

# SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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

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SPONSOR: For consideration by Transportation Committee

SUBJECT: Department of Transportation

DATE: February 18, 2005

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|    | ANALYST       | STAFF DIRECTOR | REFERENCE | ACTION             |
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## I. Summary:

This bill requires the Florida Department of Transportation district boundaries to be consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with the strategic planning regions established in Florida's strategic plan for economic development developed by Enterprise Florida.

This bill substantially amends section 20.23 of the Florida Statutes.

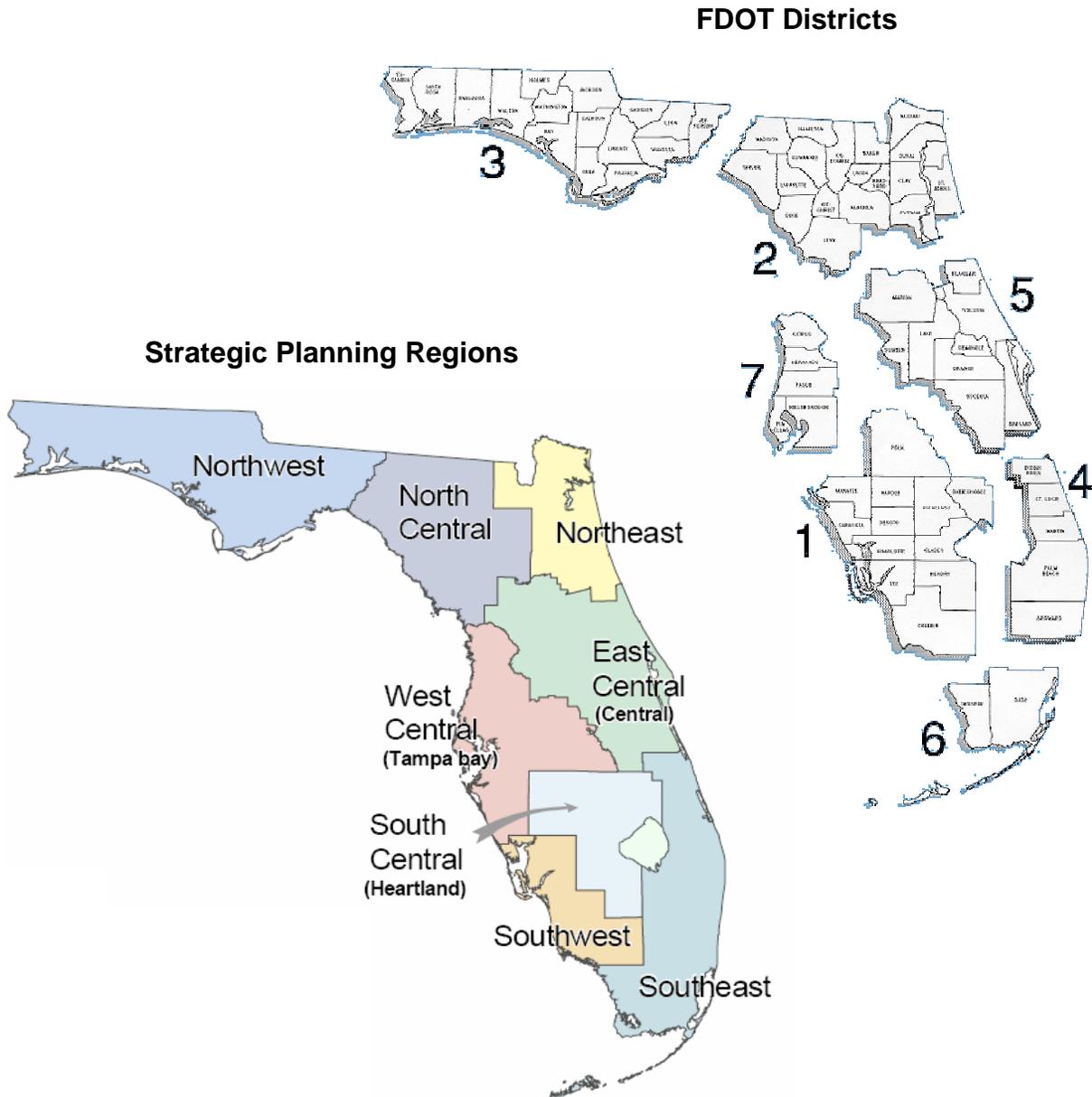
## II. Present Situation:

Section 20.23, F.S., provides the operations of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) shall be organized into seven districts plus the Turnpike Enterprise. The headquarters of the districts shall be located in Polk, Columbia, Washington, Broward, Volusia, Dade, and Hillsborough Counties. The section establishes operational functions for Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, and Lee Counties as the responsibility of the Ft. Myers Urban Office.

Section 288.905, F.S., requires Enterprise Florida, Inc. to develop a strategic plan for economic development for Florida. The plan is to be developed in conjunction with the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development, the Office of Urban Opportunities, and local and regional economic development partners.

According to Enterprise Florida, the strategic planning regions established in the strategic plan were developed over a number of years and represent a natural economic diversification of the state. In 2003, Enterprise Florida suggested FDOT use the strategic planning regions in their efforts. Similarly in 2003, the Florida Chamber Foundation's "New Cornerstone" report encouraged the use of the regions "as a basis for cross-agency planning and coordination" reflecting "a market-based, bottom-up approach to economic development." FDOT has used the

strategic planning regions as a framework for designating the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) and defining what constitutes interregional travel. The following are maps of the FDOT districts and the strategic planning regions found in Enterprise Florida’s strategic plan for economic development.



**III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

Section 20.23, F.S., is amended to require the FDOT district boundaries to be consistent, to the maximum extent possible, with the strategic planning regions established in Florida's strategic plan for economic development prepared by Enterprise Florida under s. 288.905, F.S. The realignment of the boundaries must be completed by June 30, 2006. The boundaries are to be reviewed every 10 years and adjusted as necessary taking into consideration the economic diversity of the state and its regions as it applies to industry and transportation needs. Language requiring districts headquarters to be located in specific counties is deleted as is language establishing the Ft. Myers Urban Office responsibility for specific counties operations. Obsolete agency organizational language is also deleted.

**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:**

Indeterminate.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.



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

None.

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This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.

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