

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES LOCAL BILL STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 1635

Panama City-Bay County Airport and Industrial District

SPONSOR(S): Coley

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	REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1)	Military & Local Affairs Policy Committee	13 Y, 0 N	Rojas	Hoagland
2)	Economic Development & Community Affairs Policy Council	15 Y, 0 N	Rojas	Tinker
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SUMMARY ANALYSIS

This bill amends ch. 2005-311, L.O.F., relating to the Panama City-Bay County Airport and Industrial District, an independent special district, in Bay County.

The bill revises the board membership to add an additional two members. Effective July 1, 2010, the board will consist of seven persons, six of whom are citizens and residents of Bay County and one who is a citizen and resident of Walton County. The bill also revises the definitions section of ch. 2005-311, L.O.F., to reflect the inclusion of the City of Panama City Beach and Walton County.

HOUSE PRINCIPLES

Members are encouraged to evaluate proposed legislation in light of the following guiding principles of the House of Representatives

- Balance the state budget.
- Create a legal and regulatory environment that fosters economic growth and job creation.
- Lower the tax burden on families and businesses.
- Reverse or restrain the growth of government.
- Promote public safety.
- Promote educational accountability, excellence, and choice.
- Foster respect for the family and for innocent human life.
- Protect Florida's natural beauty.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Current Situation

This bill amends ch. 2005-311, L.O.F., relating to the Panama City-Bay County Airport and Industrial District, an independent special district, in Bay County. The District was created in 1967, by ch. 67-1099, L.O.F., for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, financing, operating and maintaining airport projects and any other development of land owned or leased by the District and necessary to the economic welfare of the inhabitants of the District and which promote the economic, commercial and industrial development of the District.

The District boundaries are coterminous with the legal boundaries of Bay County. The District cannot lease, own, or acquire any real estate except in Bay County without the permission of the county or city within whose jurisdiction such property is located. The District does not have taxing authority. The District's revenue sources are rates, fees, rentals and other charges for the use of or for the services of any District facilities.

Chapter 2005-311, L.O.F., currently provides that the board consist of five persons who are citizens and residents of Bay County. Two of the five members are to be appointed by the City Commission of the City of Panama City, and these seats are designated as seats 1 and 2. Another two of the five members are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Bay County, and these seats are designated as seats 3 and 4. The four appointed members select the fifth member, whose seat is designated as seat 5. Board members serve staggered 4-year terms and are limited to serving two terms on the board.

Effect of the Bill

The bill revises the board membership to add an additional two members. Effective July 1, 2010, the board will consist of seven persons, six of whom are citizens and residents of Bay County and one who is a citizen and resident of Walton County.

Initially, seat 6 shall be appointed by the City Council of Panama City Beach for a term beginning on July 1, 2010. Initially, seat 7 shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County for a term beginning on July 1, 2010. After the initial appointments expire, board members appointment to these additional seats will serve staggered 4-year terms and are limited to serving two terms on the board. Additionally the bill increases the number of members of the board, from three to four, needed to constitute a quorum.

The bill also revises the definitions section of ch. 2005-311, L.O.F., to reflect the inclusion of the City of Panama City Beach in the definition of a city and Walton County as the definition of a county.

B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1. Revises the District board membership to add an additional two members.

Section 2. Provides an effective date.

II. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes No

IF YES, WHEN? March 5, 2010

WHERE? The News Herald in Bay County; Northwest Florida Daily News in Walton County

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

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

None

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None

IV. AMENDMENTS/COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES