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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Century Commission for a  
3           Sustainable Florida; amending s. 163.3247, F.S.;  
4           revising provisions relating to the Century Commission  
5           for a Sustainable Florida; revising the findings and  
6           intent to include the necessity for a specific  
7           strategic plan addressing the state's growth  
8           management system; revising the planning timeframes to  
9           include a 10-year horizon; revising membership of the  
10          commission; deleting obsolete provisions regarding  
11          initial appointments; providing for the election of a  
12          chair and excluding certain members from serving as  
13          chair during a specified period; requiring that the  
14          commission meet at least six times per fiscal year;  
15          deleting a provision that requires the commission to  
16          meet in different regions in the state; requiring that  
17          the executive director establish a meeting calendar  
18          with the commission's approval; authorizing the  
19          commission to form subcommittees by vote; providing  
20          for a majority vote of members on commission actions;  
21          providing for reimbursement for per diem and travel  
22          expenses; revising provisions relating to the  
23          commission's powers and duties; requiring that the  
24          commission, in cooperation with interested state  
25          agencies, local governments, and nongovernmental  
26          stakeholders, develop a strategic plan and submit the  
27          plan to the Governor and the Legislature by a  
28          specified date; requiring that the commission also  
29          submit progress reports by specified dates; requiring

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30 that the commission make presentations to the Governor  
31 and the Legislature; providing that an executive  
32 director be appointed by the Secretary of Community  
33 Affairs and ratified by the commission; requiring that  
34 the Department of Community Affairs provide a specific  
35 line item in its annual legislative budget request to  
36 fund the commission during a specified period;  
37 authorizing the department to obtain additional  
38 funding through external grants; requiring that the  
39 department provide sufficient funding and staff  
40 support to assist the commission in its duties;  
41 providing for future expiration and the abolishment of  
42 the commission; providing an effective date.

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

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46 Section 1. Section 163.3247, Florida Statutes, as amended  
47 by section 42 of chapter 2010-153, Laws of Florida, is amended,  
48 and subsection (6) is added to that section, to read:

49 163.3247 Century Commission for a Sustainable Florida.—

50 (1) POPULAR NAME.—This section may be cited as the "Century  
51 Commission for a Sustainable Florida Act."

52 (2) FINDINGS AND INTENT.—The Legislature finds and declares  
53 that the population of this state is expected to more than  
54 double over the next 100 years, with commensurate impacts to the  
55 state's natural resources and public infrastructure.

56 Consequently, it is in the best interests of the people of the  
57 state to ensure sound planning for the proper placement of this  
58 growth and protection of the state's land, water, and other

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59 natural resources since such resources are essential to our  
 60 collective quality of life and a strong economy. The state's  
 61 growth management system should foster economic stability  
 62 through regional solutions and strategies, urban renewal and  
 63 infill, and the continued viability of agricultural economies,  
 64 while allowing for rural economic development and protecting the  
 65 unique characteristics of rural areas, and should reduce the  
 66 complexity of the regulatory process while carrying out the  
 67 intent of the laws and encouraging greater citizen  
 68 participation. The Legislature further finds that it is  
 69 imperative that the state have a specific strategic plan  
 70 addressing its growth management system.

71 (3) CENTURY COMMISSION FOR A SUSTAINABLE FLORIDA; CREATION;  
 72 ORGANIZATION.—The Century Commission for a Sustainable Florida  
 73 is created as a standing body to help the citizens of this state  
 74 envision and plan their collective future with an eye towards  
 75 10-year, both 25-year, and 50-year horizons.

76 (a) The commission shall consist of 18 ~~15~~ members appointed  
 77 as follows:

78 1. Two members ~~5~~ appointed by the Governor;

79 2. Five members ~~5~~ appointed by the President of the  
 80 Senate; and

81 3. Five members ~~5~~ appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
 82 Representatives;

83 4. The chairs of the legislative growth management  
 84 committees;

85 5. The Secretary of Community Affairs;

86 6. The Secretary of Environmental Protection;

87 7. The Secretary of Transportation; and

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88 8. The director of the Office of Tourism, Trade, and  
89 Economic Development.

90 ~~(b) Appointments shall be made no later than October 1,~~  
91 ~~2005. Members of the commission~~ The membership must represent  
92 local governments, school boards, developers and homebuilders,  
93 the business community, the agriculture community, the  
94 environmental community, and other appropriate stakeholders.  
95 Beginning July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013, one member shall  
96 be elected to serve as chair by a vote of the commission  
97 membership. However, the chairs of the legislative growth  
98 management committees, the Secretary of Community Affairs, the  
99 Secretary of Environmental Protection, the Secretary of  
100 Transportation, and the director of the Office of Tourism,  
101 Trade, and Economic Development may not serve as chair during  
102 this period ~~designated by the Governor as chair of the~~  
103 ~~commission.~~ Any vacancy that occurs on the commission must be  
104 filled in the same manner as the original appointment and shall  
105 be for the unexpired term of that commission seat. ~~Members shall~~  
106 ~~serve 4-year terms, except that, initially, to provide for~~  
107 ~~staggered terms, the Governor, the President of the Senate, and~~  
108 ~~the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint~~  
109 ~~one member to serve a 2-year term, two members to serve 3-year~~  
110 ~~terms, and two members to serve 4-year terms.~~ Members shall be  
111 appointed to serve ~~All subsequent appointments shall be for 4-~~  
112 ~~year terms. An appointee may not serve more than 6 years.~~  
113 However, members who are appointed on or before January 1, 2011,  
114 shall have their terms automatically extended to June 30, 2013,  
115 to ensure continuity during the development of the strategic  
116 plan.

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117        (c)~~(b)~~ The fiscal year of the commission begins July 1 each  
118 year and ends June 30 of the following year. ~~The first meeting~~  
119 ~~of The commission shall be held no later than December 1, 2005,~~  
120 ~~and shall meet at the call of the chair but not less frequently~~  
121 ~~than six three times per fiscal year in different regions of the~~  
122 ~~state to solicit input from the public or any other individuals~~  
123 ~~offering testimony relevant to the issues to be considered.~~ The  
124 executive director shall establish a meeting calendar for the  
125 fiscal year which considers the availability of members. The  
126 commission must vote to approve the meeting calendar before the  
127 beginning of the fiscal year. The commission may vote to form  
128 subcommittees and schedule meetings as necessary.

129        (d)~~(e)~~ Each member of the commission is entitled to one  
130 vote, and the actions of the commission are not binding unless  
131 taken by a majority ~~three-fifths~~ vote of the members present. A  
132 majority of the members is required to constitute a quorum, and  
133 the affirmative vote of a quorum is required for a binding vote.

134        (e)~~(d)~~ Members of the commission shall serve without  
135 compensation, but are ~~shall be~~ entitled to receive reimbursement  
136 for per diem and travel expenses as provided in ~~accordance with~~  
137 s. 112.061 while in the performance of their duties.

138        (4) POWERS AND DUTIES.—(a) ~~The commission shall:~~

139        ~~(a) Annually conduct a process through which the commission~~  
140 ~~envisions the future for the state and then develops and~~  
141 ~~recommends policies, plans, action steps, or strategies to~~  
142 ~~assist in achieving the vision.~~

143        ~~(b) Continuously review and consider statutory and~~  
144 ~~regulatory provisions, governmental processes, and societal and~~  
145 ~~economic trends in its inquiry of how state, regional, and local~~

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146 ~~governments and entities and citizens of this state can best~~  
147 ~~accommodate projected increased populations while maintaining~~  
148 ~~the natural, historical, cultural, and manmade life qualities~~  
149 ~~that best represent the state.~~

150 ~~(e)~~ bring together people representing varied interests to  
151 develop a shared image of the state and its developed and  
152 natural areas. The process should involve exploring the impact  
153 of the estimated population increase and other emerging trends  
154 and issues; creating a vision for the future; and developing a  
155 strategic action plan to achieve that vision using 10-year, 25-  
156 year, and 50-year intermediate planning timeframes. The plan  
157 must:

158 1. ~~(d)~~ Focus on essential state interests, defined as those  
159 interests that transcend local or regional boundaries and are  
160 most appropriately conserved, protected, and promoted at the  
161 state level;

162 2. Accommodate the projections for an increase in  
163 population while maintaining the state's natural, historical,  
164 cultural, and manmade life qualities; and

165 3. Be developed through a coordinated, integrated, and  
166 comprehensive effort across agencies, local governments, and  
167 nongovernmental stakeholders.

168 (b) The commission shall submit the strategic plan to the  
169 Governor and the Legislature by November 15, 2012, along with  
170 progress reports by November 15, 2011, and March 15, 2012. The  
171 commission shall also make presentations, at least annually, to  
172 the Governor and the Legislature.

173 ~~(e) Serve as an objective, nonpartisan repository of~~  
174 ~~exemplary community building ideas and as a source to recommend~~

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175 ~~strategies and practices to assist others in working~~  
176 ~~collaboratively to problem solve on issues relating to growth~~  
177 ~~management.~~

178 ~~(f) Annually, beginning January 16, 2007, and every year~~  
179 ~~thereafter on the same date, provide to the Governor, the~~  
180 ~~President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of~~  
181 ~~Representatives a written report containing specific~~  
182 ~~recommendations for addressing growth management in the state,~~  
183 ~~including executive and legislative recommendations. Further,~~  
184 ~~the report shall contain discussions regarding the need for~~  
185 ~~intergovernmental cooperation and the balancing of environmental~~  
186 ~~protection and future development and recommendations on issues,~~  
187 ~~including, but not limited to, recommendations regarding~~  
188 ~~dedicated sources of funding for sewer facilities, water supply~~  
189 ~~and quality, transportation facilities that are not adequately~~  
190 ~~addressed by the Strategic Intermodal System, and educational~~  
191 ~~infrastructure to support existing development and projected~~  
192 ~~population growth.~~

193 ~~(c)(g)~~ Beginning with the 2007 Regular Session of the  
194 Legislature, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
195 House of Representatives shall create a joint select committee,  
196 the task of which shall be to review the findings and  
197 recommendations of the Century Commission for a Sustainable  
198 Florida for potential action.

199 (5) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; STAFF AND OTHER ASSISTANCE.—

200 (a) ~~The Secretary of Community Affairs shall select An~~  
201 ~~executive director shall be appointed by the Secretary of~~  
202 ~~Community Affairs and ratified by the commission and of the~~  
203 ~~commission, and the executive director shall serve at the~~

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204 pleasure of ~~the secretary under the supervision and control of~~  
205 the commission under the direction of the chair.

206 (b) The Department of Community Affairs shall provide a  
207 specific line item in its annual legislative budget request to  
208 fund the commission for the period beginning July 1, 2011,  
209 through June 30, 2013. The department may obtain additional  
210 funding through external grants. The department shall provide  
211 sufficient funds and staff support for the purpose of assisting  
212 the commission in completing the strategic plan ~~staff and other~~  
213 ~~resources necessary to accomplish the goals of the commission~~  
214 ~~based upon recommendations of the Governor.~~

215 (c) All agencies under the control of the Governor are  
216 directed, and all other agencies are requested, to render  
217 assistance to, and cooperate with, the commission.

218 (6) EXPIRATION.—This section expires and the commission is  
219 abolished June 30, 2013.

220 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.