

CHAPTER 2017-56

House Bill No. 299

An act relating to the Central Florida Expressway Authority; amending s. 348.753, F.S.; increasing the membership of the governing board of the authority to include a member appointed by the chair of the Brevard County Commission; authorizing the Governor to appoint a citizen member from Brevard County; conforming quorum and voting requirements; amending s. 348.754, F.S.; adding the area within the geographical boundary of Brevard County to the area to be served by the authority; authorizing the authority to exercise certain powers outside the jurisdictional boundaries of Brevard County; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (3) and paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 348.753, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

348.753 Central Florida Expressway Authority.—

(3) The governing body of the authority shall consist of ten ~~nine~~ members. The chairs of the boards of the county commissions of Seminole, Lake, Brevard, and Osceola Counties shall each appoint one member from his or her respective county, who must be a commission member or chair or the county mayor. The Mayor of Orange County shall appoint a member from the Orange County Commission. Subject to confirmation by the Senate during the next regular session of the Legislature, the Governor shall appoint three citizen members, each of whom must be a resident of either Orange County, Seminole County, Lake County, Brevard County, or Osceola County. Refusal or failure of the Senate to confirm an appointment shall create a vacancy. The Mayor of Orange County and the Mayor of the City of Orlando shall also serve as members. The executive director of the Florida Turnpike Enterprise shall serve as a nonvoting advisor to the governing body of the authority. Each member appointed by the Governor shall serve for 4 years, with his or her term ending on December 31 of his or her last year of service. Each county-appointed member shall serve for 2 years. Each appointed member shall hold office until his or her successor has been appointed and has qualified. A vacancy occurring during a term must be filled only for the balance of the unexpired term. Each appointed member of the authority must be a person of outstanding reputation for integrity, responsibility, and business ability, but, except as provided in this subsection, a person who is an officer or employee of a municipality or county may not be an appointed member of the authority. Any member of the authority is eligible for reappointment.

(4)(a) The authority shall elect one of its members as the chair of the authority, one of its members as vice chair, and one of its members as treasurer. The chair, vice chair, and treasurer shall hold such offices at the

will of the authority. ~~Six~~ Five members of the authority constitute a quorum, and the vote of ~~six~~ five members is required for any action taken by the authority. A vacancy in the authority does not impair the right of a quorum of the authority to exercise all of the rights and perform all of the duties of the authority.

Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and paragraph (n) of subsection (2) of section 348.754, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

348.754 Purposes and powers.—

(1)(a) The authority created and established under this part is granted and has the right to acquire, hold, construct, improve, maintain, operate, own, and lease in the capacity of lessor the Central Florida Expressway System, hereinafter referred to as “system.” Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, including paragraph (2)(n), the area served by the authority shall be within the geographical boundaries of Orange, Seminole, Lake, Brevard, and Osceola Counties.

(2) The authority may exercise all powers necessary, appurtenant, convenient, or incidental to the implementation of the stated purposes, including, but not limited to, the following rights and powers:

(n) With the consent of the county within whose jurisdiction the following activities occur, the authority shall have the right to construct, operate, and maintain roads, bridges, avenues of access, transportation facilities, thoroughfares, and boulevards outside the jurisdictional boundaries of Orange, Seminole, Lake, Brevard, and Osceola Counties, together with the right to construct, repair, replace, operate, install, and maintain electronic toll payment systems thereon.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

Approved by the Governor June 2, 2017.

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