

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Pensacola-Escambia Promotion
 3 and Development Commission, Escambia County; amending
 4 ch. 67-1365, Laws of Florida, as amended; revising the
 5 short title; revising definitions; providing authority
 6 to sponsor, develop, operate, and maintain activities
 7 and developments relating to economic development, job
 8 creation, workforce development, industry, and
 9 commerce; providing for a change in the membership
 10 structure of the Pensacola-Escambia Promotion and
 11 Development Commission; providing an effective date.

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

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 15 Section 1. Sections 1 through 6 of chapter 67-1365, Laws
 16 of Florida, as amended by chapters 89-481, 89-443, and 86-449,
 17 Laws of Florida, are amended to read:

18 Section 1. Short Title. This act may be cited as the
 19 "Pensacola-Escambia ~~County~~ Promotion and Development Commission
 20 Act."

21 Section 2. Definitions. When used in this act the
 22 following words and terms, unless a different meaning appears
 23 clearly from the context, shall have the following meanings:

24 (1) "Commission" shall mean the Pensacola-Escambia
 25 Promotion and Development Commission created by this act.

26 (2) "Promotion" shall be deemed to mean the promotion of
 27 the advantages of Escambia County and all municipalities
 28 therein, (including that portion of Santa Rosa Island under the
 29 jurisdiction of the Santa Rosa Island Authority or its
 30 successor), and the promotion and development of industrial,
 31 ~~tourist~~, and commercial attributes and facilities of said area
 32 including the promotion of conventions, convention facilities
 33 and visitors to said area and also encompassing the
 34 dissemination of information with reference to the foregoing
 35 through the media of advertising, personal contact and such
 36 other activities as are deemed customary to the sound
 37 development and promotion of an area.

38 (3) "Appointing Authority" shall be deemed to mean that
 39 body whose duty it is to appoint specific members of the
 40 Commission.

41 (4) "Development" shall be deemed to mean the improvement
 42 of the County of Escambia and all municipalities therein
 43 (including that portion of Santa Rosa Island under the
 44 jurisdiction of the Santa Rosa Island Authority) or its
 45 successor through economic development, job creation, workforce
 46 development ~~the increase of employment opportunities,~~
 47 enhancement of the economic environment, expansion of the tax
 48 base, enticement of industry and other business to the area, and
 49 acquisition, lease and construction of facilities for such
 50 purposes within the subject area.

51 Section 3. For the purpose of performing such acts as
 52 shall be necessary for the sound Promotion and Development (as
 53 those terms have heretofore been defined) of Escambia County,
 54 there is created a body corporate and politic to be known as the
 55 Pensacola-Escambia ~~County~~ Promotion and Development Commission,
 56 which shall be deemed to be a public corporation by that name,
 57 and which body may contract and be contracted with and sue and
 58 be sued in all courts of law and equity.

59 Section 4. The Commission shall be composed of nine (9)
 60 members each of whom shall be either the owner of a real
 61 property interest located in Escambia County, a freeholder and a
 62 resident qualified elector of Escambia County, or the principal
 63 of a business located in Escambia County. The Commission shall
 64 consist of the following:

65 (1) Two (2) members shall be Commissioners of Escambia
 66 County who shall be appointed by the Board of County
 67 Commissioners of Escambia County.

68 (2) Two (2) members shall be ~~Councilmen of the City of~~
 69 ~~Pensacola City Council members~~ who shall be appointed by the
 70 Pensacola City Council ~~of the City of Pensacola.~~

71 (3) One (1) member shall be either a member of the Century
 72 Town Council or the Mayor of the Town of Century and who shall
 73 be appointed by the Century Town ~~to serve on the Commission by~~
 74 ~~the Council of the Town of Century.~~ One member shall be the
 75 ~~president of the Pensacola Area Chamber of Commerce. One member,~~

76 | ~~to be appointed by the president of the Pensacola Area Chamber~~
 77 | ~~of Commerce, shall be the chairman of the Committee of 100 or~~
 78 | ~~the chairman of the Tourist Advisory Council. One member at~~
 79 | ~~large shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of~~
 80 | ~~Escambia County.~~

81 | (4) Two (2) members at large, one member at large of which
 82 | shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of
 83 | Escambia County and one of which shall be appointed by the
 84 | Pensacola City Council of the City of Pensacola.

85 | (5) Two (2) members shall be recognized leaders appointed
 86 | by FloridaWest Economic Development Alliance (or its successor
 87 | as recognized by the PEDC).

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 89 | ~~(2)The term of office of each of the members, excepting those~~
 90 | ~~holding specific offices, shall be for a period term of two (2)~~
 91 | ~~2 years, which shall be staggered such that the appointments of~~
 92 | ~~three (3) PEDC Commissioners occur each; except initial~~
 93 | ~~appointments for one member of the Board of County Commissioners~~
 94 | ~~and one member of the Pensacola City Council shall be for 1~~
 95 | ~~year.~~

96 | Section 5. The Commission shall elect ~~from its membership~~
 97 | ~~at its organizational meeting, and annually thereafter, a Chair~~
 98 | ~~Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary-Treasurer.~~

99 | Section 6. Quorum; transaction of business. Any five (5)
 100 | members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the

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101 transaction of the ordinary business of the Commission. No
102 business shall be transacted except at regularly and specially
103 called meetings and when duly recorded in the Minutes thereof.
104 Each Commissioner is expected to attend the Commission meetings.

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