

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: Environmental Preservation Committee

BILL: SB 162

INTRODUCER: Senator Fasano

SUBJECT: Building Designation

DATE: November 22, 2005

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Branning</u>	<u>Kiger</u>	<u>EP</u>	Favorable
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I. Summary:

This bill designates the Department of Environmental Protection Building at 2600 Blair Stone Road in Tallahassee as the “Bob Martinez Building.”

II. Present Situation:

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

Robert (Bob) Martinez served as Florida’s 40th governor from January 6, 1987 to January 8, 1991. Governor Martinez was Florida’s second Republican Governor since Reconstruction and the state’s first Hispanic governor.

Bob Martinez was born in Tampa in 1934. He earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Tampa and a master’s degree in labor and industrial relations from the University of Illinois. In the late 1960s, he served as the head of the Tampa teachers’ union. He was elected mayor of Tampa in 1979, reelected in 1983, and stepped down in 1986 to run for governor.

As governor, Bob Martinez supported several major environmental programs. Under his administration, additional protections for Florida’s surface waters, including Lake Okeechobee, Tampa Bay, Lake Jackson, and the Kissimmee River, were created. Also, he supported the Solid Waste Management Act and Preservation 2000.

After leaving office, Governor Martinez served as the Director of the National Drug Control Policy (“drug czar”) under President George H. W. Bush.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill provides that the building located at 2600 Blair Stone Road in Tallahassee which houses the Department of Environmental Protection be designated as the “Bob Martinez Building.”

The Department of Environmental Protection is directed to erect suitable markers.

IV. Constitutional Issues:**A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

Although the bill specifies that the Department of Environmental Protection is to erect suitable markers to rename the building, the Department of Management Services (DMS) is the building manager for this building and ultimately will have the responsibility of erecting the new markers. It is unclear in the bill what constitutes “suitable markers.” Perhaps the bill should be clarified to specify that the Department of Management Services would be responsible for erecting signage that is comparable to that which has been erected for other state buildings named after specific individuals. According to DMS, the cost of such signage could range from \$15,000 to \$25,000 depending upon the materials and labor used for the signage.

Whenever a building is named for an individual at an educational facility or a university, the university usually bears the costs for such markers. The usual cost for these markers is approximately \$250.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

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VIII. Summary of Amendments:

None.

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