

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to Hardee County Economic Development
 3 Authority, Hardee County; amending chapter 2004-394,
 4 Laws of Florida, as amended; authorizing the Hardee
 5 County Economic Development Authority to approve an
 6 operating budget for specified purposes under certain
 7 circumstances; 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. Subsection (2) of section 4 of chapter 2004-
 12 394, Laws of Florida, as amended, is amended to read:

13 Section 4. Authority powers; mandatory and discretionary.-

14 (2) The authority may:

15 (a) Appropriate funds that have been paid by the state
 16 Chief Financial Officer, the first such payment to occur in
 17 calendar year 2006, to the clerk, in the distribution of the tax
 18 on severance of phosphate rock pursuant to section 211.3103,
 19 Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time, for the
 20 administrative costs, including payroll costs and other expenses
 21 as provided by this act, of the authority and for economic
 22 development and infrastructure projects in the county.

23 (b) Conduct the business of the authority and receive
 24 funds on its behalf, including those transferred by the state
 25 Chief Financial Officer and any others that may have been made

26 | by loan, gift, or grant.

27 | (c) Sue and be sued.

28 | (d) Approve an annual operating budget in compliance with
 29 | the requirements of the Special District Accountability Program
 30 | of the Department of Economic Opportunity. The annual operating
 31 | budget may only provide for the consideration and approval,
 32 | approval with modification, or denial of applications for grants
 33 | funding public infrastructure projects submitted by Hardee
 34 | County or an incorporated municipality within the county. The
 35 | authority must consider each application submitted by the county
 36 | or a municipality at a public hearing before rendering a final
 37 | decision. Funding for an approved application under this
 38 | paragraph shall be by appropriation from the authority directly
 39 | to the applicant.

40 | ~~(e)~~~~(d)~~ Approve or amend and approve time and costs sheets
 41 | submitted by specified county employees for payment as well as
 42 | travel and per diem expenses submitted by a member of the
 43 | authority as further provided by this act.

44 | ~~(f)~~~~(e)~~ Establish written bylaws for its internal
 45 | governance, including the signatures required for the
 46 | expenditure of funds from any of its authorized accounts.

47 | ~~(g)~~~~(f)~~ Enter into contracts, interlocal agreements, and
 48 | other written documents necessary to conduct the business of the
 49 | authority.

50 | ~~(h)~~~~(g)~~ Perform any other acts reasonable and necessary to

51 | implement and enforce the provisions of this act and any rules
52 | adopted in accordance with this act.

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