

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES LOCAL BILL STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 1067 Broward County

SPONSOR(S): Seiler

TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:**

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) <u>Committee on Urban & Local Affairs</u>	_____	<u>Fudge</u>	<u>Kruse</u>
2) <u>Government Efficiency & Accountability Council</u>	_____	_____	_____
3) _____	_____	_____	_____
4) _____	_____	_____	_____
5) _____	_____	_____	_____

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

Chapter 61-1960, L.O.F., authorizes the Broward County tax assessor (now tax collector) to make, reproduce, or procure plats of lands that were previously subdivided, but for which no plat has been recorded in the public records of Broward County. Since the passage of this Special Act, the Legislature enacted ch. 177, F.S., which established the minimum requirements for the platting of land. In accordance with the Broward County Charter, the Board of County Commissioners has enacted a mandatory platting ordinance that sets forth the standards, procedures, and other requirements to regulate and control the platting of land in Broward County.

HB 1067 repeals ch. 61-196, L.O.F., relating to the tax assessor's role in the platting of land in Broward County.

The bill provides an effective date of upon becoming law.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. HOUSE PRINCIPLES ANALYSIS:

This bill does not appear to implicate any House Principles.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Current Situation

Chapter 61-1960, L.O.F., authorizes the Broward County tax assessor (now tax collector) to make, reproduce, or procure plats of lands that were previously subdivided, but for which no plat has been recorded in the public records of Broward County. The purpose of the Special Act was to enable the tax collector to “more readily identify and designate lands carried on the county tax rolls, to simplify the tax records, and to minimize the labor involved in compiling the tax rolls from year to year.”¹ The tax collector was authorized to make, reproduce, or procure plats of land previously subdivided, but for which no plat had been recorded.

However, after the passage of this Special Act, the Legislature enacted ch. 177, F.S., which established the minimum requirements for the platting of land. In accordance with the Broward County Charter, the Board of County Commissioners has enacted a mandatory platting ordinance that sets forth the standards, procedures, and other requirements to regulate and control the platting of land in Broward County.

Effect of Proposed Changes

The bill repeals ch. 61-1960, L.O.F., relating to the platting of land in Broward County. The County “has confirmed with the Property Appraiser’s attorney that the powers in this special act are now set forth in Chapter 193, Florida Statutes, and they have no objection to the repeal of this special act.”²

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: Repeals ch. 61-1960, L.O.F.

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

II. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes No

IF YES, WHEN? December 30, 2007.

WHERE? In the *Sun-Sentinel*, a newspaper published in Broward County, Florida.

¹ Section 2, ch. 61-1960, L.O.F.

² October 22, 2007 letter from the Director of the Office of Public and Governmental Relations for Broward County.

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
None.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:
None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:
None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:
None.

D. STATEMENT OF THE SPONSOR
No sponsor statement submitted.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COUNCIL SUBSTITUTE CHANGES