

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 1001

Grayton Beach State Park

SPONSOR(S): Coley

TIED BILLS:

IDEN./SIM. BILLS: SB 1882

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) Agriculture & Natural Resources Policy Committee		Kaiser	Reese
2) Policy Council			
3) Natural Resources Appropriations Committee			
4) General Government Policy Council			
5)			

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

Florida statute¹ prohibits the naming of any state building, road, bridge, park, recreational complex, or other similar facility for any living person except as specifically provided by law.

The bill redesignates Grayton Beach State Park as the Bob Graham/Grayton Beach State Park and directs the Department of Environmental Protection to erect appropriate signs and markers to reflect the redesignation.

The bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact on local governments. The fiscal impact on state government will be approximately \$1,500 to change the park signage to reflect the redesignation. The effective date of this legislation is July 1, 2010.

¹ Section 267.062, F.S.

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:

Florida statute² prohibits the naming of any state building, road, bridge, park, recreational complex, or other similar facility for any living person except as specifically provided by law.

Grayton Beach State Park (park) is located in Walton County and comprises nearly 2,000 acres. The park's beaches consistently rank among the most beautiful and pristine beaches in the United States. Other activities available at the park include bicycling, boating, cabin/campground rental, canoeing/kayaking, fishing, swimming, hiking/nature trails, picnicking and wildlife viewing.

Bob Graham was Florida's 38th Governor, serving two terms from 1979 to 1987. He served as one of Florida's two United States Senators from 1987 to 2005. He was first elected to public office in 1966, where he served (2) two-year terms in the State House of Representatives. In 1970, he was elected to the State Senate, where he served (2) four-year terms.

After leaving political office in 2005, Senator Graham founded the Graham Center for Public Service (center) at the University of Florida. The center provides students with opportunities to train for future leadership positions, meet current policymakers, and take courses that prepare them for public service.

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B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: Redesignates Grayton Beach State Park as the Bob Graham/Grayton Beach State Park; and, authorizes the Department of Environmental Protection to erect appropriate signs and markers to reflect the redesignation.

Section 2: Provides an effective date of July 1, 2010.

² Section 267.062, F.S.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

See "Fiscal Comments" section below.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

None

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) estimates the fiscal impact to be approximately \$1,500 to change the park signage to reflect the redesignation. DEP states that the signage changes will include two park entrance signs at \$700 each and two park highway entrance signs at \$50 each.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

Not applicable. This bill does not appear to affect county or municipal government.

2. Other:

None

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None

IV. AMENDMENTS/COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES