the airport manager. The bill specifically provides that the act does not effect the term of any sitting member of the Authority. Presumably, the staggered terms will be implemented as members are either reappointed or replaced.

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D. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

**Section 1:** Amends special acts relating to membership and voting by the Boca Raton Airport Authority.

**Section 2:** Provides that the act does not effect the term of any sitting member of the Authority.

**Section 3:** Provides an effective date of July 1, 2000.

III. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes  No

IF YES, WHEN? December 31, 1999

WHERE? Boca Raton News, Boca Raton, Palm Beach County, Florida  
Sun Sentinel, Broward/Palm Beach/Dade Counties

B. REFERENDUM(S) REQUIRED? Yes  No

IF YES, WHEN?

C. LOCAL BILL CERTIFICATION FILED? Yes, attached  No

D. ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FILED? Yes, attached  No

IV. COMMENTS:

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

N/A

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

N/A

C. OTHER COMMENTS:

N/A

V. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

N/A

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VI. SIGNATURES:

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