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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
AS REVISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON  
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS  
ANALYSIS**

**BILL #:** HB 479

**RELATING TO:** Research and Development Authority

**SPONSOR(S):** Representative Turnbull

**TIED BILL(S):** None

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

- (1) BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & INTERNATIONAL TRADE (EDC) YEAS 6 NAYS 0
  - (2) COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (PRC)
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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 ex officio members designated by the Director of the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory, the State University System, and the Legislature.

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.

In effect, this bill brings the research and development authority located in Leon county inline with the authority membership of all other research and development authorities by removing as ex officio members, the Chancellor 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 from the board.

**D. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:**

Section 1: Eliminates from the research and development authority that is affiliated with the National High Magnetic Field laboratory, the following authority ex officio members: the representative of the Chancellor of the State University System or his designee, the director of the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory or his designee, the member appointed by the Senate President, and the member appointed by the Speaker of the House; and removes obsolete language.

Section 2: Provides effective date of upon becoming a law.

**III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:**

**A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:**

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

None

**B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:**

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

None

**C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:**

None

**D. FISCAL COMMENTS:**

None

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

A. APPLICABILITY OF THE MANDATES PROVISION:

The bill does not require counties or municipalities to spend funds or to take an action requiring the expenditure of funds.

B. REDUCTION OF REVENUE RAISING AUTHORITY:

The bill does not reduce the authority that counties or municipalities have to raise the revenue in the aggregate.

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

The bill does not reduce the tax authority that counties or municipalities have to raise revenue in the aggregate.

V. COMMENTS:

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

None

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None

C. OTHER COMMENTS:

None

VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

None

VII. SIGNATURES:

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