

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES LOCAL BILL STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 1073 Hillsboro Inlet District, Broward County

SPONSOR(S): Seiler

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

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) <u>Committee on Urban & Local Affairs</u>	<u>9 Y, 0 N</u>	<u>Nelson</u>	<u>Kruse</u>
2) <u>Government Efficiency & Accountability Council</u>	<u>13 Y, 0 N</u>	<u>Nelson</u>	<u>Cooper</u>
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SUMMARY ANALYSIS

The Hillsboro Inlet District is an independent special district located in Broward County charged with beach and shore, and drainage and water control. This bill amends the Hillsboro Inlet District's charter to revise language relating to appointment of members of its board, and reduce the number of board members required for a quorum.

The bill provides an effective date of upon becoming law.

According to the Economic Impact Statement, this bill will have no fiscal effect.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. HOUSE PRINCIPLES ANALYSIS:

The bill does not appear to implicate any of the House Principles.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Present Situation

The Hillsboro Inlet District is an independent special district located in Broward County. The district is charged with beach and shore, and drainage and water control. The governing body of the district consists of eight commissioners who are appointed by each of the city commissions or town councils of the following municipalities: the City of Deerfield Beach, the Town of Hillsboro Beach; the City of Pompano Beach; the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea; the City of Lighthouse Point; the City of Fort Lauderdale; and the Village of Sea Ranch Lakes. The Board of County Commissioners of Broward County also appoints one representative to the district board.

A majority of the quorum at a regular or special meeting is required for any legal action to be taken by the governing body of the district, and a majority of the commissioners constitutes a quorum. Thus, five commissioners constitute a quorum, and three votes are required to conduct business.

Effect of Proposed Changes

HB 1073 amends ch. 99-433, L.O.F., the special act which codified all previous special acts relating to the Hillsboro Inlet District, as amended by ch. 2007-291, L.O.F., to revise language relating to appointment of members of the commission. The bill substitutes the phrase "governing bodies," for the terms "City Commissions or Town Councils" and, as such, has no effect.

This bill also reduces the number of members of the district board required for a quorum from five to four. Three votes will continue to be required for the district board to conduct business. This proposed revision to the district's charter has been requested by the district in response to ch. 2007-291, L.O.F., which reduced the number of district board members from nine to eight members.

The bill also provides an effective date of upon becoming law.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: Amends subsection (1) of s. 4 and subsection (1) of s. 6 of ch. 99-433, L.O.F., as amended by ch. 2007-291, L.O.F., relating to the Hillsboro Inlet District.

Section 2: Provides an effective date.

II. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes No

IF YES, WHEN? December 30, 2007

WHERE? The *Sun-Sentinel*, a daily newspaper of general circulation published in 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

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