

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Hardee County Economic
 3 Development Authority, Hardee County; amending chapter
 4 2004-394, Laws of Florida, as amended; revising
 5 membership of the authority; providing that members
 6 shall not be reimbursed for travel and per diem
 7 expenses; providing an effective date.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11 Section 1. Section 3 of chapter 2004-394, Laws of Florida,
 12 as amended by chapter 2006-349, Laws of Florida, is amended to
 13 read:

14 Section 3. Authority composition; procedures.—

15 (1) The authority shall consist of the five members of the
 16 ~~commission nine members serving staggered terms~~ and four members
 17 appointed ~~selected~~ in the following manner:

18 (a) One at-large member appointed by the commission ~~The~~
 19 ~~President of the Hardee County Farm Bureau or the president's~~
 20 ~~designee for an initial term of 3 years;~~

21 (b) One member appointed by the governing body of Wauchula
 22 ~~The director of the Agency for Workforce Innovation or its~~
 23 ~~successor agency or the director's designee for an initial term~~
 24 ~~of 2 years;~~

25 (c) One member appointed by the governing body of Bowling
26 Green ~~The chairman of Enterprise Florida or its successor agency~~
27 ~~or the chairman's designee for an initial term of 2 years; and~~

28 (d) One member appointed by the governing body of Zolfo
29 Springs. ~~The chairman of the Florida Phosphate Council or the~~
30 ~~chairman's designee for an initial term of 3 years;~~

31 ~~(e) The president of the Hardee County Chamber of Commerce~~
32 ~~or the president's designee for an initial term of 3 years; and~~

33 ~~(f) Four members appointed by the commission. Two of these~~
34 ~~shall be designated at-large, and of these one shall serve an~~
35 ~~initial term of 3 years and one shall serve an initial term of 2~~
36 ~~years. One of the remaining commission appointments shall be~~
37 ~~designated Seat 8 and the appointee shall be appointed for an~~
38 ~~initial term of 2 years; the last commission appointment shall~~
39 ~~be designated Seat 9 and the appointee shall be appointed for an~~
40 ~~initial term of 3 years. Persons appointed to Seat 8 and Seat 9~~
41 ~~shall be selected from a pool of nominees consisting of two~~
42 ~~persons designated by the governing body of each municipality in~~
43 ~~the county. All members except the members designated under~~
44 ~~paragraphs (b) and (c) must be residents of the county. Initial~~
45 ~~terms of office begin January 1, 2005.~~

46 (2) The five commissioner members shall serve terms
47 concurrent with their commissioner terms. The four appointed
48 members shall serve 4-year terms and may be reappointed. ~~After~~
49 ~~completion of the initial term, each appointed member shall~~

50 ~~serve a term of 3 years. If a vacancy occurs during the term of~~
51 ~~an appointed member, the appointing authority shall fill the~~
52 ~~appointment for the remainder of the term. A member may serve~~
53 ~~successive terms.~~

54 (3) The chair of the commission shall serve as the interim
55 chair for the purpose of calling the first meeting. The members
56 may elect any sitting member of the authority as chair. ~~The~~
57 ~~members shall elect a chair from their number for a period of 2~~
58 ~~years and may elect such other officers as they designate in the~~
59 ~~written bylaws of the authority. The at-large member designated~~
60 ~~by the commission for an initial 3-year term shall serve as~~
61 ~~interim chair for the purpose of calling the first meeting of~~
62 ~~the authority.~~ A majority of the members constitute a quorum.
63 Each member is entitled to one vote. An action of the authority
64 is not binding unless it is taken at a meeting at which a
65 majority of the members cast their votes in favor. The fiscal
66 year of the authority begins October 1.

67 (4) Each member of the authority shall serve without
68 compensation, ~~except that a member who resides outside the~~
69 ~~county may be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses as~~
70 ~~provided by general law and as further provided by this act.~~

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