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2015

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Ocean Highway and Port
3 Authority, Nassau County; amending chapter 2005-293,
4 Laws of Florida; providing for the partisan election
5 of members of the board of port commissioners;
6 providing an effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Section 3 of section 3 of chapter 2005-293,
11 Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

12 Section 3. Authority created; election of board; terms;
13 vacancies; officers.—There is hereby created in the County of
14 Nassau a port authority to be known as "Ocean Highway and Port
15 Authority," an independent special district, to be governed by a
16 board of port commissioners consisting of five members serving
17 staggered terms of 4 years each. There shall be five port
18 commissioners' districts, which shall be numbered one through
19 five, inclusive, and shall be congruent with the Nassau County
20 county commissioners' districts. The port commissioners'
21 districts shall be numbered in such a fashion that port
22 commissioner district one shall include the same geographical
23 area as Nassau County county commissioners' district number one,
24 port commissioner district two shall include the same
25 geographical area as Nassau County county commissioners'
26 district number two, port commissioner district three shall

27 | include the same geographical area as Nassau County county
28 | commissioners' district number three, port commissioner district
29 | four shall include the same geographical area as Nassau County
30 | county commissioners' district number four, and port
31 | commissioner district five shall include the same geographical
32 | area as Nassau County county commissioners' district number
33 | five. There shall be one port commissioner for each of such port
34 | commissioners' districts, who shall reside in each district and
35 | who shall be elected by the qualified electors of Nassau County.
36 | Such elections shall be conducted on a partisan basis by the
37 | Supervisor of Elections of Nassau County using the election
38 | procedures provided in the Florida Election Code. At each
39 | general election, successors to the members of the board whose
40 | terms are about to expire shall be elected for terms of 4 years
41 | each. Vacancies on the board resulting from resignation, death,
42 | removal, or otherwise shall be filled by appointment by the
43 | board, the appointee to hold office until the next following
44 | general election, when such vacancy shall be filled for the
45 | unexpired term by election in the manner herein prescribed. The
46 | members of the board shall qualify by taking an oath of office
47 | on the second Tuesday following their election in the manner
48 | required by county officers. The board shall reorganize by
49 | selection of one of its members to act as chair and one of its
50 | members to act as vice chair and shall also appoint a secretary
51 | and a treasurer, but the same member may be designated to act as
52 | secretary and treasurer. The treasurer shall give bond, the

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53 amount, terms, and conditions of which shall be fixed and may be
54 revised from time to time by the board.

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