

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS
FINAL BILL ANALYSIS**

BILL #: CS/HB 1423 Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board
SPONSOR(S): Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; DiCeglie
TIED BILLS: IDEN./SIM. **BILLS:**

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
1) Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee	15 Y, 0 N, As CS	Renner	Miller
2) State Affairs Committee	21 Y, 0 N	Renner	Williamson
FINAL HOUSE FLOOR ACTION: 117 Y's 0 N's			
GOVERNOR'S ACTION: Approved			

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

CS/HB 1423 passed the House on April 17, 2019, and subsequently passed the Senate on May 1, 2019.

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The Board consists of 15 members appointed by the PCBC. The PCBC must appoint members to four-year terms. Board members may not serve more than two consecutive terms, but may be reappointed after a two-year hiatus. However, the limitation does not apply to the governmental building official or fire official appointees. All Board members must be residents of Pinellas County.

The bill provides that the residency requirement does not apply to governmental building officials.

The bill was approved by the Governor on May 23, 2019, ch. 2019-184, L.O.F., and will become effective on July 1, 2019.

I. SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION

A. EFFECT OF CHANGES:

Present Situation

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Effect of the Bill

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II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FILED? Yes No

D. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes No

¹ See chs. 89-504, 93-387, 2003-319, 2018-179, Laws of Fla.

² Ch. 2018-179, s. 12, Laws of Fla.

³ Ch. 2018-179, s. (3)(a) of s. 12, Laws of Fla.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ Ch. 2018-179, s. (1)(e)3. of s. 12, Laws of Fla.

IF YES, WHEN? February 1, 2019

WHERE? *Tampa Bay Times*, a newspaper published in Pinellas County, Florida.

E. REFERENDUM(S) REQUIRED? Yes No

IF YES, WHEN?