

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES LOCAL BILL STAFF ANALYSIS**

**BILL #:** HB 1303  
**SPONSOR(S):** Troutman  
**TIED BILLS:**

Hardee County Economic Development Authority, Hardee County

**IDEN./SIM. BILLS:** SB 2758

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<b>REFERENCE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>ANALYST</b>	<b>STAFF DIRECTOR</b>
1) <u>Local Government Council</u>	<u>8 Y, 0 N</u>	<u>Smith</u>	<u>Hamby</u>
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**SUMMARY ANALYSIS**

The Hardee County Economic Development Authority (authority) was created in 2004 by chapter 2004-394, L.O.F., in accordance with section 211.3103(3)(b)3., F.S. The purpose of the authority is to solicit, rank, and fund projects that provide economic development opportunities and infrastructure within the geographic boundaries of Hardee County and to otherwise maximize the use of federal, local, and private resources as provided by section 211.3103(5), F.S. The authority consists of nine members serving staggered terms.

HB 1303 revises the membership of the Hardee County Economic Development Authority by removing the Secretary of the Florida Department of Community Affairs and replacing the member of the Authority with the director of the Agency for Workforce Innovation or its successor agency or the director's designee.

## FULL ANALYSIS

### I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

#### A. HOUSE PRINCIPLES ANALYSIS:

This bill does not appear to implicate any of the House Principles.

#### B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

##### Present Situation

The Hardee County Economic Development Authority (authority) was created in 2004 by chapter 2004-394, L.O.F., in accordance with section 211.3103(3)(b)3., F.S. The purpose of the authority is to solicit, rank, and fund projects that provide economic development opportunities and infrastructure within the geographic boundaries of Hardee County and to otherwise maximize the use of federal, local, and private resources as provided by section 211.3103(5), F.S., and for its administrative and other costs as provided by its enabling law.

The authority consists of nine members serving staggered terms and selected in the following manner:

- The President of the Hardee County Farm Bureau or the president's designee for an initial term of 3 years;
- The Secretary of the Florida Department of Community Affairs or the secretary's designee for an initial term of 2 years;
- The chairman of Enterprise Florida or the chairman's designee for an initial term of 2 years;
- The chairman of the Florida Phosphate Council or the chairman's designee for an initial term of 3 years;
- The president of the Hardee County Chamber of Commerce or the president's designee for an initial term of 3 years; and
- Four members appointed by the commission.

After completion of the initial term, each appointed member serves a term of 3 years. The members select a chair from their members for a period of 2 years and may elect other officers as they designate in the written bylaws of the authority. Each member of the authority serves without compensation, except that members who reside outside the county may be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses as provided by general law.

##### Effect of Proposed Changes

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#### C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: Amends paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 3 of chapter 2004-394, relating to the composition of the Hardee County Economic Development Authority board members.

Section 2: Provides an effective date of upon becoming law.

### II. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes  No

IF YES, WHEN? January 26, 2006.

WHERE? *The Herald-Advocate*, Wauchula, Hardee County, Florida.

B. REFERENDUM(S) REQUIRED? Yes  No

IF YES, WHEN?

C. LOCAL BILL CERTIFICATION FILED? Yes, attached  No

D. ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FILED? Yes, attached  No

### III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

### IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE & COMBINED BILL CHANGES

None.