

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES LOCAL BILL STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 1371

Panama City, Bay County

SPONSOR(S): Coley

TIED BILLS:

IDEN./SIM. BILLS:

	REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1)	Military & Local Affairs Policy Committee	11 Y, 0 N	Rojas	Hoagland
2)	Governmental Affairs Policy Committee		McDonald	Williamson
3)	Economic Development & Community Affairs Policy Council			
4)				
5)				

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

The bill amends chapter 63-1757, Laws of Florida, relating to Panama City, Bay County. The bill deletes provisions relating to specific items the planning board must take into consideration in its plans. It also removes the requirement that members of the city commission and that the city manager serve as ex officio members of the planning board.

The bill takes effect upon becoming a law.

HOUSE PRINCIPLES

Members are encouraged to evaluate proposed legislation in light of the following guiding principles of the House of Representatives

- Balance the state budget.
- Create a legal and regulatory environment that fosters economic growth and job creation.
- Lower the tax burden on families and businesses.
- Reverse or restrain the growth of government.
- Promote public safety.
- Promote educational accountability, excellence, and choice.
- Foster respect for the family and for innocent human life.
- Protect Florida's natural beauty.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Present Situation

Under current law, the Panama City commission is empowered to provide by ordinance for the establishment of a city planning board. The members are directed to serve without compensation and are charged with the duty to procure and suggest plans for the arrangement of the city, including a vision for its general improvements and probable future growth and demands. It further specifies that members of the city commission and the city manager must serve as ex officio members of the city planning board.

The planning board is charged specifically:

...these plans to take into consideration the extension of the city works into adjacent territory, improvement and changes in public utilities, and lines of transportation by surface and water; the location, widths and grades of highways necessary for the best treatment of the city; the development and improvement of waterfronts with seawalls and wharves; the location and design of public buildings; municipal decoration and ornamentation; and such further extensions of and additions to the park and boulevard system as may be deemed advisable.

Effect of the Bill

The bill amends chapter 63-1757, Laws of Florida, relating to Panama City, Bay County to delete provisions relating to specific items the planning board must take into consideration in its plans. It also removes the requirement that members of the city commission and the city manager serve as ex officio members of the planning board.

B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1. Deletes provisions relating to specific items the planning board must take into consideration in its plans and removes the requirement that the members of the city commission and the city manager be ex officio members of the planning board.

Section 2. Provides that this act shall take effect upon becoming law.

II. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes No

IF YES, WHEN? January 29, 2009

WHERE? The News Herald, Panama City, Bay County, Florida

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

IV. AMENDMENTS/COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

None.