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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE ON  
STATE ADMINISTRATION  
ANALYSIS**

**BILL #:** HB 1407  
**RELATING TO:** Toni Jennings Boulevard  
**SPONSOR(S):** Representative(s) Kallinger & others  
**TIED BILL(S):** None

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

- (1) STATE ADMINISTRATION YEAS 5 NAYS 0
  - (2) TRANSPORTATION
  - (3) COUNCIL FOR SMARTER GOVERNMENT
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I. SUMMARY:

The law requires that if any state building, road, bridge, park, recreational complex, or other similar facility is to be named after a living person, such naming must be approved by law. If approved, the Department of Transportation is responsible for placing markers as deemed appropriate for the particular facility.

Toni Jennings served for two terms as President of the Florida Senate. See "Other Comments" section for biographical information on Ms. Jennings.

HB 1407 bill designates the portion of Semoran Boulevard in the City of Orlando in Orange County beginning at the Bee Line Expressway (State Road 528) on the South to Curry Ford road on the North as "Toni Jennings Boulevard."

This bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact on local government, and an insignificant impact on state government.

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:

Section 334.071, F.S., requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to place markers at the termini or intersections of the transportation facility being designated; local governments or private parties assume no responsibility for such designations. DOT may place other markers as deemed appropriate for the particular transportation facility.

Section 267.062, F.S., states "except as specifically provided by law, no state building, road, bridge, park, recreational complex, or other similar facility shall be named for any living person."

C. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill designates the portion of Semoran Boulevard in the City of Orlando in Orange County beginning at the Bee Line Expressway (State Road 528) on the South to Curry Ford road on the North as "Toni Jennings Boulevard."

DOT is directed to erect two suitable markers to designate this particular roadway.

D. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

"See Effect of Proposed Changes."

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:

The bill has a fiscal impact on the DOT of approximately \$500. The approximate cost of each marker is \$250, and DOT confirmed that two markers are necessary for this particular roadway.

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

A. APPLICABILITY OF THE MANDATES PROVISION:

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

B. REDUCTION OF REVENUE RAISING AUTHORITY:

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

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

This bill does not reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with counties or municipalities.

V. COMMENTS:

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. OTHER COMMENTS:

Toni Jennings is a native Floridian born and raised in Orlando. The oldest of three children, Ms. Jennings graduated from Central Florida public schools and earned a B.A. degree from Georgia's Wesleyan College. Following her college years, Ms. Jennings began her career as a fifth-grade teacher at Orlando's Killarney Elementary School.

Toni Jennings became a member of the Florida House of Representatives in 1976. She served 24 years in the Legislature and was the first woman to serve as Chair of the Senate Rules Committee. She served two terms on nearly all standing Senate committees and is the first Republican woman in the Legislature elected by her peers to serve as President of the Senate. She is the first Senator in Florida history to serve two successive terms as President.

Senator Jennings chaired a Select Committee on Worker's Compensation which drafted a solution to rocketing worker's compensation costs; these recommendations served as a framework for legislation passed during a special legislative session. She helped launch Florida's successful efforts to move citizens from welfare into the workforce. These efforts helped reduce Florida's welfare recipients. In July 2000, Ms. Jennings was appointed the Chair of Workforce Florida, Inc., which was designed to oversee policy for a statewide workforce development system. In addition, Ms. Jennings championed Florida's school readiness program through the state legislature, which ensures that Florida's youngest citizens are prepared to enter school.

As a result of her outstanding leadership, Ms. Jennings has received many recognitions: Legislator of the Year by the Florida School Board Association; Florida Guardian of Small Businesses from the National Federation of Independent Business, Tax Watch; and Friends of the First Amendment by the First Amendment Foundation.

Ms. Jennings is in her 15<sup>th</sup> year as president of her family's construction business - Jack Jennings and Sons, Incorporated General Contractors. She is an established leader in an industry dominated by men. She continues to play an active role in public service; she is a board member of the Salvation Army, Brown and Brown, SunTrust Board of Directors, Metropolitan Orlando Urban League, Inc., and the University of Central Florida Foundation, Inc. Additionally, she has worked to raise funds for many charitable organizations including the Salvation Army, the Leukemia Society of America, the American Cancer Society, and the Ronald McDonald House.<sup>1</sup>

VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

None.

VII. SIGNATURES:

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION:

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to biographical information received from the office of Representative Kallinger on March 28, 2001.