Florida Senate - 1998

By Senator Brown-Waite

10-512-98 1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to regional planning councils; 3 amending s. 186.504, F.S.; prescribing 4 membership in the councils; providing an effective date. 5 6 7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 8 9 Section 1. Section 186.504, Florida Statutes, is 10 amended to read: 11 186.504 Regional planning councils; creation; 12 membership. --(1) A regional planning council shall be created in 13 14 each of the several comprehensive planning districts of the state. Only one agency shall exercise the responsibilities 15 granted herein within the geographic boundaries of any one 16 17 comprehensive planning district. 18 (2) Membership on the regional planning council shall 19 be as follows: 20 (a) Representatives appointed by each of the member 21 counties in the geographic area covered by the regional 22 planning council. 23 (a)(b) Representatives appointed by each of the from other member local general-purpose governments in the 24 25 geographic area covered by the regional planning council which 26 choose to be members. 27 (b)(c) Representatives appointed by the Governor from 28 the geographic area covered by the regional planning council. 29 (3) Not less than two-thirds of the representatives 30 serving as voting members on the governing bodies of such 31 regional planning councils shall be elected officials of local 1

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1 general-purpose governments chosen by the cities and counties 2 of the region, provided each local general-purpose government 3 that is a member county shall have at least one vote. The remaining one-third of the voting members on the governing 4 5 board shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to 6 confirmation by the Senate, and shall reside in the region. 7 No two appointees of the Governor shall have their places of 8 residence in the same county until each county within the region is represented by a Governor's appointee to the 9 10 governing board. Nothing contained in this section shall deny 11 to local governing bodies or the Governor the option of appointing either locally elected officials or lay citizens 12 13 provided at least two-thirds of the governing body of the regional planning council is composed of locally elected 14 officials. 15 (4) In addition to voting members appointed pursuant 16 17 to paragraph (2)(c), the Governor shall appoint the following 18 ex officio nonvoting members to each regional planning 19 council: 20 (a) A representative of the Department of 21 Transportation. 22 (b) A representative of the Department of 23 Environmental Protection. 24 (c) A representative of the Department of Commerce. 25 (c)(d) A representative of the appropriate water management district or districts. 26 27 28 The Governor may also appoint ex officio nonvoting members 29 representing appropriate metropolitan planning organizations 30 and regional water supply authorities. 31 2

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1	(5) Nothing contained in this act shall be construed
2	to mandate <u>county or</u> municipal government membership or
3	participation in a regional planning council. However, each
4	county shall be a member of the regional planning council
5	created within the comprehensive planning district
6	encompassing the county.
7	(6) The existing regional planning council in each of
8	the several comprehensive planning districts shall be
9	designated as the regional planning council specified under
10	subsections $(1)-(5)$, provided the council agrees to meet the
11	membership criteria specified therein and is a regional
12	planning council organized under either s. 163.01 or s. 163.02
13	or chapter 160.
14	Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
15	law.
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18	SENATE SUMMARY
19	Deletes the requirement that a county must be a member of
20	a regional planning council. Provides that representatives on such council may be appointed by a
21	local general-purpose government in the geographic area covered by a regional planning council which chooses to be a member of the council.
22	be a member of the council.
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