

1 thousands and resurrecting neighborhoods torn by the strife of
2 crime and poverty.

3 (c) It is essential that this state partner with these
4 organizations in order to create a level playing field,
5 regardless of each organization's orientation, whether faith
6 based or secular.

7 (2) LEGISLATIVE INTENT.--It therefore the intent of
8 the Legislature to recognize the contributions of these
9 organizations and to encourage opportunities for faith-based
10 and community-based organizations to partner with government
11 entities to deliver services more effectively. The Legislature
12 further intends that the purpose of the board is to advise the
13 Governor and the Legislature on policies, priorities, and
14 objectives for the state's comprehensive effort to enlist,
15 equip, enable, empower, and expand the work of faith-based,
16 volunteer, and other community organizations to the full
17 extent permitted by law.

18 (3) ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BOARD.--

19 (a) The Florida Faith-based and Community-based
20 Advisory Board is established and assigned to the Executive
21 Office of the Governor. The board shall be administratively
22 housed within the Executive Office of the Governor.

23 (b) The board shall consist of 25 members. Board
24 members may include, but shall not be limited to,
25 representatives from various faiths, faith-based
26 organizations, community-based organizations, foundations,
27 corporations, and municipalities.

28 (c) The board shall be composed of the following
29 members:

30 1. Seventeen members appointed by and serving at the
31 pleasure of the Governor.

1 2. Four members appointed by and serving at the
2 pleasure of the President of the Senate.

3 3. Four members appointed by and serving at the
4 pleasure of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

5 (d) Board members shall serve 4-year terms, except
6 that the initial terms shall be staggered:

7 1. The Governor shall appoint six members for a term
8 of 3 years, six members for a term of 2 years, and five
9 members for a term of 1 year.

10 2. The President of the Senate shall appoint two
11 members for a term of 3 years and two members for a term of 2
12 years.

13 3. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
14 appoint two members for a term of 3 years and two members for
15 a term of 2 years.

16 (e) A vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the
17 original appointing authority for the unexpired portion of the
18 term.

19 (4) MEETINGS; ORGANIZATION.--

20 (a) The first meeting of the board shall be held no
21 later than August 1, 2005. Thereafter, the board shall meet at
22 least once per quarter per calendar year. The board shall work
23 in partnership with the Volunteer Florida Foundation, Inc., in
24 noticing and coordinating all meetings of the board.

25 (b) The board shall annually elect from its membership
26 one member to serve as chair of the board and one member to
27 serve as vice chair.

28 (c) Thirteen members of the board shall constitute a
29 quorum.

30
31

1 (d) Members of the board shall serve without
2 compensation but may be reimbursed for per diem and travel
3 expenses pursuant to s. 112.061.

4 (5) SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES.--The board shall determine:

5 (a) How faith-based and community-based organizations
6 can best compete with other organizations for the delivery of
7 state services, regardless of an organization's orientation,
8 whether faith based or secular.

9 (b) How best to develop and coordinate activities of
10 faith-based and other community programs and initiatives,
11 enhance such efforts in communities, and seek such resources,
12 legislation, and regulatory relief as may be necessary to
13 accomplish these objectives.

14 (c) How best to ensure that state policy decisions
15 take into account the capacity of faith-based and other
16 community initiatives to assist in the achievement of state
17 priorities.

18 (d) How best to identify and promote best practices
19 across state government relating to the delivery of services
20 by faith-based and other community organizations.

21 (e) How best to coordinate public awareness of
22 faith-based and community nonprofit initiatives, such as
23 demonstration pilot programs or projects, public-private
24 partnerships, volunteerism, and special projects.

25 (f) How best to encourage private charitable giving to
26 support faith-based and community initiatives.

27 (g) How best to bring concerns, ideas, and policy
28 options to the Governor and Legislature for assisting,
29 strengthening, and replicating successful faith-based and
30 other community programs.

31

1 (h) How best to develop and implement strategic
2 initiatives to strengthen the institutions of families and
3 communities in this state.

4 (i) How best to showcase and herald innovative
5 grassroots nonprofit organizations and civic initiatives.

6 (j) How best to eliminate unnecessary legislative,
7 regulatory, and other bureaucratic barriers that impede
8 effective faith-based and other community efforts to address
9 social problems.

10 (k) How best to monitor implementation of state policy
11 affecting faith-based and other community organizations.

12 (l) How best to ensure that the efforts of faith-based
13 and other community organizations meet objective criteria for
14 performance and accountability.

15 (6) RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES.--The board shall not make
16 any recommendation that is in conflict with the Establishment
17 Clause of the First Amendment to the United States
18 Constitution or the public funding provision of s. 3, Art. I,
19 of the State Constitution.

20 (7) REPORT.--By February 1, of each year, the board
21 shall prepare a written report for the Governor, the President
22 of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
23 containing an accounting of its activities and recommended
24 policies, priorities, and objectives for the state's
25 comprehensive effort to enlist, equip, enable, empower, and
26 expand the work of faith-based, volunteer, and other community
27 organizations to the full extent permitted by law.

28 (8) This section is repealed and the board is
29 abolished June 30, 2010, unless reviewed and saved from repeal
30 by the Legislature.

31 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.