

CHAPTER 2019-177

Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1067

An act relating to the Pensacola-Escambia Promotion and Development Commission, Escambia County; amending ch. 67-1365, Laws of Florida, as amended; revising the short title; revising definitions; providing for a change in the membership structure of the Pensacola-Escambia Promotion and Development Commission; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Sections 1 through 6 of chapter 67-1365, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapters 89-481, 89-443, and 86-449, Laws of Florida, are amended to read:

Section 1. Short Title. This act may be cited as the “Pensacola-Escambia County Promotion and Development Commission Act.”

Section 2. Definitions. When used in this act the following words and terms, unless a different meaning appears clearly from the context, shall have the following meanings:

(1) “Commission” shall mean the Pensacola-Escambia Promotion and Development Commission created by this act.

(2) “Promotion” shall be deemed to mean the promotion of the advantages of Escambia County and all municipalities therein, (including that portion of Santa Rosa Island under the jurisdiction of the Santa Rosa Island Authority or its successor), and the promotion and development of industrial, ~~tourist~~, and commercial attributes and facilities of said area including the promotion of conventions, convention facilities and visitors to said area and also encompassing the dissemination of information with reference to the foregoing through the media of advertising, personal contact and such other activities as are deemed customary to the sound development and promotion of an area.

(3) “Appointing Authority” shall be deemed to mean that body whose duty it is to appoint specific members of the Commission.

(4) “Development” shall be deemed to mean the improvement of the County of Escambia and all municipalities therein (including that portion of Santa Rosa Island under the jurisdiction of the Santa Rosa Island Authority) or its successor through economic development, job creation, workforce development ~~the increase of employment opportunities~~, enhancement of the economic environment, expansion of the tax base, enticement of industry and other business to the area, and acquisition, lease and construction of facilities for such purposes within the subject area.

Section 3. For the purpose of performing such acts as shall be necessary for the sound Promotion and Development (as those terms have heretofore been defined) of Escambia County, there is created a body corporate and politic to be known as the Pensacola-Escambia County Promotion and Development Commission, which shall be deemed to be a public corporation by that name, and which body may contract and be contracted with and sue and be sued in all courts of law and equity.

Section 4. The Commission shall be composed of nine (9) members each of whom shall be either the owner of a real property interest located in Escambia County, a freeholder and a resident qualified elector of Escambia County, or the owner or shareholder of a business located in Escambia County. The Commission shall consist of the following:

(1) Two ~~(2)~~ members shall be Commissioners of Escambia County who shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County.

~~(2) Two (2) members shall be Councilmen of the City of Pensacola City Council members who shall be appointed by the Pensacola City Council of the City of Pensacola.~~

~~(3) One (1) member shall be either a member of the Century Town Council or the Mayor of the Town of Century and who shall be appointed by the Century Town to serve on the Commission by the Council of the Town of Century. One member shall be the president of the Pensacola Area Chamber of Commerce. One member, to be appointed by the president of the Pensacola Area Chamber of Commerce, shall be the chairman of the Committee of 100 or the chairman of the Tourist Advisory Council. One member at large shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County.~~

~~(4) Two (2) members at large, one member at large of which shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County and one of which shall be appointed by the Pensacola City Council of the City of Pensacola.~~

~~(5) Two (2) members shall be recognized leaders appointed by Florida-West Economic Development Alliance (or its successor as recognized by the Commission).~~

~~(2)The term of office of each of the members, excepting those holding specific offices, shall be for a period term of two (2) 2 years, which shall be staggered such that the appointments of three (3) Commission members occur each; except initial appointments for one member of the Board of County Commissioners and one member of the Pensacola City Council shall be for 1 year.~~

Section 5. The Commission shall elect ~~from its membership at its organizational meeting, and annually thereafter,~~ a Chair Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 6. Quorum; transaction of business. Any five (5) members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Commission. No business shall be transacted except at regularly and specially called meetings and when duly recorded in the Minutes thereof. Each Commissioner is expected to attend the Commission meetings.

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

Approved by the Governor May 23, 2019.

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