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**DATE:** February 8, 2000

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE ON  
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & INTERNATIONAL TRADE  
ANALYSIS**

**BILL #:** HB 479

**RELATING TO:** Research and Development Authority

**SPONSOR(S):** Representative Turnbull

**TIED BILL(S):**

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

- (1) BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & INTERNATIONAL TRADE YEAS 6 NAYS 0
  - (2) COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
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**I. SUMMARY:**

This bill changes the membership of the research and development authority that oversees the park in which the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory is located. Specifically, it eliminates those members designated by the Director of the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory, the State University System, and the Legislature.

This bill provides an effective date of July 1, 2000.

This bill does not address the issue of rulemaking.

The revenue estimating conference has not yet reviewed this bill.

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

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

B. PRESENT SITUATION:

Subsection (3) of section 159.703, Florida Statutes, establishes the membership of local research and development authorities. These authorities are made up of five individuals who are residents and electors of, or are employed in, the county in which the research and development authority is located. Of the first members appointed, one serves for 1 year, one for 2 years, one for 3 years, and those remaining for 4 years, until a successor has been appointed and has qualified. Thereafter, the board shall appoint for terms of 4 years each a member or members to succeed those whose terms expire. In addition to the other members, the president of each affiliated institution of higher education, or the president's designee, shall be a member of the authority and shall serve ex officio.

In 1991, subsection (3) of section 159.703, F.S., was amended to include a provision pertaining to the membership of a research and development authority affiliated with the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory. For such authority, the first two vacancies that occur on its board on or after July 1, 1999, will not be filled. Membership of this authority includes the members stated above, as well as the Chancellor of the State University System or the Chancellor's designee, the Director of the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory or the director's designee, one resident of the county in which the research development park is located appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the President of the Senate, and one resident of the county in which the research development park is located appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Speaker of the House of Representatives. These specified members of the authority shall serve ex officio.

The board will fill any vacancy for an expired term, except for those members who serve ex officio. A member of the authority is eligible for reappointment and may be removed by the board for misconduct or neglect of duty. Each member is required to take the oath required by the State Constitution and a record of this oath will be filed with the Department of State and with the clerk of the circuit court.

C. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

The bill changes the membership of the authority that oversees the park in which the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory is located. More specifically, it eliminates the requirement that the authority's membership include a representative of the State University

System or his designee, the director of the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory or his designee, and the two members appointed by the Legislature.

The bill will be effective July 1, 2000.

D. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

This section need be completed only in the discretion of the Committee.

III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

N/A

2. Expenditures:

N/A

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

N/A

2. Expenditures:

N/A

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

N/A

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

The Revenue Estimating Conference has not yet reviewed this bill.

IV. CONSEQUENCES OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 18 OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION:

A. APPLICABILITY OF THE MANDATES PROVISION:

N/A

B. REDUCTION OF REVENUE RAISING AUTHORITY:

N/A

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C. REDUCTION OF STATE TAX SHARED WITH COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES:

N/A

V. COMMENTS:

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

N/A

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

N/A

C. OTHER COMMENTS:

N/A

VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

N/A

VII. SIGNATURES:

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