

26 | 89-504, 93-387, and 2003-319, Laws of Florida, are amended, and
 27 | subsections (13) through (17) are added to that section, to
 28 | read:

29 | Section 12. Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board;
 30 | organization; meetings, and powers.—

31 | (1) The Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board is
 32 | created, within the county of Pinellas, consisting of 15
 33 | members, as follows:

34 | (a) Eight members, including the following:

35 | 1. One general contractor who is licensed to do business
 36 | in this state and actively engaged in the profession.

37 | 2. One architect who is registered to practice in this
 38 | state and actively engaged in the profession.

39 | 3. One residential contractor who is licensed to do
 40 | business in this state and actively engaged in the profession.

41 | 4. One electrical contractor or plumbing contractor who is
 42 | licensed to do business in this state and actively engaged in
 43 | the profession.

44 | 5. One mechanical contractor or Class A air-conditioning
 45 | contractor who is licensed to do business in this state and
 46 | actively engaged in the profession.

47 | 6. One roofing contractor who is licensed in this state
 48 | and actively engaged in the profession.

49 | 7. One sheet metal contractor who is licensed in this
 50 | state and actively engaged in the profession.

51 8. One swimming pool contractor, aluminum specialty
 52 contractor, or veneer specialty contractor who is licensed in
 53 this state and actively engaged in the profession.
 54 (b) The Pinellas County building official.
 55 (c) Two consumer representatives not affiliated with the
 56 construction industry.
 57 (d) A fire official.
 58 (e) Three building officials, as follows:
 59 1. A North county building official from one of the
 60 following municipalities: Clearwater, Tarpon Springs, Dunedin,
 61 Oldsmar, Safety Harbor, Belleair, Belleair Bluffs, or Largo;
 62 2. A South county building official from one of the
 63 following municipalities: St. Petersburg, South Pasadena,
 64 Gulfport, Seminole, Kenneth City, or Pinellas Park; and
 65 3. A Beach Community building official from one of the
 66 following municipalities: the City of Belleair Beach, the Town
 67 of Belleair Shore, the Town of Redington Beach, the Town of
 68 North Redington Beach, the City of Madeira Beach, the City of
 69 Indian Rocks Beach, the Town of Indian Shores, the Town of
 70 Redington Shores, the City of Treasure Island, or the City of
 71 St. Pete Beach ~~twenty-one (21) members, two (2) of whom are~~
 72 ~~primarily engaged in business as general contractors; two (2) of~~
 73 ~~whom are primarily engaged in business as building contractors,~~
 74 ~~two (2) of whom are primarily engaged in business as residential~~
 75 ~~contractors, one (1) who is a Florida registered architect doing~~

76 ~~business in Pinellas County, one (1) who is an electrical~~
 77 ~~contractor, one (1) who is a plumbing contractor, one (1) who is~~
 78 ~~a mechanical contractor, one who is a roofing or sheet metal~~
 79 ~~contractor, one (1) who is a swimming pool, aluminum or veneer~~
 80 ~~specialty contractor, two (2) fire marshals, the three (3)~~
 81 ~~building directors of the following: City of St. Petersburg,~~
 82 ~~City of Clearwater and County of Pinellas, one (1) North county~~
 83 ~~building director from one of the following municipalities:~~
 84 ~~Tarpon Springs, Dunedin, Oldsmar, Safety Harbor, Belleair,~~
 85 ~~Belleair Bluffs, or Largo, one (1) South county building~~
 86 ~~director from one of the following municipalities: South~~
 87 ~~Pasadena, Gulfport, Seminole, Kenneth City, or Pinellas Park,~~
 88 ~~one (1) Beach Community building director from one of the~~
 89 ~~following: the Town of Belleair Beach, the Town of Belleair~~
 90 ~~Shores, the City of Redington Beach, the City of North Redington~~
 91 ~~Beach, the City of Madeira Beach, the City of Indian Rocks~~
 92 ~~Beach, the Town of Indian Shores, the Town of Redington Shores,~~
 93 ~~the City of Treasure Island, and the City of St. Pete Beach, and~~
 94 ~~one (1) consumer member who is a resident and citizen of~~
 95 ~~Pinellas County and who is not and never has been a member or~~
 96 ~~practitioner of any of the trades or professions regulated by~~
 97 ~~the board or a member or practitioner of any closely related~~
 98 ~~trade or profession. All members of the board must ~~shall~~ be~~
 99 ~~residents of Pinellas County and are appointed by ~~the Chairman~~~~
 100 ~~of the Board of County Commissioners.~~

101 (3) (a) A board member may not serve more than two
102 consecutive terms of 4 years, but may be reappointed after a 2-
103 year hiatus. This limitation shall not apply to any of the
104 governmental building official or fire official appointees.
105 ~~Members of the board shall be selected as follows: The three (3)~~
106 ~~building directors of the City of Clearwater, City of St.~~
107 ~~Petersburg and the County of Pinellas; one (1) North county~~
108 ~~building director and one (1) South county building director~~
109 ~~selected by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners~~
110 ~~from the municipalities listed in subsection (1); one (1) Beach~~
111 ~~Community building director appointed from a list of three (3)~~
112 ~~nominees submitted by The Barrier Island Governmental Council; a~~
113 ~~Florida Registered Architect appointed from a list of three~~
114 ~~recommended architects submitted by the American Institute of~~
115 ~~Architects Florida Central Chapter, St. Petersburg and~~
116 ~~Clearwater Sections; two (2) of whom are primarily engaged in~~
117 ~~business as general contractors from a list of five (5)~~
118 ~~submitted by The Associated General Contractors of Mid-Florida,~~
119 ~~Inc.; two (2) of whom are primarily engaged in business as~~
120 ~~Building Contractors from a list of five (5) submitted by the~~
121 ~~Contractors and Builders Association of Pinellas County; two (2)~~
122 ~~of whom are primarily engaged in the business as residential~~
123 ~~building contractors from a list of five (5) submitted by the~~
124 ~~Contractors and Builders Association of Pinellas County; one (1)~~
125 ~~who is an electrical contractor from a list of five (5) supplied~~

126 | ~~by the Electrical Council of Florida, Pinellas County Chapter;~~
127 | ~~one (1) who is a Plumbing contractor from a list of five (5)~~
128 | ~~supplied by the Pinellas Association of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling~~
129 | ~~Contractors, Inc.; two (2) of whom are fire marshals, who shall~~
130 | ~~be active members of the Tampa Bay Area Fire Marshals~~
131 | ~~Association, from a list of five (5) supplied by said~~
132 | ~~association, one (1) of whom shall serve an initial term of~~
133 | ~~three (3) years, the other to serve an initial term of two (2)~~
134 | ~~years, with successors to serve for a term of two (2) years~~
135 | ~~thereafter; one (1) who is a mechanical or Class A air~~
136 | ~~conditioning contractor from a list of five (5), supplied by the~~
137 | ~~Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Contractors' Association~~
138 | ~~("RACCA"); one (1) roofing or sheet metal contractor and one (1)~~
139 | ~~swimming pool, aluminum or veneer specialty contractor selected~~
140 | ~~by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners; one~~
141 | ~~consumer member to be appointed by the Chairman of the Board of~~
142 | ~~County Commissioners in accordance with paragraph 2(a). The~~
143 | ~~building director members from the City of Clearwater, from the~~
144 | ~~City of St. Petersburg and Pinellas County, shall be permanent~~
145 | ~~members of the board. All other members shall serve terms of two~~
146 | ~~(2) years.~~

147 | **(b)** The terms of the following members expire shall
148 | ~~commence their terms~~ in even-numbered years: the licensed
149 | general contractor, the Florida registered architect, the
150 | licensed residential ~~one (1) general contractor, one (1)~~

151 ~~building contractor, the licensed or, one (1) residential~~
152 ~~building contractor, one (1) electrical or licensed plumbing~~
153 ~~contractor, a consumer representative, and one (1) fire marshal,~~
154 ~~the North county, South county, and Beach Community building~~
155 ~~officials directors. The terms of the following members expire~~
156 ~~shall commence their terms in odd-numbered years: the one (1)~~
157 ~~general contractor, one (1) building contractor, one (1)~~
158 ~~residential building contractor, one (1) mechanical contractor~~
159 ~~or Class A air conditioning contractor; the, one (1) plumbing~~
160 ~~contractor, one (1) fire official; the licensed marshal, one (1)~~
161 ~~roofing or sheet metal contractor; the, one (1) swimming pool,~~
162 ~~aluminum, or veneer specialty contractor; the sheet metal~~
163 ~~contractor, a, and one (1) consumer representative; and the~~
164 ~~South county building official member.~~

165 (c) As the terms of members expire, the ~~Chairman of the~~
166 Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County shall appoint a
167 member to fill the vacancy for a term of 4 ~~two (2)~~ years in the
168 ~~same manner as that membership was originally filled. The~~
169 ~~architect, contractor, electrical, plumbing and mechanical~~
170 ~~members shall be selected from the county at large. The board~~
171 shall elect from one of its members a chair to serve as chairman
172 and a vice chair one of its members to serve as vice-chairman,
173 for terms of up to 2 years ~~a term to be set by the board. All~~
174 terms of office expire on September 30 of the last year of the
175 term. Vacancies in the membership occurring prior to the end of

176 a member's term for any cause shall be filled by the Pinellas
 177 County Board of County Commissioners ~~appointment in the same~~
 178 ~~manner as that membership was originally filled.~~

179 (13) Board staff are employees of Pinellas County, and
 180 Pinellas County is responsible for all costs associated
 181 therewith. The board is a dependent agency of the Board of
 182 County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners may
 183 adopt rules to implement this act, including, but not limited
 184 to, rules relating to board finances and contribution for costs
 185 associated with this act to be borne by the county, and may
 186 remove any member of the board at will.

187 (14) (a) The board shall submit to all local governments in
 188 Pinellas County, and make available to the public, a complete
 189 report on finances and administrative activities of the board as
 190 of the end of each fiscal year.

191 (b) The board is subject to periodic audits performed by a
 192 certified auditor chosen by the Board of County Commissioners.

193 (15) Each member of the board who is not otherwise
 194 required to file a financial disclosure statement pursuant to s.
 195 8, Art. II of the State Constitution or s. 112.3144, Florida
 196 Statutes, must file an annual disclosure of financial interests
 197 pursuant to s. 112.3145, Florida Statutes.

198 (16) The board is eligible for state funding for 3 years
 199 after July 1, 2018, to support its operations and staff costs as
 200 it transitions to Pinellas County.

201 (17) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, if the
202 qualified electors of Pinellas County voting in a referendum
203 approve the transfer of all authority of the board to the Board
204 of County Commissioners, the board shall stand dissolved as of
205 the effective date of the referendum.

206 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.