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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Tampa Bay Commuter Rail
3 Authority; amending ss. 343.71, 343.72, 343.73,
4 and 343.74, F.S., relating to the Tampa Bay
5 Commuter Rail Authority Act; redesignating the
6 authority as the "Tampa Bay Commuter Transit
7 Authority"; adding representatives of Manatee
8 and Sarasota Counties to the board of
9 authority; including Manatee and Sarasota
10 Counties within the jurisdiction of the
11 authority; providing an effective date.

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

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15 Section 1. Section 343.71, Florida Statutes, is
16 amended to read:

17 343.71 Short title.--This part may be cited as the
18 "Tampa Bay Commuter Transit Rail Authority Act."

19 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 343.72, Florida
20 Statutes, is amended to read:

21 343.72 Definitions.--As used in this part, unless the
22 context clearly indicates otherwise, the term:

23 (1) "Authority" means the Tampa Bay Commuter Transit
24 ~~Rail~~ Authority.

25 Section 3. Section 343.73, Florida Statutes, is
26 amended to read:

27 343.73 Tampa Bay Commuter Transit Rail Authority.--

28 (1) There is created and established a body politic
29 and corporate, an agency of the state, to be known as the
30 Tampa Bay Commuter Transit Rail Authority, hereinafter
31 referred to as the authority.

1 (2) The board shall consist of the following members:

2 (a) The metropolitan planning organizations of
3 Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas, Manatee, Sarasota,
4 and Polk Counties shall each elect a member as its
5 representative on the board. The member must be an elected
6 official and a member of the respective metropolitan planning
7 organization when elected and for the full extent of his or
8 her term on the board.

9 (b) The county commissions of those counties shall
10 each appoint a citizen member to the board who is not a county
11 commissioner but who is a resident and a qualified elector of
12 that county. Insofar as is practicable, the citizen member
13 shall represent the business and civic interests of the
14 community.

15 (c) The Secretary of Transportation shall appoint as a
16 member of the board the district secretary, or his or her
17 designee, for each district within the seven ~~five~~ counties
18 served by the authority.

19 (d) The local transit authority in each of the seven
20 ~~five~~ counties shall elect one member who shall serve as an ex
21 officio nonvoting member of the board.

22 (e) The Governor shall appoint one member to the board
23 who is a resident and a qualified elector in the area served
24 by the authority.

25 (3) The terms of the county commissioners on the
26 governing board of the authority shall be 2 years. All other
27 members on the governing board of the authority shall serve
28 staggered 4-year terms. Each member shall hold office until
29 his or her successor has been appointed.

30 (4) A vacancy during a term shall be filled by the
31 respective appointing authority within 90 days in the same

1 manner as the original appointment and only for the balance of
2 the unexpired term.

3 (5) The members of the authority shall not be entitled
4 to compensation, but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses
5 actually incurred in their duties as provided by law.

6 (6) Members of the authority shall be required to
7 comply with the applicable financial disclosure requirements
8 of ss. 112.3145, 112.3148, and 112.3149.

9 Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 343.74, Florida
10 Statutes, is amended to read:

11 343.74 Powers and duties.--

12 (1)(a) The authority created by s. 343.73 has the
13 right to own, operate, maintain, and manage a commuter rail
14 system and commuter ferry system in Hernando, Hillsborough,
15 Pasco, Pinellas, Manatee, Sarasota, and Polk Counties.

16 (b) It is the express intention of this part that the
17 authority be authorized to plan, develop, own, purchase,
18 lease, or otherwise acquire, demolish, construct, improve,
19 relocate, equip, repair, maintain, operate, and manage a
20 commuter rail system, commuter rail facilities, or commuter
21 ferry system; to establish and determine such policies as may
22 be necessary for the best interest of the operation and
23 promotion of a commuter rail system and commuter ferry system;
24 and to adopt such rules as may be necessary to govern the
25 operation of a commuter rail system, commuter rail facilities,
26 and commuter ferry system.

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

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SENATE SUMMARY

Redesignates the Tampa Bay Commuter Rail Authority as the "Tampa Bay Commuter Transit Authority." Includes Manatee and Sarasota Counties within the jurisdiction of the authority. Adds representatives from Manatee and Sarasota Counties as members and ex officio members of the governing board of the authority.