

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Transportation Committee

BILL: SB 1172

INTRODUCER: Senator Oelrich

SUBJECT: Road and Bridge Designations

DATE: March 24, 2011

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Sookhoo	Spalla	TR	Pre-meeting
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I. Summary:

Section 334.071, F.S., specifies the purpose and effect of the designation of roads, bridges, and other transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes by the Florida Legislature. These designations are for honorary purposes only, and do not require changing of street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 listings. The bill designates the following road as follows:

- State Road 100 in Union County from the Bradford County Line to the Columbia County line is designated “Deputy Hal P. Croft and Deputy Ronald Jackson Memorial Highway.”
- State Road 26A in Gainesville, Alachua County, between West University Avenue and S.W. 25th Street, is designated “Deputy Jack A. Romeis Road.”

This bill creates an undesignated section of law.

II. Present Situation:

Section 334.071, F.S., provides: (1) Legislative designations of transportation facilities are for honorary or memorial purposes, or to distinguish a particular facility, and may not be construed to require any action by local governments or private parties regarding the changing of any street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone number system listings, unless the legislation specifically provides for such changes; (2) When the Legislature establishes road or bridge designations, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is required to place markers only at the termini specified for each highway segment or bridge designated by the law creating the designation, and to erect any other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility; and (3) The FDOT may not erect the markers for honorary road or bridge

designations unless the affected city or county commission enacts a resolution supporting the designation. When the designated road or bridge segment is located in more than one city or county, resolutions supporting the designations must be passed by each affected local government prior to the erection of markers.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The effects of the bill are as follows:

Section 1: The bill designates State Road 100 in Union County from the Bradford County Line to the Columbia County line is designated “Deputy Hal P. Croft and Deputy Ronald Jackson Memorial Highway.” Also this bill directs FDOT to erect suitable markers.

Deputy Hal P. Croft and Deputy Ronald Jackson were shot and killed while serving an arrest warrant on May 23rd, 1961. Both men were residents of Lake Butler and served the Union County Sheriff’s Department.

Section 2: The bill designates State Road 26A in Gainesville, Alachua County, between West University Avenue and S.W. 25th Street, is designated “Deputy Jack A. Romeis Road.” Also this bill directs FDOT to erect suitable markers.

Deputy Romeis died after sustaining injuries due to an automobile accident while in pursuit of a stolen vehicle. Deputy Romeis has served as a full time deputy for 5 years and had previously served as a reserve deputy for 15 years.

Section 3: This act will take effect July 1, 2011.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. Other Constitutional Issues:

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The FDOT will incur costs of approximately \$1,600 (from the State Transportation Trust Fund) for erecting markers for the designations. This is based on the assumption that four markers will be erected at a cost of \$400 per marker. The FDOT will also have to pay the recurring cost of maintaining these signs over time, and for future replacement of the signs as necessary.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Additional Information:**A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.