

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Century Commission for a
3 Sustainable Florida; amending s. 163.3247, F.S.; revising
4 provisions relating to the Century Commission for a
5 Sustainable Florida; revising the findings and intent to
6 include the necessity for a specific strategic plan
7 addressing the state's growth management system; revising
8 the planning timeframes to include a 10-year horizon;
9 revising membership of the commission; deleting obsolete
10 provisions regarding initial appointments; providing for
11 the election of a chair and excluding certain members from
12 serving as chair during a specified period; requiring that
13 the commission meet at least six times per fiscal year;
14 deleting a provision that requires the commission to meet
15 in different regions in the state; requiring that the
16 executive director establish a meeting calendar with the
17 commission's approval; authorizing the commission to form
18 subcommittees by vote; providing for a majority vote of
19 members on commission actions; providing for reimbursement
20 for per diem and travel expenses; revising provisions
21 relating to the commission's powers and duties; requiring
22 that the commission, in cooperation with interested state
23 agencies, local governments, and nongovernmental
24 stakeholders, develop a strategic plan and submit the plan
25 to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date;
26 requiring that the commission also submit progress reports
27 by specified dates; requiring that the commission make
28 presentations to the Governor and the Legislature;

29 providing that an executive director be appointed by the
 30 Secretary of Community Affairs and ratified by the
 31 commission; requiring that the Department of Community
 32 Affairs provide a specific line item in its annual
 33 legislative budget request to fund the commission during a
 34 specified period; authorizing the department to obtain
 35 additional funding through external grants; requiring that
 36 the department provide sufficient funding and staff
 37 support to assist the commission in its duties; providing
 38 for future expiration and the abolishment of the
 39 commission; providing an effective date.

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41 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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43 Section 1. Section 163.3247, Florida Statutes, as amended
 44 by section 42 of chapter 2010-153, Laws of Florida, is amended,
 45 and subsection (6) is added to that section, to read:

46 163.3247 Century Commission for a Sustainable Florida.—

47 (1) POPULAR NAME.—This section may be cited as the
 48 "Century Commission for a Sustainable Florida Act."

49 (2) FINDINGS AND INTENT.—The Legislature finds and
 50 declares that the population of this state is expected to more
 51 than double over the next 100 years, with commensurate impacts
 52 to the state's natural resources and public infrastructure.
 53 Consequently, it is in the best interests of the people of the
 54 state to ensure sound planning for the proper placement of this
 55 growth and protection of the state's land, water, and other
 56 natural resources since such resources are essential to our

57 collective quality of life and a strong economy. The state's
 58 growth management system should foster economic stability
 59 through regional solutions and strategies, urban renewal and
 60 infill, and the continued viability of agricultural economies,
 61 while allowing for rural economic development and protecting the
 62 unique characteristics of rural areas, and should reduce the
 63 complexity of the regulatory process while carrying out the
 64 intent of the laws and encouraging greater citizen
 65 participation. The Legislature further finds that it is
 66 imperative that the state have a specific strategic plan
 67 addressing its growth management system.

68 (3) CENTURY COMMISSION FOR A SUSTAINABLE FLORIDA;
 69 CREATION; ORGANIZATION.—The Century Commission for a Sustainable
 70 Florida is created as a standing body to help the citizens of
 71 this state envision and plan their collective future with an eye
 72 towards 10-year, ~~both~~ 25-year, and 50-year horizons.

73 (a) The commission shall consist of 18 ~~15~~ members
 74 appointed as follows:

75 1. Two members ~~5~~ appointed by the Governor;

76 2. Five members ~~5~~ appointed by the President of the
 77 Senate; ~~and~~

78 3. Five members ~~5~~ appointed by the Speaker of the House of
 79 Representatives;

80 4. The chairs of the legislative growth management
 81 committees;

82 5. The Secretary of Community Affairs;

83 6. The Secretary of Environmental Protection;

84 7. The Secretary of Transportation; and

85 8. The director of the Office of Tourism, Trade, and
 86 Economic Development.

87 (b) Appointments shall be made no later than October 1,
 88 2005. Members of the commission ~~The membership~~ must represent
 89 local governments, school boards, developers and homebuilders,
 90 the business community, the agriculture community, the
 91 environmental community, and other appropriate stakeholders.
 92 Beginning July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013, one member shall
 93 be elected to serve as chair by a vote of the commission
 94 membership. However, the chairs of the legislative growth
 95 management committees, the Secretary of Community Affairs, the
 96 Secretary of Environmental Protection, the Secretary of
 97 Transportation, and the director of the Office of Tourism,
 98 Trade, and Economic Development may not serve as chair during
 99 this period ~~designated by the Governor as chair of the~~
 100 ~~commission.~~ Any vacancy that occurs on the commission must be
 101 filled in the same manner as the original appointment and shall
 102 be for the unexpired term of that commission seat. ~~Members shall~~
 103 ~~serve 4-year terms, except that, initially, to provide for~~
 104 ~~staggered terms, the Governor, the President of the Senate, and~~
 105 ~~the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint~~
 106 ~~one member to serve a 2-year term, two members to serve 3-year~~
 107 ~~terms, and two members to serve 4-year terms.~~ Members shall be
 108 appointed to serve ~~All subsequent appointments shall be for 4-~~
 109 ~~year terms.~~ An appointee may not serve more than 6 years.
 110 However, members who are appointed on or before January 1, 2011,
 111 shall have their terms automatically extended to June 30, 2013,
 112 to ensure continuity during the development of the strategic

113 plan.

114 (c) (b) The fiscal year of the commission begins July 1
 115 each year and ends June 30 of the following year. The first
 116 ~~meeting of~~ The commission shall be held no later than December
 117 ~~1, 2005, and~~ shall meet at the call of the chair but not less
 118 frequently than six three times per fiscal year in different
 119 ~~regions of the state~~ to solicit input from the public or any
 120 other individuals offering testimony relevant to the issues to
 121 be considered. The executive director shall establish a meeting
 122 calendar for the fiscal year which considers the availability of
 123 members. The commission must vote to approve the meeting
 124 calendar before the beginning of the fiscal year. The commission
 125 may vote to form subcommittees and schedule meetings as
 126 necessary.

127 (d) (e) Each member of the commission is entitled to one
 128 vote, and the actions of the commission are not binding unless
 129 taken by a majority three-fifths vote of the members present. A
 130 majority of the members is required to constitute a quorum, and
 131 the affirmative vote of a quorum is required for a binding vote.

132 (e) (d) Members of the commission shall serve without
 133 compensation, but are shall be entitled to receive reimbursement
 134 for per diem and travel expenses as provided in accordance with
 135 s. 112.061 while in the performance of their duties.

136 (4) POWERS AND DUTIES.—

137 (a) The commission shall:

138 ~~(a) Annually conduct a process through which the~~
 139 ~~commission envisions the future for the state and then develops~~
 140 ~~and recommends policies, plans, action steps, or strategies to~~

141 ~~assist in achieving the vision.~~

142 ~~(b) Continuously review and consider statutory and~~
 143 ~~regulatory provisions, governmental processes, and societal and~~
 144 ~~economic trends in its inquiry of how state, regional, and local~~
 145 ~~governments and entities and citizens of this state can best~~
 146 ~~accommodate projected increased populations while maintaining~~
 147 ~~the natural, historical, cultural, and manmade life qualities~~
 148 ~~that best represent the state.~~

149 ~~(e)~~ bring together people representing varied interests to
 150 develop a shared image of the state and its developed and
 151 natural areas. The process should involve exploring the impact
 152 of the estimated population increase and other emerging trends
 153 and issues; creating a vision for the future; and developing a
 154 strategic action plan to achieve that vision using 10-year, 25-
 155 year, and 50-year intermediate planning timeframes. The plan
 156 must:

157 1. ~~(d)~~ Focus on essential state interests, defined as those
 158 interests that transcend local or regional boundaries and are
 159 most appropriately conserved, protected, and promoted at the
 160 state level;

161 2. Accommodate the projections for an increase in
 162 population while maintaining the state's natural, historical,
 163 cultural, and manmade life qualities; and

164 3. Be developed through a coordinated, integrated, and
 165 comprehensive effort across agencies, local governments, and
 166 nongovernmental stakeholders.

167 (b) The commission shall submit the strategic plan to the
 168 Governor and the Legislature by November 15, 2012, along with

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169 progress reports by November 15, 2011, and March 15, 2012. The
170 commission shall also make presentations, at least annually, to
171 the Governor and the Legislature.

172 ~~(e) Serve as an objective, nonpartisan repository of~~
173 ~~exemplary community-building ideas and as a source to recommend~~
174 ~~strategies and practices to assist others in working~~
175 ~~collaboratively to problem solve on issues relating to growth~~
176 ~~management.~~

177 ~~(f) Annually, beginning January 16, 2007, and every year~~
178 ~~thereafter on the same date, provide to the Governor, the~~
179 ~~President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of~~
180 ~~Representatives a written report containing specific~~
181 ~~recommendations for addressing growth management in the state,~~
182 ~~including executive and legislative recommendations. Further,~~
183 ~~the report shall contain discussions regarding the need for~~
184 ~~intergovernmental cooperation and the balancing of environmental~~
185 ~~protection and future development and recommendations on issues,~~
186 ~~including, but not limited to, recommendations regarding~~
187 ~~dedicated sources of funding for sewer facilities, water supply~~
188 ~~and quality, transportation facilities that are not adequately~~
189 ~~addressed by the Strategic Intermodal System, and educational~~
190 ~~infrastructure to support existing development and projected~~
191 ~~population growth.~~

192 (c) ~~(g)~~ Beginning with the 2007 Regular Session of the
193 Legislature, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
194 House of Representatives shall create a joint select committee,
195 the task of which shall be to review the findings and
196 recommendations of the Century Commission for a Sustainable

197 Florida for potential action.

198 (5) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; STAFF AND OTHER ASSISTANCE.—

199 (a) ~~The Secretary of Community Affairs shall select An~~
 200 executive director shall be appointed by the Secretary of
 201 Community Affairs and ratified by the commission and ~~of the~~
 202 ~~commission, and the executive director shall serve at the~~
 203 ~~pleasure of the secretary under the supervision and control of~~
 204 the commission under the direction of the chair.

205 (b) The Department of Community Affairs shall provide a
 206 specific line item in its annual legislative budget request to
 207 fund the commission for the period beginning July 1, 2011,
 208 through June 30, 2013. The department may obtain additional
 209 funding through external grants. The department shall provide
 210 sufficient funds and staff support for the purpose of assisting
 211 the commission in completing the strategic plan ~~staff and other~~
 212 ~~resources necessary to accomplish the goals of the commission~~
 213 ~~based upon recommendations of the Governor.~~

214 (c) All agencies under the control of the Governor are
 215 directed, and all other agencies are requested, to render
 216 assistance to, and cooperate with, the commission.

217 (6) EXPIRATION.—This section expires and the commission is
 218 abolished June 30, 2013.

219 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.