

By Senator Flores

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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to expressway authorities; amending s.
 3 348.0003, F.S.; revising qualifications for membership
 4 on the governing body of certain expressway
 5 authorities; providing for termination from an
 6 authority's governing body upon a finding of a
 7 violation of specified ethical conduct provisions or
 8 failure to comply with a notice of failure to comply
 9 with financial disclosure requirements; providing an
 10 effective date.

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

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 14 Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) and paragraph
 15 (a) of subsection (5) of section 348.0003, Florida Statutes, are
 16 amended, and paragraph (1) is added to subsection (5) of that
 17 section, to read:

18 348.0003 Expressway authority; formation; membership.—

19 (2) The governing body of an authority shall consist of not
 20 fewer than five nor more than nine voting members. The district
 21 secretary of the affected department district shall serve as a
 22 nonvoting member of the governing body of each authority located
 23 within the district. Each member of the governing body must at
 24 all times during his or her term of office be a permanent
 25 resident of the county which he or she is appointed to
 26 represent.

27 (d) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this
 28 subsection, in any county as defined in s. 125.011(1), the
 29 governing body of an authority shall consist of up to 9 ~~13~~

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30 members, and the following provisions of this paragraph shall
31 apply specifically to such authority. Except for the district
32 secretary of the department, the members must be residents of
33 the county. Four ~~Seven~~ voting members shall be appointed by the
34 governing body of the county. At the discretion of the governing
35 body of the county, up to two of the members appointed by the
36 governing body of the county may be elected officials residing
37 in the county. Four ~~Five~~ voting members of the authority shall
38 be appointed by the Governor. One member shall be the district
39 secretary of the department serving in the district that
40 contains such county. This member shall be an ex officio voting
41 member of the authority. If the governing body ~~board~~ of an
42 authority includes any member originally appointed by the
43 governing body of the county as a nonvoting member, when the
44 term of such member expires, that member shall be replaced by a
45 member appointed by the Governor until the governing body of the
46 authority is composed of four ~~seven~~ members appointed by the
47 governing body of the county and four ~~five~~ members appointed by
48 the Governor. Except as provided in subsection (5), the
49 qualifications, terms of office, and obligations and rights of
50 members of the authority shall be determined by resolution or
51 ordinance of the governing body of the county in a manner that
52 is consistent with subsections (3) and (4).

53 (5) In a county as defined in s. 125.011(1):

54 (a) 1. A lobbyist, as defined in s. 112.3215, may not be
55 appointed or serve as a member of the governing body of an
56 authority.

57 2. A person may not be appointed to or serve as a member of
58 the governing body of an authority if that person currently

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59 represents or has in the previous 10 years represented any
60 client for compensation before any state or municipal
61 governmental body, including any agency, quasi-governmental
62 entity, or body staffed by public employees, or entity that has
63 its operations paid for by public dollars.

64 3. A person may not be appointed to or serve as a member of
65 the governing body of an authority if that person currently
66 represents or has in the previous 10 years represented any
67 person or entity that is doing business, or within the previous
68 10 years has done business, with any state or municipal
69 governmental agency or body.

70 (1) A finding of a violation of this subsection or chapter
71 112, or failure to comply within 90 days after receiving a
72 notice of failure to comply with financial disclosure
73 requirements, results in immediate termination from the
74 governing body of the authority.

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