

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to Pinellas County Construction
3 Licensing Board; amending Ch. 75-489, Laws of Florida,
4 as amended; revising composition of the board;
5 providing that staff shall be employees of the
6 Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners
7 compensated by the Board; providing that the Pinellas
8 County Construction Licensing Board shall be a
9 dependent agency of the Pinellas County Board of
10 County Commissioners; providing an effective date.

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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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15 Section 1. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 12 of part
16 II of chapter 75-489, Laws of Florida, as amended, are amended
17 to read:

18 PART II
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20 Section 12. Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board;
21 organization; meetings, and powers.-

22 (1) The Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board is
23 created, within the county of Pinellas, consisting of fifteen
24 (15) members, ~~twenty-one (21) members, two (2) of whom are~~
25 ~~primarily engaged in business as general contractors; two (2) of~~
26 ~~whom are primarily engaged in business as building contractors,~~
27 ~~two (2) of whom are primarily engaged in business as residential~~
28 ~~contractors, one (1) who is a remodeling contractor, one (1) who~~
29 ~~is a Florida registered architect doing business in Pinellas~~

30 ~~County, one (1) who is an electrical contractor, one (1) who is~~
31 ~~a plumbing contractor, one (1) who is a mechanical contractor,~~
32 ~~one (1) who is a roofing or sheet metal contractor, one (1) who~~
33 ~~is a swimming pool, aluminum or veneer specialty contractor, two~~
34 ~~(2) fire marshals, and the three (3) building Directors of the~~
35 ~~following: City of St. Petersburg, City of Clearwater and County~~
36 ~~of Pinellas, one (1) North county building director from one of~~
37 ~~the following municipalities: Tarpon Springs, Dunedin, Oldsmar,~~
38 ~~Safety Harbor, Belleair, Belleair Bluffs, or Largo, one (1)~~
39 ~~South county building director from one of the following~~
40 ~~municipalities: South Pasadena, Gulfport, Seminole, Kenneth~~
41 ~~City, or Pinellas Park, one (1) Beach Community building~~
42 ~~director from one of the following: the Town of Belleair Beach,~~
43 ~~the Town of Belleair Shores, the City of Redington Beach, the~~
44 ~~City of North Redington Beach, the City of Madeira Beach, the~~
45 ~~City of Indian Rocks Beach, the Town of Indian Shores, the Town~~
46 ~~of Redington Shores, the City of Treasure Island, and the City~~
47 ~~of St. Pete Beach, one (1) member from the consumer protection~~
48 ~~department, and one (1) consumer member who is a resident and~~
49 ~~citizen of Pinellas County and who is not and never has been a~~
50 ~~member or practitioner of any of the trades or professions~~
51 ~~regulated by the board or a member or practitioner of any~~
52 ~~elosely related trade or profession. one (1) of whom is~~
53 ~~primarily engaged in business as a licensed general contractor,~~
54 ~~one (1) of whom is primarily engaged in business as a registered~~
55 ~~architect, one (1) of whom is primarily engaged in business as a~~
56 ~~licensed residential building contractor, one (1) of whom is~~
57 ~~primarily engaged in business as an licensed electrical~~
58 ~~contractor, one (1) of whom is primarily engaged in business as~~

59 a licensed plumbing contractor, one (1) of whom is primarily
60 engaged in business as a licensed roofing contractor, one (1) of
61 whom is primarily engaged in business as a licensed sheet metal
62 contractor, one (1) of whom is primarily engaged in business as
63 a licensed swimming pool contractor, one (1) of whom is a fire
64 marshal, three (3) consumer representatives not affiliated with
65 the construction industry, three (3) building Directors of the
66 following: one (1) North county building Director from one of
67 the following municipalities: Clearwater, Tarpon Springs,
68 Dunedin, Oldsmar, Safety Harbor, Belleair, Belleair Bluffs, or
69 Largo, one (1) South county building Director from one of the
70 following municipalities: St. Petersburg, South Pasadena,
71 Gulfport, Seminole, Kenneth City, or Pinellas Park, one (1)
72 Beach Community building Director from one of the following: the
73 Town of Belleair Beach, the Town of Belleair Shores, the City of
74 Redington Beach, the City of North Redington Beach, the City of
75 Madeira Beach, the City of Indian Rocks Beach, the Town of
76 Indian Shores, the Town of Redington Shores, the City of
77 Treasure Island, and the City of St. Pete Beach. All members of
78 the board shall be residents of Pinellas County and appointed by
79 the Board of County Commissioners.

80 ~~(3) Members of the board shall be selected as follows:~~
81 ~~The three (3) building directors of the City of Clearwater, City~~
82 ~~of St. Petersburg and the County of Pinellas; one (1) North~~
83 ~~county building director and one (1) South County building~~
84 ~~director appointed selected by the Chairman of the Board of~~
85 ~~County Commissioners from the municipalities listed in~~
86 ~~subsection (1); one (1) Beach Community building director~~
87 ~~appointed from a list of three (3) nominees submitted by The~~

88 ~~Barrier Island Government Council; a Florida Registered~~
89 ~~Architect appointed from a list of three recommended architects~~
90 ~~submitted by the AIA Tampa Bay chapter of the American Institute~~
91 ~~of Architects Florida Central Chapter, St. Petersburg and~~
92 ~~Clearwater Sections; two (2) of whom are primarily engaged in~~
93 ~~the business as general contractors from a list of five (5)~~
94 ~~submitted by ABC, Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. The~~
95 ~~Association of General Contractors of Mid-Florida, Inc.; two (2)~~
96 ~~of whom are primarily engaged in the business as Building~~
97 ~~Contractors from a list of five (5) submitted by the Contractors~~
98 ~~and Builders Association of Pinellas County Tampa Bay Builders~~
99 ~~Association; two (2) of whom are primarily engaged in the~~
100 ~~business as residential building contractors from a list of five~~
101 ~~(5) submitted by the Tampa Bay Builders Association Contractors~~
102 ~~and Builders Association of Pinellas County; one (1) who is a~~
103 ~~licensed and registered contractor who is primarily engaged in~~
104 ~~the Remodeling Industry submitted by the National Association of~~
105 ~~the Remodeling Industry, Tampa Bay (NARI); one (1) who is an~~
106 ~~electrical contractor submitted from a list of five (5) supplied~~
107 ~~by the Electrical Council of Florida (ECF), Pinellas County~~
108 ~~Chapter; one (1) who is a Plumbing contractor submitted from a~~
109 ~~list of five (5) supplied by the Pinellas Association of~~
110 ~~Plumbing, Heating & Cooling Contractors, Inc.; two (2) of whom~~
111 ~~are fire marshals, who shall be active members of the Pinellas~~
112 ~~County Fire Chiefs' Tampa Bay Area Fire Marshals Association,~~
113 ~~submitted from a list of five (5) supplied nominated by said~~
114 ~~association, one of whom shall serve an initial term of three~~
115 ~~(3) years, with successors to serve for a term of two (2) years~~
116 ~~thereafter; one (1) who is a mechanical contractor or Class A~~

117 ~~air conditioning contractor submitted from a list of (5)~~
118 ~~supplied by the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Contractors'~~
119 ~~Association ("RACCA"); one (1) roofing or sheet metal contractor~~
120 ~~submitted by the West Coast Roofing Contractors Association, and~~
121 ~~one (1) swimming pool, aluminum or veneer specialty contractor~~
122 ~~submitted by the United Pool and Spa Association or Alliance of~~
123 ~~Florida Contractors appointed selected by the Chairman of the~~
124 ~~Board of County Commissioners; one (1) member from the consumer~~
125 ~~protection department selected by the county administrator; one~~
126 ~~consumer member to be appointed by the Chairman of the Board of~~
127 ~~County Commissioners in accordance with paragraph 2(a). The~~
128 ~~building director members from the City of Clearwater, from the~~
129 ~~City of St. Petersburg and Pinellas County, shall be permanent~~
130 ~~members of the board. All other members shall serve two (2)~~
131 ~~years. All board members shall serve no more than two (2)~~
132 ~~consecutive terms of two (2) years, but may be reappointed after~~
133 ~~a two (2) year hiatus. The following members shall commence~~
134 ~~their terms in even-numbered years: the Florida registered~~
135 ~~architect, one (1) general contractor, ~~one (1) building~~~~
136 ~~~~contractor or,~~ one (1) residential building contractor, one (1)~~
137 ~~electrical contractor, ~~one (1) fire marshal,~~ one (1) consumer~~
138 ~~member, the North county, South county, ~~the member from the~~~~
139 ~~~~consumer protection department,~~ and Beach Community building~~
140 ~~directors. The following members shall commence their terms in~~
141 ~~odd-numbered years: ~~one (1) general contractor, one (1) building~~~~
142 ~~~~contractor, one (1) residential building contractor, one (1)~~~~
143 ~~~~remodeling contractor, one (1) mechanical contractor,~~ one (1)~~
144 ~~plumbing contractor, one (1) fire marshal, one (1) roofing ~~or~~~~
145 ~~sheet metal contractor, one (1) swimming pool, one (1) sheet~~

146 ~~metal aluminum or veneer specialty contractor, and two (2) one~~
147 ~~(1) consumer members, member, and the South county building~~
148 ~~director. As the terms of members expire, the Chairman of the~~
149 Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County shall appoint a
150 member to fill the vacancy for a term of two (2) years ~~in the~~
151 ~~same manner as that membership was originally filed. The~~
152 ~~architect, contractor, electrical, plumbing and mechanical~~
153 ~~members shall be selected from the county at large. The board~~
154 shall elect one of its members to serve as chairman and one of
155 its members to serve as vice-chairman, for a term of no longer
156 than two (2) years ~~to be set by the board~~. All terms of office
157 expire on September 30 of the last year of the term. Vacancies
158 in the membership occurring prior to the end of a member's term
159 for any cause shall be filled by appointment in the same manner
160 as that membership was originally filled.

161 (4) The board may regulate local licensure and handle the
162 discipline of local contractors and is authorized to employ
163 personnel and incur expense as necessary to perform its duties
164 and enforce this section. Staff shall be employees of the Board
165 of County Commissioners, and the board is responsible for all
166 costs associated therewith. The board is a dependent agency of
167 the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County
168 Commissioners may adopt additional rules and regulations not
169 contained within this act.

170 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.