

CHAPTER 2013-258

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1007

An act relating to the Lee County Tourist Development Council, Lee County; revising membership of the council; providing an exception to general law; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Lee County Tourist Development Council; composition.— Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 125.0104(4)(e), Florida Statutes, the Lee County Tourist Development Council as established by Lee County ordinance pursuant to s. 125.0104, Florida Statutes, shall be composed of nine members who shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County. The chair of the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County or another member as designated by the chair shall serve on the council. Two members of the council shall be elected municipal officials, one of whom shall be from one of the two municipalities that generated the highest revenues from the tourist tax in the previous 2 fiscal years and these two municipalities shall rotate membership every 2 years. The second elected municipal official shall be from one of the remaining municipalities and the second municipal seat shall also rotate every 2 years. Elected municipal officials appointed to those two seats on the council shall serve for terms of 2 years. Six members of the council shall be persons who are involved in the tourist industry and 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 Lee County Tourist Development Council mandated by this act are effective July 1, 2013. The changes in composition of the membership of the Lee County Tourist Development Council mandated by the act shall not cause the interruption of the current term of any person who is a member of the Lee County Tourist Development Council, except the two municipal members appointed on July 1, 2013. Except as specifically provided herein, the provisions of s. 125.0104(4)(e), Florida Statutes, shall apply to the Lee County Tourist Development Council.

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

Approved by the Governor June 28, 2013.

Filed in Office Secretary of State June 28, 2013.