

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 11 members, to be selected and serve  
 17           as follows: ~~be the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas~~  
 18           ~~County. Four members of the authority shall constitute a quorum.~~

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

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

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

26           (d) One member shall be appointed by the combined

27 municipal governing bodies of the Cities of Oldsmar, Safety  
28 Harbor, Dunedin, and Tarpon Springs.

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

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

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

40 (h) Three members shall be appointed by the Board of  
41 County Commissioners of Pinellas County.

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

46 (2) (a) After expiration of the term of each member of the  
47 governing body of the authority, the vacancy shall be filled in  
48 the same manner as the original appointment. Each appointed  
49 member shall hold office until his or her successor is  
50 appointed. A vacancy occurring during a term shall be filled  
51 only for the balance of the unexpired term. A selection to fill  
52 a vacancy or select a successor shall be made within 60 days

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

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

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

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