

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the Pinellas Suncoast Transit  
 3           Authority, Pinellas County; amending chapter 2000-424,  
 4           Laws of Florida; providing for additional members of the  
 5           authority's governing body; providing for appointment of  
 6           additional members; providing for staggering of initial  
 7           terms of additional members; providing severability;  
 8           providing an effective date.

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

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

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

16           (2) (a) The governing body of the authority shall consist  
 17 of 15 ~~14~~ members, serving and selected as provided in this  
 18 paragraph.

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

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

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

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

27           5. Two members ~~One member~~ shall be appointed by the City  
 28 Council of the City of St. Petersburg from its membership.

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

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

36           8. One member shall be appointed by the combined municipal  
37 governing bodies of the Cities of Belleair Beach, Belleair  
38 Shores, Indian Rocks Beach, Indian Shores, Madeira Beach, North  
39 Redington Beach, Redington Beach, Redington Shores, St. Pete  
40 ~~Petersburg~~ Beach, and Treasure Island from their membership.

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

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

45           11. One member shall be appointed by the City Council of  
46 the City of St. Petersburg, and this member may not be an  
47 elected official.

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49 After the expiration of each term of each member of the  
50 governing body of the authority, that member's successor shall  
51 be chosen by the same appointing authority as the member and  
52 must possess the same qualifications. Each term of office shall  
53 be 3 years, and a member may not serve more than 3 consecutive  
54 terms as a member of the governing body of the authority.

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

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57 | occurring during a term shall be filled only for the balance of  
58 | the unexpired term. A selection to fill a vacancy or select a  
59 | successor shall be made within 60 days after the occurrence of  
60 | the vacancy or before expiration of the term, whichever is  
61 | applicable. If any selection is not made as provided in this  
62 | subsection, the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County  
63 | shall appoint an eligible person to the authority with like  
64 | effect as if the selection were made by a municipality or group  
65 | of municipalities. Any member of the authority is eligible for  
66 | reappointment, except that the member may not serve more than 3  
67 | consecutive terms.

68 |       Section 2. The additional member to be appointed by the  
69 | City of St. Petersburg shall be appointed for the initial term  
70 | of 3 years. One of the additional members to be appointed by the  
71 | Pinellas County Commission shall serve an initial term of 3  
72 | years, another additional member to be appointed by the Pinellas  
73 | County Commission shall serve an initial term of 2 years, and  
74 | the third additional member to be appointed by the Pinellas  
75 | County Commission from its membership shall serve an initial  
76 | term of 1 year.

77 |       Section 3. If any provision of this act or the application  
78 | thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
79 | invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of  
80 | this act which can be given effect without the invalid provision  
81 | or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are  
82 | declared severable.

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