

## Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1095

An act relating to the Broward County Tourist Development Council; providing legislative findings; providing for appointment of additional members to the membership of the Broward County Tourist Development Council; specifying requirements for the council members; providing for duties, responsibilities, and procedures of the council; providing for superseding certain provisions of general law; providing construction; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Legislative findings.—The Legislature finds that, in 1980, Broward County first levied its tourist development tax and created the Broward County Tourist Development Council as authorized in s. 125.0104, Florida Statutes. The Legislature also finds that the population of Broward County has grown from just over 1 million persons in 1980 to almost 1.8 million today, and with over 30 percent of the present population being of foreign birth as opposed to 11 percent in 1980. Furthermore, since 1980, Broward County has experienced tremendous growth in its tourism industry and tourist sector economy, including attracting over 10.6 million visitors to the county in 2007 and generating in excess of \$8.8 billion dollars in economic activity. Given Broward County's exceptional growth in population, its diversity, its tourism industry, and the tangible economic benefits produced for both the county and the state, the Legislature declares it to be appropriate to authorize the governing board of Broward County to expand the membership of its tourist development council from nine to 11 members.

Section 2. Broward Tourist Development Council.—

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 125.0104(4)(e), Florida Statutes, limiting the composition of a tourist development council to nine members, the governing board of Broward County shall increase the composition of the Broward County Tourist Development Council from nine to 11 members. The county's governing board shall amend its current ordinance within 60 days after the effective date of this act to reflect the increased number of council members and must appoint the two additional members no later than October 1, 2009. Consistent with s. 125.0104(4)(e), Florida Statutes, in appointing the two additional members authorized in this section, the governing board shall endeavor to appoint one minority person involved in the tourist industry who has demonstrated an interest in tourist development and appoint one person from an area with a multipurpose county regional park capable of hosting local, national, and international sports championship events. In appointing future members of the tourist development council, the governing board of Broward County may consider and balance its appointments to reflect the diverse demographic and geographic representation within the county. For purposes of considering geographic representation, the governing board may take into account the location of tourist venues and attractions, location of accommodation facilities, county areas consistently attracting a greater number of visitors or generating the

greater share of economic activity including tourist development taxes, potential tourism growth areas within the county, planned locations for new tourist venues, attractions and accommodation facilities, traditionally underserved areas that may benefit from increased tourist development activities within such areas, and other factors as the governing board of Broward County may specify by ordinance.

(2) Except as provided in this section, the Broward County Tourist Development Council shall have all the duties and responsibilities as provided for tourist development councils by general law.

Section 3. Nothing in this act shall be construed to affect the terms of those members serving on the Broward County Tourist Development Council on the effective date of this act or any actions taken by the council prior to the appointment of any additional members authorized in section 2. This act supersedes the provisions of s. 125.0104, Florida Statutes, to the extent of any conflict.

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

Approved by the Governor June 16, 2009.

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