

By the Fiscal Responsibility Council and Representative
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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Spaceport Florida
3 Authority; amending s. 331.308, F.S.; revising
4 membership of and procedures related to the
5 board of supervisors; designating the
6 Lieutenant Governor as the chair of the board
7 of supervisors and as the state's space policy
8 leader; providing an effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Section 331.308, Florida Statutes, is
13 amended to read:

14 331.308 Board of supervisors.--

15 (1) There is created within the Spaceport Florida
16 Authority a board of supervisors consisting of eight ~~seven~~
17 regular members, who shall be appointed by the Governor, and
18 two ex officio nonvoting members, one of whom shall be a state
19 senator selected by the President of the Senate and one of
20 whom shall be a state representative selected by the Speaker
21 of the House of Representatives. The Lieutenant Governor, who
22 is the state's space policy leader, shall serve as chair of
23 the board of supervisors and shall cast the deciding vote if
24 the votes of the eight regular members result in a tie. All
25 regular members shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate
26 at the next regular session of the Legislature. Existing board
27 members may be reappointed, ~~all of whom shall be subject to~~
28 ~~confirmation by the Senate at the next regular session of the~~
29 ~~Legislature.~~ Each of the regular board members must be a
30 resident of the state and must have experience in the
31 aerospace or commercial space industry or in finance or have

1 other significant relevant experience. A private sector legal
2 entity may not have more than one person serving on the board
3 at any one time. One regular member shall represent organized
4 labor interests, ~~and~~ one regular member shall represent
5 minority interests, and four regular members must represent
6 space industry, at least one of whom must also be from a small
7 business, as defined in s. 288.703. For the purpose of this
8 section, "space industry" includes private sector entities
9 engaged in space flight business, as defined in s. 212.031,
10 research and technology development of space-based products
11 and services, space station commercialization, development of
12 spaceport and range technology, remote sensing products and
13 services, space biotechnology, measurement and calibration of
14 space assets, space-related software and information
15 technology development, design and architecture of space-based
16 assets and facilities for manufacturing and other purposes,
17 space-related nanotechnology, space tourism, and other
18 commercial enterprises utilizing uniquely space-based
19 capabilities.

20 (2) Each regular member shall serve a term of 4 years
21 or until a successor is appointed and qualified. The term of
22 each such member shall be construed to commence on the date of
23 appointment and to terminate on June 30 of the year of the end
24 of the term. Appointment to the board shall not preclude any
25 such member from holding any other private or public position.

26 (3) The ex officio nonvoting legislative members shall
27 serve on the board for 2-year terms.

28 (4) Any vacancy on the board shall be filled for the
29 balance of the unexpired term.

30 (5) This act does not affect the terms or conditions
31 of current members of the board, but applies to any vacancy

1 that occurs on or after the effective date of this act.
2 Appointments to the board shall give effect to this act as
3 soon as practicable. Vacancies created by or occurring
4 subsequent to the effective date of this act shall be filled
5 by representatives of the space industry, as provided herein,
6 until the composition of the board is in compliance with the
7 provisions of subsection (1).~~Initial appointments shall be~~
8 ~~made no later than 60 days after this act takes effect.~~
9 (6) The board shall hold its initial meeting no later
10 than 20 days after the members have been appointed. At its
11 initial meeting, or as soon thereafter as is practicable, the
12 board shall appoint an executive director. Meetings shall be
13 held quarterly or more frequently at the call of the chair. A
14 majority of the regular members of the board shall constitute
15 a quorum, and a majority vote of such members present is
16 necessary for any action taken by the board.
17 (7) The Governor has the authority to remove from the
18 board any regular member in the manner and for cause as
19 defined by the laws of this state and applicable to situations
20 which may arise before the board. Unless excused by the chair
21 of the board, a regular member's absence from two or more
22 consecutive board meetings creates a vacancy in the office to
23 which the member was appointed.
24 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
25 law.
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