

CHAPTER 2026-205

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 4047

An act relating to Lee County Tourist Development Council, Lee County; amending chapter 2013-258, Laws of Florida; revising the composition of the Lee County Tourist Development Council; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 1 of chapter 2013-258, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

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 eleven ~~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. Three ~~Two~~ members of the council shall be elected municipal officials. The first municipal official shall be from the most populous municipality. The second municipal official, one of whom shall be from one of the municipality two municipalities that generated the highest revenues from the tourist tax in the most recent fiscal year. If the municipality that generated the highest revenues from the tourist tax in the most recent fiscal year is also the most populous municipality, then the second municipal official shall be from the municipality that generated the second highest revenues from the tourist tax in the most recent fiscal year ~~previous 2 fiscal years and these two municipalities shall rotate membership every 2 years. The third second-elected municipal official shall be from the other one of the remaining municipalities and shall serve a term of one year~~ 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. Seven ~~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 five ~~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, 2026 ~~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 upon the effective date of this act ~~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 8, 2026.

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