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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
BILL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT - LOCAL LEGISLATION**

BILL #: HB 517

RELATING TO: The Sarasota-Manatee Airport Authority

SPONSOR(S): Representative Brown

COMPANION BILL(S): None

ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:

- (1) COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
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I. SUMMARY:

This bill provides for runoff elections for authority members to be held at the time of general election, instead of at the second primary.

According to the attached Economic Impact Statement, this bill does not appear to have a significant fiscal impact.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

The Sarasota-Manatee Airport Authority (SMAA) is a governmental agency with jurisdiction in both Sarasota and Manatee Counties. SMAA was created by chapter 55-31263, Laws of Florida, and revised by chapter 91-358, Laws of Florida. The SMAA is listed on the 1996 Official List of Special Districts produced by the Department of Community Affairs as an independent district as defined by section 189.403, Florida Statutes. The purpose of the SMAA is to acquire, construct, improve, finance, operate and maintain airport facilities in Sarasota and Manatee Counties. The SMAA is governed by an eight-member elected board. Currently the board members are elected during the first primary election. Runoff elections, if needed, occur during the second primary.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill provides for runoff elections for authority members to be held at the time of the general election, instead of the second primary.

C. LAWS OF FLORIDA/FLORIDA STATUTES AFFECTED:

Chapter 91-358, Laws of Florida.

D. APPLICATION OF PRINCIPLES:

1. Less Government:

a. Does the bill create, increase or reduce, either directly or indirectly:

Not applicable.

(1) any authority to make rules or adjudicate disputes?

Not applicable.

(2) any new responsibilities, obligations or work for other governmental or private organizations or individuals?

Not applicable.

(3) any entitlement to a government service or benefit?

Not applicable.

b. If an agency or program is eliminated or reduced:

- (1) what responsibilities, costs and powers are passed on to another program, agency, level of government, or private entity?

Not applicable.

- (2) what is the cost of such responsibility at the new level/agency?

Not applicable.

- (3) how is the new agency accountable to the people governed?

Not applicable.

2. Lower Taxes:

- a. Does the bill increase anyone's taxes?

Not applicable.

- b. Does the bill require or authorize an increase in any fees?

Not applicable.

- c. Does the bill reduce total taxes, both rates and revenues?

Not applicable.

- d. Does the bill reduce total fees, both rates and revenues?

Not applicable.

- e. Does the bill authorize any fee or tax increase by any local government?

Not applicable.

3. Personal Responsibility:

- a. Does the bill reduce or eliminate an entitlement to government services or subsidy?

Not applicable.

- b. Do the beneficiaries of the legislation directly pay any portion of the cost of implementation and operation?

Not applicable.

4. Individual Freedom:

- a. Does the bill increase the allowable options of individuals or private organizations/associations to conduct their own affairs?

Not applicable.

- b. Does the bill prohibit, or create new government interference with, any presently lawful activity?

Not applicable.

5. Family Empowerment:

- a. If the bill purports to provide services to families or children:

Who evaluates the family's needs?

Not applicable.

- (1) Who makes the decisions?

Not applicable.

- (2) Are private alternatives permitted?

Not applicable.

- (3) Are families required to participate in a program?

Not applicable.

- (4) Are families penalized for not participating in a program?

Not applicable.

- b. Does the bill directly affect the legal rights and obligations between family members?

Not applicable.

- c. If the bill creates or changes a program providing services to families or children, in which of the following does the bill vest control of the program, either through direct participation or appointment authority:

(1) parents and guardians?

Not applicable.

(2) service providers?

Not applicable.

(3) government employees/agencies?

Not applicable.

E. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

Section 1: Provides for runoff elections for authority members to be held at the time of general election, instead of the second primary.

Section 2: Provides for an effective date of July 1, 1997.

III. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes ☒ No ☐

IF YES, WHEN? January 24, 1997

WHERE? Bradenton Herald, Manatee County, Florida and
Sarasota Herald-Tribune, Sarasota County, Florida

B. REFERENDUM(S) REQUIRED? Yes ☐ No ☒

IF YES, WHEN?

C. LOCAL BILL CERTIFICATION FILED? Yes, attached ☒ No ☐

D. ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FILED? Yes, attached ☒ No ☐

IV. COMMENTS:

The Executive Director of the SMAA states that this bill may eliminate the necessity of a second primary election, and its expense by providing that any runoff election of authority members be held at the time of the general election.

Under present law any runoff election of authority members must be held in the second primary. If there are no other state or local races necessitating a second primary, the authority must bear the entire expense of the election. The requested amendment would provide for authority runoff elections to be held at the time of the general election, when other state and local races are more likely to appear on the ballot.

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V. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

None.

VI. SIGNATURES:

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