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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority; amending ch. 2000-424, Laws of Florida; revising the membership of the governing body of the authority; providing for initial terms of the new members; providing severability; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 3 of section 2 of chapter 2000-424, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 2. The Pinellas County Suncoast Transit Authority is re-created and reenacted to read:

Section 3. Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority; status and governing body.--

(2)(a) The governing body of the authority shall consist of 15 ~~11~~ members, serving and selected as provided in this paragraph.

1. One member shall be appointed by the City Council ~~Commission~~ of the City of Clearwater from its membership.

2. One member shall be appointed by the City Commission of the City of Dunedin from its membership.

3. One member shall be appointed by the City Commission of the City of Largo from its membership.

4. One member shall be appointed by the City Council of the City of Pinellas Park from its membership.

5. One member shall be appointed by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg from its membership.

1 6. One member shall be appointed by the combined
2 municipal governing bodies of the Cities of Oldsmar, Safety
3 Harbor, and Tarpon Springs from their membership.

4 7. One member shall be appointed by the combined
5 municipal governing bodies of the Cities of Belleair, Belleair
6 Bluffs, Gulfport, Kenneth City, Seminole, and South Pasadena
7 from their membership.

8 8. One member shall be appointed by the combined
9 municipal governing bodies of the Cities of Belleair Beach,
10 Belleair Shores, Indian Rocks Beach, Indian Shores, Madeira
11 Beach, North Redington Beach, Redington Beach, Redington
12 Shores, St. ~~Pete~~ Petersburg Beach, and Treasure Island from
13 their membership.

14 9. Four members ~~One member~~ shall be appointed by the
15 Pinellas County Commission from its membership.

16 10. One member shall be appointed by the Pinellas
17 County Commission, and this member may not be an elected
18 official.

19 11. One member shall be appointed by the City Council
20 of the City of St. Petersburg, and this member may not be an
21 elected official.

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23 After the expiration of each term of each member of the
24 governing body of the authority, that member's successor shall
25 be chosen by the same appointing authority as the member and
26 must possess the same qualifications. Each term of office
27 shall be 3 years, and a member may not serve more than three ~~3~~
28 consecutive terms as a member of the governing body of the
29 authority.

30 (b) Each appointed member shall hold office until his
31 or her successor has been appointed and qualified. A vacancy

1 | occurring during a term shall be filled only for the balance
2 | of the unexpired term. A selection to fill a vacancy or
3 | select a successor shall be made within 60 days after the
4 | occurrence of the vacancy or before expiration of the term,
5 | whichever is applicable. If any selection is not made as
6 | provided in this subsection, the Board of County Commissioners
7 | of Pinellas County shall appoint an eligible person to the
8 | authority with like effect as if the selection were made by a
9 | municipality or group of municipalities. Any member of the
10 | authority is eligible for reappointment, except that the
11 | member may not serve more than three 3 consecutive terms.

12 | Section 2. The additional member appointed by the City
13 | of St. Petersburg pursuant to this act shall be appointed for
14 | an initial term of 3 years. The three additional members
15 | appointed by the Pinellas County Commission pursuant to this
16 | act shall be appointed to initial terms of 1, 2, and 3 years,
17 | respectively.

18 | Section 3. If any provision of this act or the
19 | application thereof to any person or circumstance is held
20 | invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or
21 | applications of this act which can be given effect without the
22 | invalid provision or application, and to this end the
23 | provisions of this act are severable.

24 | Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
25 | law.

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