

Committee Substitute for
Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 668

An act relating to enterprise zones; creating s. 290.00695, F.S.; authorizing the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to designate an enterprise zone within an area of Hernando County or of Hernando County and the City of Brooksville jointly; creating s. 290.00696, F.S.; authorizing the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to designate an enterprise zone in Holmes County; providing requirements with respect thereto; creating s. 290.00697, F.S.; authorizing the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to designate an enterprise zone in Calhoun County; providing requirements with respect thereto; creating s. 290.00698, F.S.; authorizing the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to designate an enterprise zone in Okaloosa County; providing requirements with respect thereto; creating s. 290.00694, F.S.; authorizing the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to designate an enterprise zone in Sarasota County; providing requirements with respect thereto; providing for designation of a specified area within Hillsborough County as an enterprise zone; amending s. 290.00555, F.S.; removing the December 31, 1999, deadline for creation of satellite enterprise zones by certain municipalities and authorizing creation of such zones effective retroactively to that date; providing duties of the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development; providing an application deadline for businesses in such zones eligible for certain sales and use tax incentives; authorizing a boundary change in a specified enterprise zone; amending s. 290.0065, F.S.; providing for the change in the boundaries of an enterprise zone under specified conditions; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 290.00695, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

290.00695 Enterprise zone designation for Hernando County or Hernando County and Brooksville.—Hernando County, or Hernando County and the City of Brooksville jointly, may apply to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for designation of one enterprise zone within the county, or within both the county and the city, which zone encompasses an area up to 10 contiguous square miles. The application must be submitted by December 31, 2001, and must comply with the requirements of s. 290.0055. Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 290.0065 limiting the total number of enterprise zones designated and the number of enterprise zones within a population category, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development may designate one enterprise zone under this section. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall establish the initial effective date of the enterprise zone designated under this section.

Section 2. Section 290.00696, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

290.00696 Enterprise zone designation for Holmes County.—Holmes County may apply to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for designation of one enterprise zone within an area in Holmes County. The application must be submitted by December 31, 2001, and must comply with the requirements of s. 290.0055. Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 290.0065 limiting the total number of enterprise zones designated and the number of enterprise zones within a population category, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development may designate one enterprise zone under this section. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall establish the initial effective date of the enterprise zone designated pursuant to this section.

Section 3. Section 290.00697, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

290.00697 Enterprise zone designation for Calhoun County.—Calhoun County may apply to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for designation of one enterprise zone within an area in Calhoun County. The application must be submitted by December 31, 2001, and must comply with the requirements of s. 290.0055, except subsection (3) thereof. Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 290.0065 limiting the total number of enterprise zones designated and the number of enterprise zones within a population category, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development may designate one enterprise zone under this section. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall establish the initial effective date of the enterprise zone designated pursuant to this section.

Section 4. Section 290.00698, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

290.00698 Enterprise zone designation for Okaloosa County.—Okaloosa County may apply to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for designation of one enterprise zone within an area in Okaloosa County, which zone encompasses an area up to 6 square miles. The application must be submitted by December 31, 2001, and must comply with the requirements of s. 290.0055, except subsection (3) thereof. Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 290.0065 limiting the total number of enterprise zones designated and the number of enterprise zones within a population category, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development may designate one enterprise zone under this section. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall establish the initial effective date of the enterprise zone designated pursuant to this section.

Section 5. Section 290.00694, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

290.00694 Enterprise zone designation for Sarasota County or Sarasota County and Sarasota.—Sarasota County, or Sarasota County and the City of Sarasota jointly, may apply to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for designation of one enterprise zone within the county, or within both the county and the municipality, which zone encompasses an area that is south of the north county line, west of Tuttle Avenue, north of 10th Street, and east of U.S. Highway 41. The application must be submitted by December 31, 2001, and must comply with the requirements of s.

290.0055. Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 290.0065 limiting the total number of enterprise zones designated and the number of enterprise zones within a population category, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development may designate one enterprise zone under this section. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall establish the initial effective date of the enterprise zone designated under this section.

Section 6. Enterprise zone designation for Hillsborough County.—Hillsborough County may apply to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for designation of one enterprise zone within the county, which zone encompasses a high-crime, low-income, high-unemployment area that is north of Fowler Avenue, south of Bearss Avenue, east of Florida Avenue, west of Bruce B. Downs Boulevard, near the University of South Florida, adjacent to University Square Mall, north of a major theme park, an area that has been designated a federal Weed & Seed target area, and a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) target area and that houses an active public/private 501(c)(3) community development corporation working to improve the area. The application must be submitted by December 31, 2002, and must comply with the requirements of section 290.0055, Florida Statutes. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 290.0065, Florida Statutes, limiting the total number of enterprise zones designated and the number of enterprise zones within a population category, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development may designate one enterprise zone under this section. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall establish the initial effective date of the enterprise zone designated under this section.

Section 7. Section 290.00555, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

~~290.00555~~ Satellite enterprise zones.—~~Before December 31, 1999,~~ Any municipality an area of which has previously received designation as an enterprise zone in the population category described in s. 290.0065(3)(a)3. may create a satellite enterprise zone not exceeding 1.5 square miles in area outside of and, notwithstanding anything contained in s. 290.0055(4), or any other law, in addition to the previously designated enterprise zone boundaries. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall amend the boundaries of the areas previously designated by any such municipality as enterprise zones upon receipt of a resolution adopted by the municipality describing the satellite enterprise zone areas, as long as the additional areas are consistent with the categories, criteria, and limitations imposed by s. 290.0055. However, the requirements imposed by s. 290.0055(4)(d) do not apply to such satellite enterprise zone areas.

Section 8. Satellite enterprise zones may be created pursuant to section 290.00555, Florida Statutes, effective retroactively to December 31, 1999. Resolutions adopted to create satellite enterprise zones under this section must be submitted to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development no later than August 1, 2001. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development must amend the boundaries of previously designated enterprise zones to create eligible satellite enterprise zones no later than September 1, 2001. Notwithstanding the time limitations contained in chapter 212, Florida Statutes, a business in a satellite enterprise zone desig-

nated under this section which was eligible to receive tax incentives pursuant to sections 212.08(5)(g) and (h) and 212.096, Florida Statutes, during the period beginning December 31, 1999, and ending on the date of the creation of the satellite enterprise zone must submit an application for the tax incentives by December 1, 2001. All other requirements of the enterprise zone program apply to such a business.

Section 9. Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, the governing body of an inland county with a state-designated enterprise zone and a population greater than 500,000 may apply to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to amend the boundaries of one noncontiguous area of an enterprise zone. The office shall approve the application as long as the amended area does not exceed 4 square miles and is consistent with the categories, criteria, and limitations imposed by section 290.0055, Florida Statutes, upon the establishment of such enterprise zone. The enterprise zone boundary-amendment application must be received before December 31, 2001.

Section 10. Subsection (12) is added to section 290.0065, Florida Statutes, to read:

290.0065 State designation of enterprise zones.—

(12) Before June 1, 2002, the governing body of a municipality that is located within a county having a population of less than 225,000 and in which an enterprise zone designated under subparagraph (3)(a)2. is located may apply to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to change the boundaries of the enterprise zone. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall approve the application if the boundary change does not increase the overall size of the enterprise zone and if any territory added to the enterprise zone as a result of the boundary change is contiguous to the remaining area of the existing enterprise zone.

Section 11. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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