

House Bill No. 925

An act relating to the Pinellas County Tourist Development Council, Pinellas County; amending chapter 2001-307, Laws of Florida; revising the membership of the council; providing the effective date for such changes in council membership; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 1 of chapter 2001-307, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 1. Pinellas County Tourist Development Council; composition.— Notwithstanding the provisions of section 125.0104(4)(e), Florida Statutes, the Pinellas County Tourist Development Council as established by Pinellas County ordinance pursuant to section 125.0104, Florida Statutes, the “Local Option Tourist Development Act,” shall be composed of 12 ~~11~~ members who shall be appointed by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners. The chair of the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners or any other member as designated by the chair shall serve on the council. Four ~~Three~~ members of the council shall be elected municipal officials, one of whom shall be from the most populous municipality in Pinellas County, one of whom shall be from the municipality in which the greatest percentage of tourist development tax revenue is generated in Pinellas County, and at least one of whom shall be from among the cities of Belleair Beach, Belleair Shore, Indian Rocks Beach, Indian Shores, Madeira Beach, North Redington Beach, Redington Beach, Redington Shores, St. Pete Beach, and Treasure Island, and one of whom shall be from a city in Pinellas County that is not specifically named in this section. Seven members of the council shall be persons who are involved in the tourist industry and who have demonstrated an interest in tourist development, of which members, not less than three nor more than four shall be owners or operators of motels, hotels, recreational vehicle parks, or other tourist accommodations in the county and subject to the tax. All members of the council shall be electors of the county. The changes in the composition of the membership of the Pinellas County Tourist Development Council mandated by this act are effective October 1, 2006 ~~2001~~, and shall not cause the interruption of the current term of any person who is a member of the Pinellas County Tourist Development Council on October 1, 2006 ~~2001~~. Except as specifically provided herein, the provisions of section 125.0104(4)(e), Florida Statutes, shall apply to the Pinellas County Tourist Development Council.

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

Approved by the Governor June 6, 2006.

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