

House Bill No. 931

An act relating to the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority, Pinellas County; amending chapter 2000-424, Laws of Florida; providing for additional members of the authority's governing body; providing for appointment of additional members; providing for staggering of initial terms of additional members; providing severability; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 3 of section 2 of chapter 2000-424, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 3. Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority; status and governing body.—

(2)(a) The governing body of the authority shall consist of 15 ~~11~~ members, serving and selected as provided in this paragraph.

1. One member shall be appointed by the City Council ~~Commission~~ of the City of Clearwater from its membership.

2. One member shall be appointed by the City Commission of the City of Dunedin from its membership.

3. One member shall be appointed by the City Commission of the City of Largo from its membership.

4. One member shall be appointed by the City Council of the City of Pinellas Park from its membership.

5. Two members ~~One member~~ shall be appointed by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg from its membership.

6. One member shall be appointed by the combined municipal governing bodies of the Cities of Oldsmar, Safety Harbor, and Tarpon Springs from their membership.

7. One member shall be appointed by the combined municipal governing bodies of the Cities of Belleair, Belleair Bluffs, Gulfport, Kenneth City, Seminole, and South Pasadena from their membership.

8. One member shall be appointed by the combined municipal governing bodies of the Cities of Belleair Beach, Belleair Shores, Indian Rocks Beach, Indian Shores, Madeira Beach, North Redington Beach, Redington Beach, Redington Shores, St. Pete ~~Petersburg~~ Beach, and Treasure Island from their membership.

9. Four members ~~One member~~ shall be appointed by the Pinellas County Commission from its membership.

10. One member shall be appointed by the Pinellas County Commission, and this member may not be an elected official.

11. One member shall be appointed by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, and this member may not be an elected official.

After the expiration of each term of each member of the governing body of the authority, that member's successor shall be chosen by the same appointing authority as the member and must possess the same qualifications. Each term of office shall be 3 years, and a member may not serve more than 3 consecutive terms as a member of the governing body of the authority.

(b) Each appointed member shall hold office until his or her successor has been appointed and qualified. A vacancy occurring during a term shall be filled only for the balance of the unexpired term. A selection to fill a vacancy or select a successor shall be made within 60 days after the occurrence of the vacancy or before expiration of the term, whichever is applicable. If any selection is not made as provided in this subsection, the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County shall appoint an eligible person to the authority with like effect as if the selection were made by a municipality or group of municipalities. Any member of the authority is eligible for reappointment, except that the member may not serve more than 3 consecutive terms.

Section 2. The additional member to be appointed by the City of St. Petersburg shall be appointed for the initial term of 3 years. One of the additional members to be appointed by the Pinellas County Commission shall serve an initial term of 3 years, another additional member to be appointed by the Pinellas County Commission shall serve an initial term of 2 years, and the third additional member to be appointed by the Pinellas County Commission from its membership shall serve an initial term of 1 year.

Section 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared severable.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 6, 2006.

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