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 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 for a
 6 change in the membership structure of the Pensacola-
 7 Escambia Promotion and Development Commission;
 8 providing an effective date.
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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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12 Section 1. Sections 1 through 6 of chapter 67-1365, Laws
 13 of Florida, as amended by chapters 89-481, 89-443, and 86-449,
 14 Laws of Florida, are amended to read:

15 Section 1. Short Title. This act may be cited as the
 16 "Pensacola-Escambia ~~County~~ Promotion and Development Commission
 17 Act."
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19 Section 2. Definitions. When used in this act the
 20 following words and terms, unless a different meaning appears
 21 clearly from the context, shall have the following meanings:

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

24 (2) "Promotion" shall be deemed to mean the promotion of
 25 the advantages of Escambia County and all municipalities
 therein, (including that portion of Santa Rosa Island under the

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26 | jurisdiction of the Santa Rosa Island Authority or its
27 | successor), and the promotion and development of industrial,
28 | ~~tourist~~, and commercial attributes and facilities of said area
29 | including the promotion of conventions, convention facilities
30 | and visitors to said area and also encompassing the
31 | dissemination of information with reference to the foregoing
32 | through the media of advertising, personal contact and such
33 | other activities as are deemed customary to the sound
34 | development and promotion of an area.

35 | (3) "Appointing Authority" shall be deemed to mean that
36 | body whose duty it is to appoint specific members of the
37 | Commission.

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

48 | Section 3. For the purpose of performing such acts as
49 | shall be necessary for the sound Promotion and Development (as
50 | those terms have heretofore been defined) of Escambia County,

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51 | there is created a body corporate and politic to be known as the
 52 | Pensacola-Escambia ~~County~~ Promotion and Development Commission,
 53 | which shall be deemed to be a public corporation by that name,
 54 | and which body may contract and be contracted with and sue and
 55 | be sued in all courts of law and equity.

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

62 | (1) Two (2) members shall be Commissioners of Escambia
 63 | County who shall be appointed by the Board of County
 64 | Commissioners of Escambia County.

65 | (2) Two (2) members shall be ~~Councilmen of the City of~~
 66 | Pensacola City Council members ~~who shall be~~ appointed by the
 67 | Pensacola City Council ~~of the City of Pensacola.~~

68 | (3) One (1) member shall be either a member of the Century
 69 | Town Council or the Mayor of the Town of Century and who shall
 70 | be appointed by the Century Town ~~to serve on the Commission by~~
 71 | ~~the Council of the Town of Century. One member shall be the~~
 72 | ~~president of the Pensacola Area Chamber of Commerce. One member,~~
 73 | ~~to be appointed by the president of the Pensacola Area Chamber~~
 74 | ~~of Commerce, shall be the chairman of the Committee of 100 or~~
 75 | ~~the chairman of the Tourist Advisory Council. One member at~~

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76 ~~large shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of~~
 77 ~~Escambia County.~~

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

82 (5) Two (2) members shall be recognized leaders appointed
 83 by FloridaWest Economic Development Alliance (or its successor
 84 as recognized by the Commission).

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 86 ~~(2)The term of office of each of the members, excepting those~~
 87 ~~holding specific offices, shall be for a period term of two (2)~~
 88 ~~2 years, which shall be staggered such that the appointments of~~
 89 ~~three (3) Commission members occur each; except initial~~
 90 ~~appointments for one member of the Board of County Commissioners~~
 91 ~~and one member of the Pensacola City Council shall be for 1~~
 92 ~~year.~~

93 Section 5. The Commission shall elect ~~from its membership~~
 94 ~~at its organizational meeting, and annually thereafter, a Chair~~
 95 ~~Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary-Treasurer.~~

96 Section 6. Quorum; transaction of business. Any five (5)
 97 members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the
 98 transaction of the ordinary business of the Commission. No
 99 business shall be transacted except at regularly and specially
 100 called meetings and when duly recorded in the Minutes thereof.

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101 | Each Commissioner is expected to attend the Commission meetings.
102 | Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.