

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES LOCAL BILL STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 353 Pinellas County Construction Licensing
SPONSOR(S): Carassas
TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:**

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) <u>Local Affairs (Sub)</u>	<u>9 Y, 0 N</u>	<u>Grayson</u>	<u>Highsmith-Smith</u>
2) <u>Local Government & Veterans' Affairs</u>	<u>18 Y, 0 N w/CS</u>	<u>Grayson</u>	<u>Highsmith-Smith</u>
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5) _____	_____	_____	_____

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

This bill increases the number of members of the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board by adding a member to collectively represent the beach community interests. The number of total members increased from 20 to 21.

This bill does not appear to have any impacts on either state or local budgets according to the Economic Impact Statement.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. DOES THE BILL:

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| 1. Reduce government? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Lower taxes? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Expand individual freedom? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Increase personal responsibility? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Empower families? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

1. This bill adds an additional member to the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board to specifically represent the beach communities collectively.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

See Summary page.

Background

The Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board currently consists of representatives from the licensed community as well as lay individuals. The purpose of the Board is to assist in the regulation, certification and licensing of construction contractors and practitioners within Pinellas County. Board members are appointed by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with the provisions of the Act, except that the building director members from the City of Clearwater, the City of St. Petersburg, and Pinellas County are permanent members.

The current representation established by special acts does not always include a member from a beach community. For instance, one member must be selected from several areas that includes, but is not limited to, Bellair Beach, Largo, Indian Shores, Indian Rocks Beach, Safety Harbor or Pinellas Park.

This bill ensures permanent representation on the board by a representative of beach communities appointed from a list of three nominees submitted by The Barrier Island Governmental Council.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1. Amends part II, ss. (1) & (3), ch. 75-489, L.O.F., to change the number and composition of members of the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board.

Section 2. Provides for severability.

Section 3. Provides an effective date.

II. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes No

IF YES, WHEN?

February 7, 2003

WHERE?

Tampa Bay Review, published weekly in Pinellas 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

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

There do not appear to be any constitutional issues.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY: Not applicable.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

There do not appear to be any technical drafting issues.

IV. AMENDMENT/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

The Committee on Local Government & Veterans' Affairs, at its meeting on 3/13/03, adopted one amendment correcting the name of the "City of St. Petersburg Beach" to "St. Pete Beach" on line 49. Thus, the Committee reported the bill out with a committee substitute.