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Senators Dean and Latvala moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 41 and 42

insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section 20.23, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

20.23 Department of Transportation.—There is created a Department of Transportation which shall be a decentralized agency.

(5) (a) The operations of the department shall be organized into seven districts, each headed by a district secretary, and a turnpike enterprise and a rail enterprise, each enterprise headed by an executive director. The district secretaries and



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14 the executive directors shall be registered professional  
15 engineers in accordance with ~~the provisions of~~ chapter 471 or  
16 the laws of another state, or, in lieu of professional engineer  
17 registration, a district secretary or executive director may  
18 hold an advanced degree in an appropriate related discipline,  
19 such as a Master of Business Administration. The headquarters of  
20 the districts shall be located in Polk, Columbia, Washington,  
21 Broward, Volusia, Miami-Dade, and Hillsborough Counties. The  
22 headquarters of the turnpike enterprise shall be located in  
23 Orange County. The headquarters of the rail enterprise shall be  
24 located in Leon County. In order to provide for efficient  
25 operations and to expedite the decisionmaking process, the  
26 department shall provide for maximum decentralization to the  
27 districts.

28 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section  
29 339.175, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

30 (4) APPORTIONMENT.—

31 (a) The Governor shall, with the agreement of the affected  
32 units of general-purpose local government as required by federal  
33 rules and regulations, apportion the membership on the  
34 applicable M.P.O. among the various governmental entities within  
35 the area. At the request of a majority of the affected units of  
36 general-purpose local government comprising an M.P.O., the  
37 Governor and a majority of units of general-purpose local  
38 government serving on an M.P.O. shall cooperatively agree upon  
39 and prescribe who may serve as an alternate member and a method  
40 for appointing alternate members who may vote at any M.P.O.  
41 meeting that an alternate member attends in place of a regular  
42 member. The method shall be set forth as a part of the



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43 interlocal agreement describing the M.P.O.'s membership or in  
44 the M.P.O.'s operating procedures and bylaws. The governmental  
45 entity so designated shall appoint the appropriate number of  
46 members to the M.P.O. from eligible officials. Representatives  
47 of the department shall serve as nonvoting advisers to members  
48 ~~of~~ the M.P.O. governing board. Additional nonvoting advisers may  
49 be appointed by the M.P.O. as deemed necessary; however, to the  
50 maximum extent feasible, each M.P.O. shall seek to appoint  
51 nonvoting representatives of various multimodal forms of  
52 transportation not otherwise represented by voting members of  
53 the M.P.O. An M.P.O. shall appoint nonvoting advisers  
54 representing major military installations located within the  
55 jurisdictional boundaries of the M.P.O. upon the request of the  
56 aforesaid major military installations and subject to the  
57 agreement of the M.P.O. All nonvoting advisers may attend and  
58 participate fully in governing board meetings but may ~~shall~~ not  
59 ~~have a vote or and shall not~~ be members of the governing board.  
60 The Governor shall review the composition of the M.P.O.  
61 membership in conjunction with the decennial census as prepared  
62 by the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the  
63 Census, and reapportion it as necessary to comply with  
64 subsection (3).

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66 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

67 And the title is amended as follows:

68 Delete line 3

69 and insert:

70 programs; amending s. 20.23, F.S., relating to the  
71 Department of Transportation; requiring that district



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72            secretaries and executive directors be professional  
73            engineers from any state; amending s. 339.175, F.S.;  
74            providing that representatives of the department shall  
75            serve as nonvoting advisers to the metropolitan  
76            planning organization governing board; authorizing the  
77            appointment of additional nonvoting advisers; revising  
78            the