

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit  
3 Authority; amending s. 339.175, F.S.; renaming the  
4 Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority Metropolitan  
5 Planning Organization Chairs Coordinating Committee;  
6 deleting a requirement that the authority provide the  
7 committee with administrative support and direction;  
8 amending s. 343.92, F.S.; authorizing a mayor's  
9 designated alternate to serve as a member of the  
10 governing board of the authority; providing membership  
11 requirements; specifying the designated alternate's  
12 right to vote; providing quorum requirements; deleting  
13 obsolete provisions; amending s. 343.922, F.S.;  
14 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;  
15 repealing powers and duties of the authority relating  
16 to the committee; providing an effective date.

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

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20 Section 1. Paragraph (i) of subsection (6) of section  
21 339.175, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

22 339.175 Metropolitan planning organization.—

23 (6) POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES.—The powers,  
24 privileges, and authority of an M.P.O. are those specified in  
25 this section or incorporated in an interlocal agreement

26 | authorized under s. 163.01. Each M.P.O. shall perform all acts  
27 | required by federal or state laws or rules, now and subsequently  
28 | applicable, which are necessary to qualify for federal aid. It  
29 | is the intent of this section that each M.P.O. shall be involved  
30 | in the planning and programming of transportation facilities,  
31 | including, but not limited to, airports, intercity and high-  
32 | speed rail lines, seaports, and intermodal facilities, to the  
33 | extent permitted by state or federal law.

34 |       (i) There is created the ~~Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit~~  
35 | ~~Authority Metropolitan Planning Organization~~ Chairs Coordinating  
36 | ~~Committee is created within the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit~~  
37 | ~~Authority~~, composed of the M.P.O.'s serving Citrus, Hernando,  
38 | Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, and Sarasota  
39 | Counties. ~~The authority shall provide administrative support and~~  
40 | ~~direction to the committee.~~ The committee must, at a minimum:

41 |           1. Coordinate transportation projects deemed to be  
42 | regionally significant by the committee.

43 |           2. Review the impact of regionally significant land use  
44 | decisions on the region.

45 |           3. Review all proposed regionally significant  
46 | transportation projects in the respective transportation  
47 | improvement programs which affect more than one of the M.P.O.'s  
48 | represented on the committee.

49 |           4. Institute a conflict resolution process to address any  
50 | conflict that may arise in the planning and programming of such

51 regionally significant projects.

52 Section 2. Subsections (10) and (11) of section 343.92,  
53 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (9) and (10),  
54 respectively, and paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and present  
55 subsections (8) and (9) of that section are amended to read:

56 343.92 Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority.—

57 (2) The governing board of the authority shall consist of  
58 13 voting members appointed no later than 45 days after the  
59 creation of the authority.

60 (b) The 13 voting members of the board shall be as  
61 follows:

62 1. The county commissions of Hernando, Hillsborough,  
63 Manatee, Pasco, and Pinellas Counties shall each appoint one  
64 county commissioner to the board. Members appointed under this  
65 subparagraph shall serve 2-year terms with not more than three  
66 consecutive terms being served by any person. If a member under  
67 this subparagraph leaves elected office, a vacancy exists on the  
68 board to be filled as provided in this subparagraph within 90  
69 days.

70 2.a. Two members of the board shall be the mayor, or the  
71 mayor's designated alternate, of the largest municipality within  
72 the service area of each of the following independent transit  
73 agencies or their legislatively created successor agencies:  
74 Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority and Hillsborough Area  
75 Regional Transit Authority. The largest municipality is that

76 | municipality with the largest population as determined by the  
77 | most recent United States Decennial Census.

78 |       b. The mayor's designated alternate must be an elected  
79 | member of the municipality's city council and approved as the  
80 | mayor's designated alternate by the municipality's city council.  
81 | In the event the mayor is unable to attend a meeting, the  
82 | mayor's designated alternate shall attend the meeting on the  
83 | mayor's behalf and has the full right to vote.

84 |       3. The following independent transit agencies or their  
85 | legislatively created successor agencies shall each appoint from  
86 | the membership of their governing bodies one member to the  
87 | board: Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority and Hillsborough Area  
88 | Regional Transit Authority. Each member appointed under this  
89 | subparagraph shall serve a 2-year term with not more than three  
90 | consecutive terms being served by any person. If a member no  
91 | longer meets the transit authority's criteria for appointment, a  
92 | vacancy exists on the board, which must be filled as provided in  
93 | this subparagraph within 90 days.

94 |       4. The Governor shall appoint to the board four members  
95 | from the regional business community, each of whom must reside  
96 | in one of the counties governed by the authority and may not be  
97 | an elected official. Of the members initially appointed under  
98 | this subparagraph, one shall serve a 1-year term, two shall  
99 | serve 2-year terms, and one shall serve a term as the initial  
100 | chair as provided in subsection (5). Thereafter, a member

101 appointed under this subparagraph shall serve a 2-year term with  
102 not more than three consecutive terms being served by any  
103 person.

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

109 (8) A simple majority ~~Seven members~~ of the board shall  
110 constitute a quorum, and a simple majority of the voting members  
111 present shall be necessary for any action to be taken by the  
112 board ~~the vote of seven members is necessary for any action to~~  
113 ~~be taken by the authority.~~ The authority may meet upon the  
114 constitution of a quorum. A vacancy does not impair the right of  
115 a quorum of the board to exercise all rights and the ability to  
116 perform all duties of the authority.

117 ~~(9) Beginning July 1, 2017, the board must evaluate the~~  
118 ~~abolishment, continuance, modification, or establishment of the~~  
119 ~~following committees:~~

120 ~~(a) Planning committee.~~

121 ~~(b) Policy committee.~~

122 ~~(c) Finance committee.~~

123 ~~(d) Citizens advisory committee.~~

124 ~~(e) Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority Metropolitan~~  
125 ~~Planning Organization Chairs Coordinating Committee.~~

126 ~~(f) Transit management committee.~~

127 ~~(g) Technical advisory committee.~~

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129 ~~The board must submit its recommendations for abolishment,~~  
 130 ~~continuance, modification, or establishment of the committees to~~  
 131 ~~the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of~~  
 132 ~~Representatives before the beginning of the 2018 Regular~~  
 133 ~~Session.~~

134 Section 3. Paragraphs (e), (f), and (g) of subsection (3)  
 135 of section 343.922, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

136 343.922 Powers and duties.—

137 (3)

138 (e) The authority shall present the original regional  
 139 transit development plan and updates to the governing bodies of  
 140 the counties within the designated region, ~~to the TBARTA~~  
 141 ~~Metropolitan Planning Organization Chairs Coordinating~~  
 142 ~~Committee,~~ and to the legislative delegation members  
 143 representing those counties within 90 days after adoption.

144 ~~(f) The authority shall coordinate plans and projects with~~  
 145 ~~the TBARTA Metropolitan Planning Organization Chairs~~  
 146 ~~Coordinating Committee, to the extent practicable, and~~  
 147 ~~participate in the regional M.P.O. planning process to ensure~~  
 148 ~~regional comprehension of the authority's mission, goals, and~~  
 149 ~~objectives.~~

150 ~~(g) The authority shall provide administrative support and~~

151 | ~~direction to the TBARTA Metropolitan Planning Organization~~  
152 | ~~Chairs Coordinating Committee as provided in s. 339.175(6)(i).~~  
153 |       Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.