

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

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to enterprise zones; amending
3 s. 290.0065, F.S.; providing for a change in
4 the boundaries of an enterprise zone; providing
5 limitations; amending ss. 290.00691, 290.00692,
6 F.S.; exempting certain enterprise zones in
7 Columbia County and Suwannee County from a
8 requirement that the areas suffer from
9 pervasive poverty, unemployment, and general
10 distress; providing that businesses located in
11 such enterprise zones may claim certain tax
12 credits for hiring persons within the
13 jurisdictions of the counties; revising
14 qualifications for businesses in such zones to
15 claim certain maximum tax exemptions or
16 credits; creating s. 290.00694, F.S.;
17 authorizing the Office of Tourism, Trade, and
18 Economic Development to designate an enterprise
19 zone in Sarasota County; providing requirements
20 with respect thereto; providing an effective
21 date.

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

25 Section 1. Subsection (12) is added to section
26 290.0065, Florida Statutes, to read:
27 290.0065 State designation of enterprise zones.--
28 (12) Before June 1, 2001, the governing body of a
29 municipality that is located within a county having a
30 population of less than 200,000 and in which an enterprise
31 zone designated under subparagraph (3)(a)2., is located may

1 apply to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
2 Development to change the boundaries of the enterprise zone.
3 The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall
4 approve the application if the boundary change does not
5 increase the overall size of the enterprise zone and any
6 territory added to the enterprise zone as a result of the
7 boundary change is contiguous to the remaining area of the
8 existing enterprise zone.

9 Section 2. Section 290.00691, Florida Statutes, is
10 amended to read:

11 290.00691 Enterprise zone designation for Columbia
12 County or Columbia County and Lake City.--

13 (1) Columbia County, or Columbia County and the
14 municipality of Lake City jointly, may apply to the Office of
15 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for designation of
16 one enterprise zone encompassing an area within the county, or
17 within both the county and the municipality. In identifying
18 the area to be nominated for designation as an enterprise
19 zone, Columbia County, or Columbia County and the municipality
20 of Lake City jointly, shall seek to maximize the strategic
21 economic development advantages resulting from the
22 intersection of Interstate 75 and Interstate 10 within
23 Columbia County. The application must be submitted by December
24 31, 1999, and must comply with the requirements of s.
25 290.0055, except for s. 290.055(4)(d). Notwithstanding the
26 provisions of s. 290.0065 limiting the total number of
27 enterprise zones designated and the number of enterprise zones
28 within a population category, the Office of Tourism, Trade,
29 and Economic Development may designate one enterprise zone
30 under this section. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
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1 Development shall establish the initial effective date of the
2 enterprise zone designated pursuant to this section.

3 (2) Notwithstanding the enterprise zone residency
4 requirements set out in ss. 212.096(1)(c) and 220.03(1)(q),
5 businesses located in an enterprise zone designated pursuant
6 to this section may receive the credit provided under s.
7 212.096 or s. 220.181 for hiring any person within the
8 jurisdiction of the county within which such enterprise zone
9 is located. All other provisions of ss. 212.096, 220.03(1)(q),
10 and 220.181 apply to such businesses. Notwithstanding the
11 requirement specified in ss. 212.08(5)(g)5., (h)5., and
12 (15)(a) and 220.182(1)(b) that no less than 20 percent of a
13 business's employees, excluding temporary and part-time
14 employees, must be residents of an enterprise zone for the
15 business to qualify for the maximum exemption or credit
16 provided in ss. 212.08(5)(g), (h), and (15) and 220.182, a
17 business that is located in an enterprise zone designated
18 pursuant to this section shall be qualified for those maximum
19 exemptions or credits if no less than 20 percent of such
20 employees of the business are residents of the jurisdiction of
21 the county within which the enterprise zone is located. All
22 other provisions of ss. 212.08(5)(g), (h), and (15) and
23 220.182 apply to such business.

24 Section 3. Section 290.00692, Florida Statutes, is
25 amended to read:

26 290.00692 Enterprise zone designation for Suwannee
27 County or Suwannee County and Live Oak.--

28 (1) Suwannee County, or Suwannee County and the
29 municipality of Live Oak jointly, may apply to the Office of
30 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for designation of
31 one enterprise zone encompassing an area within the county, or

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

17 (2) Notwithstanding the enterprise zone residency
18 requirements set out in ss. 212.096(1)(c) and 220.03(1)(q),
19 businesses located in an enterprise zone designated pursuant
20 to this section may receive the credit provided under s.
21 212.096 or s. 220.181 for hiring any person within the
22 jurisdiction of the county within which such enterprise zone
23 is located. All other provisions of ss. 212.096, 220.03(1)(q),
24 and 220.181 apply to such businesses. Notwithstanding the
25 requirement specified in ss. 212.08(5)(g)5., (h)5., and
26 (15)(a) and 220.182(1)(b) that no less than 20 percent of a
27 business's employees, excluding temporary and part-time
28 employees, must be residents of an enterprise zone for the
29 business to qualify for the maximum exemption or credit
30 provided in ss. 212.08(5)(g), (h), and (15) and 220.182, a
31 business that is located in an enterprise zone designated

1 pursuant to this section shall be qualified for those maximum
2 exemptions or credits if no less than 20 percent of such
3 employees of the business are residents of the jurisdiction of
4 the county within which the enterprise zone is located. All
5 other provisions of ss. 212.08(5)(g), (h), and (15) and
6 220.182 apply to such business.

7 Section 4. Section 290.00694, Florida Statutes, is
8 created to read:

9 290.00694 Enterprise zone designation for Sarasota
10 County or Sarasota County and Sarasota.--Sarasota County, or
11 Sarasota County and the City of Sarasota jointly, may apply to
12 the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for
13 designation of one enterprise zone within the county, or
14 within both the county and the municipality, which zone
15 encompasses an area that is south of DeSoto Road, west of
16 Tuttle Avenue, north of 12th Street, and east of U.S. Highway
17 41. The application must be submitted by December 31, 2000,
18 and must comply with the requirements of s. 290.0055.
19 Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 290.0065 limiting the
20 total number of enterprise zones designated and the number of
21 enterprise zones within a population category, the Office of
22 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development may designate one
23 enterprise zone under this section. The Office of Tourism,
24 Trade, and Economic Development shall establish the initial
25 effective date of the enterprise zone designated under this
26 section.

27 Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
28 law.

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SB 964

This committee substitute differs from Senate Bill 964 by:

Amending ss. 290.00691 and 290.00692, F.S., to provide that businesses located in enterprise zones in Columbia County or Suwannee County may claim certain job tax credits for hiring persons within the jurisdictions of the counties in which the zones are located. This committee substitute also provides that, if at least 20 percent of the employees of a business located in the Columbia County or Suwannee County enterprise zones are residents of the county, the business may claim the maximum amount of: 1) the sales tax exemption for building materials used in the rehabilitation of real property in an enterprise zone; 2) the sales tax exemption for business property used in an enterprise zone; 3) the sales tax exemption for electrical energy used in an enterprise zone; and 4) the corporate income tax credit for property taxes paid on new or improved property in an enterprise zone. This committee substitute also provides the Columbia County and Suwannee County enterprise zones with an exemption from subsection 290.0055(4)(d), F.S., requiring that the selected areas suffer from pervasive poverty, unemployment, and general distress.

Creating s. 290.00694, F.S., to allow Sarasota County, or Sarasota County and the City of Sarasota jointly, to apply for designation of one enterprise zone. The application must be submitted by December 31, 2000, and must comply with the requirements of s. 290.0055, F.S. This committee substitute authorizes the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to establish the initial effective date of the new zone.