

House Bill No. 1137

An act relating to Hillsboro Inlet District, Broward County; amending chapter 99-433, Laws of Florida; decreasing the number of members on the board of commissioners; revising the qualifications for appointment to the board of commissioners; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 4 of chapter 99-433, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 4. Board of commissioners.—

(1) The governing body of the Hillsboro Inlet District shall consist of ~~eight~~ nine commissioners, who shall serve without compensation, except as provided for in section 11. One representative on the ~~governing body or~~ Board of Commissioners of the Hillsboro Inlet District shall be appointed by each of the ~~City Commissions Commissioners~~ or Town Councils of the following municipalities: the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida; the Town of Hillsboro Beach, Florida; the City of Pompano Beach, Florida; the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida; the City of Lighthouse Point, Florida; the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; and, the Village of Sea Ranch Lakes, Florida. The Board of County Commissioners, and two representatives shall be appointed by the County Commission of Broward County, Florida shall appoint one representative to the Board of Commissioners of the Hillsboro Inlet District. Each representative so appointed by the aforementioned governmental entities municipalities shall represent the respective governmental entity municipality making such appointment, and the representatives appointed by the county commission shall represent the unincorporated areas. The duties, functions, and responsibilities of the district shall continue as provided for herein in the event that any municipality represented hereby is dissolved, merged, or fails to appoint representatives to the district board. Said representatives appointed by the respective municipalities shall be qualified electors, residing in the municipality district from which they are appointed for more than six months prior to appointment. Effective October 1, 2007, any new representatives appointed to the district board shall also reside within the district boundaries, as described in section 3. Effective October 1, 2007, any new representative appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County shall be a qualified elector, shall reside within Broward County, and shall reside within the district's boundaries for more than 6 months prior to appointment. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, any representative on the district board as of October 1, 2006, shall be exempt from the requirement that the representative must reside within the district's boundaries.

(2) A majority of the quorum at a regular or special meeting shall be sufficient for any legal action to be taken by the governing body of the district. Said commissioners shall be known and designated as the “Board of Commissioners of the Hillsboro Inlet District.”

(3) All members currently qualified and holding office as commissioners shall continue in office until ~~their terms expire or as otherwise provided by law. The said commissioners shall hold office for a term of 5 years from the date of their respective appointments from the appointing municipality or until their successors are appointed and qualified. To the extent that any members of the board of commissioners are members at the time of the adoption of this act as appointees of the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County, such members shall continue as members until the expiration of their respective appointment.~~ No later than October 1, 2007, the board of county commissioners shall determine which of its appointees shall continue to serve as the county representative. The Governor of the State of Florida shall have the power to remove any member of said board of commissioners for cause and shall fill any vacancies that may at any time occur therein. Each member shall give bond to the Governor of the State of Florida for the faithful performance of his or her duties in the sum of \$10,000 with a surety company qualified to do business in the State of Florida, as surety, which bond shall be approved and kept by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Broward County, Florida. The premiums on said bonds shall be paid as part of the expenses of said district.

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

Approved by the Governor June 15, 2007.

Filed in Office Secretary of State June 15, 2007.