

**The Florida Senate**  
**PROFESSIONAL STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: Transportation Committee

BILL: CS/SB 1498

INTRODUCER: Transportation Committee and Senator Crist

SUBJECT: Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway Authority

DATE: March 27, 2007

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**I. Summary:**

The Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1498 (the bill) revises the membership of the Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway Authority (THCEA).

This bill substantially amends s. 348.52 of the Florida Statutes.

**II. Present Situation:**

The THCEA was established in 1963 under Part IV ch. 348, F.S., to build, operate, and maintain toll-financed expressways in Hillsborough County. The THCEA owns the Lee Roy Selmon Crosstown Expressway (including the elevated reversible lanes), currently the only expressway operated by the THCEA. The THCEA originally planned the neighboring Veterans Expressway which was transferred to, and is operated by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). A December 2006 report from the Florida Auditor General identified a number of critically needed improvements to the THCEA's management and financial controls.

The governing body of the THCEA consists of seven board members comprising:

- Four members appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate, each serving four-year terms;
- The mayor, or mayor's designee, of Hillsborough County's most populous city (Tampa);
- A member of the Hillsborough Board of County Commissioners appointed by that board; and
- The FDOT District Seven Secretary.

**III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

The bill revises the current membership of the THCEA board by ending the terms of the four members appointed by the Governor effective July 31, 2007, and authorizing the Governor to appoint new members or reappoint previous members. The bill maintains the four-year terms for the appointees; however, two of the new gubernatorial appointees are each limited to serving an initial two-year appointment in order to provide staggered representation on the THCEA's governing board.

**IV. Constitutional Issues:****A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

**B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:**

None.

**C. Trust Funds Restrictions:**

None.

**V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:****A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

**B. Private Sector Impact:**

None.

**C. Government Sector Impact:**

None.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

## **VIII. Summary of Amendments:**

None.

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