

By Senator Richter

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Lee County Tourist Development
3 Council, Lee County; revising membership of the
4 council; providing an exception to general law;
5 providing an effective date.

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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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9 Section 1. Lee County Tourist Development Council;
10 composition.—Notwithstanding the provisions of s.
11 125.0104(4)(e), Florida Statutes, the Lee County Tourist
12 Development Council as established by Lee County ordinance
13 pursuant to s. 125.0104, Florida Statutes, shall be composed of
14 nine members who shall be appointed by the Board of County
15 Commissioners of Lee County. The chair of the Board of County
16 Commissioners of Lee County or another member as designated by
17 the chair shall serve on the council. Two members of the council
18 shall be elected municipal officials, one of whom shall be from
19 one of the two municipalities that generated the highest
20 revenues from the tourist tax in the previous 2 fiscal years and
21 these two municipalities shall rotate membership every 2 years.
22 The second municipal official shall be from one of the remaining
23 municipalities and the second municipal seat shall also rotate
24 every 2 years. Six members of the council shall be persons who
25 are involved in the tourist industry and have demonstrated an
26 interest in tourist development, of which members, not less than
27 three nor more than four shall be owners or operators of motels,
28 hotels, recreational vehicle parks, or other tourist
29 accommodations in the county and subject to the tax. All members

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30 of the council shall be electors of the county. The changes in
31 the composition of the membership of the Lee County Tourist
32 Development Council mandated by this act are effective July 1,
33 2013. The changes in composition of the membership of the Lee
34 County Tourist Development Council mandated by the act may not
35 cause the interruption of the current term of any person who is
36 a member of the Lee County Tourist Development Council, except
37 the two municipal members appointed on July 1, 2013. Except as
38 specifically provided herein, the provisions of s.
39 125.0104(4)(e), Florida Statutes, shall apply to the Lee County
40 Tourist Development Council.

41 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.