

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Emergency Medical Services
 3 Authority, Pinellas County; amending chapter 80-585,
 4 Laws of Florida, as amended; revising membership and
 5 terms of office of members of the governing body of
 6 the authority; 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 1 of chapter 80-585, Laws of Florida,
 11 as amended by chapter 2001-305, Laws of Florida, is amended to
 12 read:

13 Section 1. (1) There is hereby created a countywide
 14 Emergency Medical Services Authority, hereinafter called the
 15 "authority." The governing body of the authority and its
 16 membership shall consist of nine members, to be selected and
 17 serve as follows: ~~be the Board of County Commissioners of~~
 18 ~~Pinellas County. Four members of the authority shall constitute~~
 19 ~~a quorum.~~

20 (a) One member shall be appointed by the municipal
 21 governing body of the City of Clearwater.

22 (b) One member shall be appointed by the combined
 23 municipal governing bodies of the Cities of Largo, Belleair
 24 Bluffs, Belleair, Belleair Beach, and Belleair Shores.

25 (c) One member shall be appointed by the City Council of
 26 the City of St. Petersburg.

27 (d) One member shall be appointed by the combined
28 municipal governing bodies of the Cities of Oldsmar, Safety
29 Harbor, Dunedin, and Tarpon Springs.

30 (e) One member shall be appointed by the combined
31 municipal governing bodies of the Cities of Seminole, Indian
32 Rocks Beach, Indian Shores, North Redington Beach, Redington
33 Shores, Redington Beach, and Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue
34 District.

35 (f) One member shall be appointed by the combined
36 municipal governing bodies of the Cities of Gulfport, South
37 Pasadena, Treasure Island, St. Pete Beach, and Madeira Beach.

38 (g) One member shall be appointed by the combined
39 municipal governing bodies of the City of Pinellas Park and the
40 Town of Kenneth City.

41 (h) One member shall be appointed by the Board of County
42 Commissioners of Pinellas County.

43 (i) One member shall be appointed by the combined
44 governing bodies of the East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control
45 District, Lealman Special Fire Control District, and Palm Harbor
46 Special Fire Control and Rescue District.

47 (2) (a) After expiration of the term of each member of the
48 governing body of the authority, that member's successor shall
49 be chosen by the same appointing authority as the member. Each
50 appointed member shall hold office until his or her successor is
51 appointed. A vacancy occurring during a term shall be filled
52 only for the balance of the unexpired term. A selection to fill

53 a vacancy or select a successor shall be made within 60 days
54 after the occurrence of the vacancy or before expiration of the
55 term, whichever is applicable. If a selection is not made as
56 provided by this subsection, the Board of County Commissioners
57 of Pinellas County shall appoint an eligible person to the
58 authority with like effect as if the selection were made by a
59 municipality or group of municipalities, or group of governing
60 bodies.

61 (b) The Chairperson of the Emergency Medical Services
62 Advisory Council shall be an ex officio member of the authority
63 without voting privileges. The authority shall keep a record of
64 its transactions, resolutions, findings, determinations,
65 recommendations and orders, which record shall be a public
66 record.

67 (3) Each member shall be appointed for a 2-year term. Any
68 member of the authority is eligible for reappointment, except
69 that the member may not serve more than three consecutive terms.
70 Authority members shall be sworn into office at the first
71 regularly scheduled meeting after their appointment. Each member
72 shall remain in office until his or her successor is appointed
73 and assumes the duties of the position.

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