

House Bill No. 353

An act relating to the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board, Pinellas County; amending part II of chapter 75-489, Laws of Florida, as amended; revising composition of the board; providing for severability; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Gulf Beach Communities have construction issues unique to those beach communities which warrant permanent representation on the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 12 of part II of chapter 75-489, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapters 78-594, 81-466, 86-444, 89-504, 93-387, and 2002-350, Laws of Florida, are amended to read:

PART II

Section 12. PINELLAS COUNTY CONSTRUCTION LICENSING BOARD: ORGANIZATION: MEETINGS AND POWERS.—

(1) The Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board is created within the county of Pinellas, consisting of ~~twenty-one (21)~~ twenty (20) members, two (2) of whom are primarily engaged in business as general contractors; two (2) of whom are primarily engaged in business as building contractors, two (2) of whom are primarily engaged in business as residential contractors, one (1) who is a Florida registered architect doing business in Pinellas County, one (1) who is an electrical contractor, one (1) who is a plumbing contractor, one (1) who is a mechanical contractor, one who is a roofing or sheet metal contractor, one (1) who is a swimming pool, aluminum or veneer specialty contractor, two (2) fire marshals, the three (3) building directors of the following: City of St. Petersburg, City of Clearwater and County of Pinellas, one (1) North county building director from one of the following municipalities: Tarpon Springs, Dunedin, Oldsmar, Safety Harbor, Belleair, ~~Belleair Beach, Belleair Bluffs, Belleair Shores, or Largo, Indian Shores, or Indian Rocks Beach,~~ one (1) South county building director from one of the following municipalities: South Pasadena, Gulfport, ~~St. Petersburg Beach, Treasure Island, Madeira Beach, Seminole, Kenneth City, Redington Beach, No. Redington Beach, Redington Shores,~~ or Pinellas Park, one (1) Beach Community building director from one of the following: the Town of Belleair Beach, the Town of Belleair Shores, the City of Redington Beach, the City of North Redington Beach, the City of Madeira Beach, the City of Indian Rocks Beach, the Town of Indian Shores, the Town of Redington Shores, the City of Treasure Island, and the City of St. Pete Beach, and one (1) consumer member who is a resident and citizen of Pinellas County and who is not and never has been a member or practitioner of any of the trades or professions regulated by the board or a member or practitioner of any closely related trade or profession. All members of the board shall be residents of Pinellas

County and appointed by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners.

(3) Members of the board shall be selected as follows:

The three (3) building directors of the City of Clearwater, City of St. Petersburg and the County of Pinellas; one (1) North county building director and one (1) South county building director selected by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners from the municipalities listed in subsection (1); one (1) Beach Community building director appointed from a list of three (3) nominees submitted by The Barrier Island Governmental Council; a Florida Registered Architect appointed from a list of three recommended architects submitted by the American Institute of Architects Florida Central Chapter, St. Petersburg and Clearwater Sections; two (2) of whom are primarily engaged in business as general contractors from a list of five (5) submitted by the Associated General Contractors of Mid-Florida, Inc.; two (2) of whom are primarily engaged in business as Building Contractors from a list of five (5) submitted by the Contractors and Builders Association of Pinellas County; two (2) of whom are primarily engaged in the business as residential building contractors from a list of five (5) submitted by the Contractors and Builders Association of Pinellas County; one (1) who is an electrical contractor from a list of five (5) supplied by the Electrical Council of Florida, Pinellas County Chapter; one (1) who is a Plumbing contractor from a list of five (5) supplied by the Pinellas Association of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors, Inc.; two (2) of whom are fire marshals, who shall be active members of the Tampa Bay Area Fire Marshals Association, from a list of five (5) supplied by said association, one (1) of whom shall serve an initial term of three (3) years, the other to serve an initial term of two (2) years, with successors to serve for a term of two (2) years thereafter; one (1) who is a mechanical or Class A air conditioning contractor from a list of five (5), supplied by the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Contractors' Association ("RACCA"); one (1) roofing or sheet metal contractor and one (1) swimming pool, aluminum or veneer specialty contractor selected by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners; one consumer member to be appointed by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with paragraph 2(a). The building director members from the City of Clearwater, from the City of St. Petersburg and Pinellas County, shall be permanent members of the board. All other members shall serve terms of two (2) years. The following members shall commence their terms in even-numbered years: the Florida registered architect, one (1) general contractor, one (1) building contractor or, one (1) residential building contractor, one (1) electrical contractor, one (1) fire marshal, the North county, and South county, and Beach Community building directors. The following members shall commence their terms in odd-numbered years: one (1) general contractor, one (1) building contractor, one (1) residential building contractor, one (1) mechanical contractor, one (1) plumbing contractor, one (1) fire marshal, one (1) roofing or sheet metal contractor, one (1) swimming pool, aluminum or veneer specialty contractor, and one (1) consumer member. As the terms of members expire, the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy for a term of two (2) years in the same manner as that membership was originally filled ~~filed~~. The architect, contractor, electrical, plumbing and

mechanical members shall be selected from the county at large. The board shall elect one of its members to serve as chairman and one of its members to serve as vice-chairman, for a term to be set by the board. All terms of office expire on September 30 of the last year of the term. Vacancies in the membership occurring prior to the end of a member's term for any cause shall be filled by appointment in the same manner as that membership was originally filled.

Section 2. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this act is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not be construed to render the remaining provisions of this act invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor July 16, 2003.

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