

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit
3 Authority governing board; amending s. 343.92, F.S.;
4 authorizing a mayor's designated alternate to serve as
5 a member of the board; providing membership
6 requirements; specifying the designated alternate's
7 right to vote; authorizing members to attend a meeting
8 physically, telephonically, or electronically in order
9 to constitute a quorum; providing requirements for
10 telephonic or electronic attendance; providing an
11 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. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and subsection
16 (8) of section 343.92, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

17 343.92 Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority.—

18 (2) The governing board of the authority shall consist of
19 13 voting members appointed no later than 45 days after the
20 creation of the authority.

21 (b) The 13 voting members of the board shall be as
22 follows:

23 1. The county commissions of Hernando, Hillsborough,
24 Manatee, Pasco, and Pinellas Counties shall each appoint one
25 county commissioner to the board. Members appointed under this

26 | subparagraph shall serve 2-year terms with not more than three
27 | consecutive terms being served by any person. If a member under
28 | this subparagraph leaves elected office, a vacancy exists on the
29 | board to be filled as provided in this subparagraph within 90
30 | days.

31 | 2.a. Two members of the board shall be the mayor, or the
32 | mayor's designated alternate, of the largest municipality within
33 | the service area of each of the following independent transit
34 | agencies or their legislatively created successor agencies:
35 | Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority and Hillsborough Area
36 | Regional Transit Authority. The largest municipality is that
37 | municipality with the largest population as determined by the
38 | most recent United States Decennial Census.

39 | b. The mayor's designated alternate must be an elected
40 | member of the municipality's city council. In the event the
41 | mayor is unable to attend a meeting, the mayor's designated
42 | alternate shall attend the meeting on the mayor's behalf and
43 | shall have full right to vote.

44 | 3. The following independent transit agencies or their
45 | legislatively created successor agencies shall each appoint from
46 | the membership of their governing bodies one member to the
47 | board: Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority and Hillsborough Area
48 | Regional Transit Authority. Each member appointed under this
49 | subparagraph shall serve a 2-year term with not more than three
50 | consecutive terms being served by any person. If a member no

51 longer meets the transit authority's criteria for appointment, a
52 vacancy exists on the board, which must be filled as provided in
53 this subparagraph within 90 days.

54 4. The Governor shall appoint to the board four members
55 from the regional business community, each of whom must reside
56 in one of the counties governed by the authority and may not be
57 an elected official. Of the members initially appointed under
58 this subparagraph, one shall serve a 1-year term, two shall
59 serve 2-year terms, and one shall serve a term as the initial
60 chair as provided in subsection (5). Thereafter, a member
61 appointed under this subparagraph shall serve a 2-year term with
62 not more than three consecutive terms being served by any
63 person.

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65 Appointments may be staggered to avoid mass turnover at the end
66 of any 2-year or 4-year period. A vacancy during a term shall be
67 filled within 90 days in the same manner as the original
68 appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

69 (8) (a) Seven members of the board, whether in attendance
70 at a meeting physically, telephonically, or electronically,
71 shall constitute a quorum, and the vote of seven members is
72 necessary for any action to be taken by the authority. The
73 authority may meet upon the constitution of a quorum. A vacancy
74 does not impair the right of a quorum of the board to exercise
75 all rights and the ability to perform all duties of the

76 authority.

77 (b) A member of the board may not attend a meeting
78 telephonically or electronically unless his or her physical
79 absence from the meeting is due to extraordinary circumstances
80 and he or she has received the prior written approval of the
81 chair.

82 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.