

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Century Commission for a
 3 Sustainable Florida; amending s. 163.3247, F.S.;
 4 increasing the membership of the commission; revising
 5 provisions governing appointments to the commission by the
 6 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of
 7 the House of Representatives; prohibiting a member of the
 8 commission from having certain interests in contracts or
 9 benefits awarded by the commission; providing for
 10 additional powers and duties of the commission; revising
 11 provisions concerning appointment and oversight of the
 12 executive director of the commission; transferring the
 13 commission to the Office of Legislative Services for
 14 administrative purposes; providing an effective date.

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

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 18 Section 1. Subsections (3), (4), and (5) of section
 19 163.3247, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

20 163.3247 Century Commission for a Sustainable Florida.--

21 (3) CENTURY COMMISSION FOR A SUSTAINABLE FLORIDA;
 22 CREATION; ORGANIZATION.--The Century Commission for a
 23 Sustainable Florida is created as a standing body to help the
 24 citizens of this state envision and plan their collective future
 25 with an eye towards both 25-year and 50-year horizons.

26 (a) The commission shall consist of 18 ~~15~~ members, 6 ~~5~~
 27 appointed by the Governor, 6 ~~5~~ appointed by the President of the
 28 Senate, and 6 ~~5~~ appointed by the Speaker of the House of

29 Representatives. ~~Appointments shall be made no later than~~
30 ~~October 1, 2005.~~ The membership must represent local
31 governments, school boards, developers and homebuilders, the
32 business community, the agriculture community, the environmental
33 community, and other appropriate stakeholders. In making the
34 appointments, the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the
35 Speaker of the House of Representatives shall ensure that the
36 membership of the commission reflects the racial, ethnic, and
37 gender diversity, as well as the geographic distribution, of the
38 state's population. One member shall be designated by the
39 Governor as chair of the commission. Any vacancy that occurs on
40 the commission must be filled in the same manner as the original
41 appointment and shall be for the unexpired term of that
42 commission seat. Members shall be appointed to ~~serve~~ 4-year
43 terms, ~~except that, initially, to provide for staggered terms,~~
44 ~~the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of~~
45 ~~the House of Representatives shall each appoint one member to~~
46 ~~serve a 2 year term, two members to serve 3 year terms, and two~~
47 ~~members to serve 4 year terms.~~ All subsequent appointments shall
48 ~~be for 4 year terms.~~ An appointee may not serve more than 8 ~~6~~
49 years.

50 (b) ~~The first meeting of the commission shall be held no~~
51 ~~later than December 1, 2005,~~ and shall meet at the call of the
52 chair but not less frequently than three times per year in
53 different regions of the state to solicit input from the public
54 or any other individuals offering testimony relevant to the
55 issues to be considered.

56 (c) Each member of the commission is entitled to one vote,

57 and actions of the commission are not binding unless taken by a
58 three-fifths vote of the members present. A majority of the
59 members is required to constitute a quorum, and the affirmative
60 vote of a quorum is required for a binding vote.

61 (d) Members of the commission shall serve without
62 compensation but are ~~shall be~~ entitled to receive per diem and
63 travel expenses in accordance with s. 112.061 while in
64 performance of their duties.

65 (e) A member of the commission may not, in the period
66 commencing with his or her appointment to the commission and
67 continuing for 2 years after termination of such appointment,
68 have an interest, direct or indirect, in any contract or other
69 benefit granted or awarded by the commission.

70 (4) POWERS AND DUTIES.--The commission shall:

71 (a) ~~Annually~~ Conduct a process through which the
72 commission envisions the future for the state and then develops
73 and recommends policies, plans, action steps, or strategies to
74 assist in achieving the vision.

75 (b) Continuously review and consider statutory and
76 regulatory provisions, governmental processes, and societal and
77 economic trends in its inquiry of how state, regional, and local
78 governments and entities and citizens of this state can best
79 accommodate projected increased populations while maintaining
80 the natural, historical, cultural, and manmade life qualities
81 that best represent the state.

82 (c) Bring together people representing varied interests to
83 develop a shared image of the state and its developed and
84 natural areas. The process should involve exploring the impact

85 | of the estimated population increase and other emerging trends
86 | and issues; creating a vision for the future; and developing a
87 | strategic action plan to achieve that vision using 25-year and
88 | 50-year intermediate planning timeframes.

89 | (d) Focus on essential state interests, defined as those
90 | interests that transcend local or regional boundaries and are
91 | most appropriately conserved, protected, and promoted at the
92 | state level.

93 | (e) Serve as an objective, nonpartisan repository of
94 | exemplary community-building ideas and as a source to recommend
95 | strategies and practices to assist others in working
96 | collaboratively to problem solve on issues relating to growth
97 | management.

98 | (f) Annually, on ~~beginning~~ January 16, 2007, ~~and every~~
99 | ~~year thereafter on the same date~~, provide to the Governor, the
100 | President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
101 | Representatives a written report containing specific
102 | recommendations for addressing growth management in the state,
103 | including executive and legislative recommendations. Further,
104 | the report must ~~shall~~ contain discussions regarding the need for
105 | intergovernmental cooperation and the balancing of environmental
106 | protection and future development and recommendations on issues,
107 | including, but not limited to, recommendations regarding
108 | dedicated sources of funding for sewer facilities, water supply
109 | and quality, transportation facilities that are not adequately
110 | addressed by the Strategic Intermodal System, and educational
111 | infrastructure to support existing development and projected
112 | population growth.

113 (g) Create and dissolve advisory committees or similar
 114 organizations as necessary in order to carry out the mission of
 115 the commission.

116 (h) Enter into contracts to receive and accept grants and
 117 contributions from any source, which shall be used to further
 118 the mission of the commission.

119 (i) Prepare and submit a budget under chapter 216.

120 ~~(g)~~

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 122 Beginning with the 2007 Regular Session of the Legislature, the
 123 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
 124 Representatives shall create a joint select committee, the task
 125 of which shall be to review the findings and recommendations of
 126 the Century Commission for a Sustainable Florida for potential
 127 action.

128 (5) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; STAFF AND OTHER ASSISTANCE.--

129 (a) The commission shall appoint an executive director who
 130 shall serve under the direction, supervision, and control of the
 131 commission. The commission shall have complete authority for
 132 fixing the salary of the executive director. The commission is
 133 assigned to the Office of Legislative Services for purposes of
 134 administration and fiscal accountability, but the commission
 135 shall otherwise function independently. The executive director,
 136 with the consent of the commission and within budgetary
 137 limitations, shall employ staff as necessary to adequately
 138 perform the functions of the commission. ~~The Secretary of~~
 139 ~~Community Affairs shall select an executive director of the~~
 140 ~~commission, and the executive director shall serve at the~~

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141 ~~pleasure of the secretary under the supervision and control of~~
142 ~~the commission.~~

143 (b) The Office of Legislative Services ~~Department of~~
144 ~~Community Affairs~~ shall provide staff and other resources
145 necessary to accomplish the goals of the commission based upon
146 recommendations of the Legislature ~~Governor~~.

147 (c) All agencies ~~under the control of the Governor are~~
148 ~~directed, and all other agencies are requested,~~ to render
149 assistance to, and cooperate with, the commission.

150 Section 2. The three additional appointments to the
151 Century Commission for a Sustainable Florida required by section
152 1 of this act shall be made by October 1, 2007.

153 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.