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CHAPTER 77-634

Senate Bill No. 634

AN ACT relating to Pinellas County; authorizing the School Board to establish and fund a program of meritorious service awards to employees whose proposed procedures and ideas are adopted and will result in reducing the School Board's expenditures or improving the School Board's operations; providing limitations therein; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. The School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, is hereby authorized to provide for recognition of employees who have contributed outstanding and meritorious service and adopt and implement a program of meritorious service awards to employees who propose procedures or ideas which are adopted and which will result in eliminating or reducing the School Board's expenditures or improving the School Board's operations; provided, however, that no award granted under the provisions of this section shall exceed \$1,000 per employee in any given year.

Section 2. The School Board shall adopt rules and regulations providing for the implementation of a meritorious service awards program and providing for appropriate funding of such meritorious service awards to its employees.

Section 3. This act shall take effect on becoming law.

Became a law without the Governor's approval.

Filed in Office Secretary of State June 29, 1977.

CHAPTER 77-635

House Bill No. 1671

AN ACT creating the Pinellas Sports Authority, for the planning, developing and maintaining of a comprehensive complex of sports and recreational facilities; providing for the method and manner of the appointment of and terms of its membership; providing for its powers, functions, privileges, duties and responsibilities; providing for the issuance by the authority of revenue bonds and refunding bonds to carry out the purposes of this act and for the rights and remedies of bondholders; providing for sources of revenues; authorizing municipalities and the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County to appropriate funds to the authority; authorizing the leasing or conveying of real or personal property to the authority

by the City of St. Petersburg or Pinellas County; providing for receipt of competitive bids; providing for employees of the authority to be subject to the provisions of civil service; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Pinellas Sports Authority. There is hereby created and established the Pinellas Sports Authority, hereinafter referred to as the authority, a public agency politic and corporate, for the purpose of determining the feasibility of developing a comprehensive complex of sports and recreation facilities for the use and enjoyment of the citizens of Pinellas County and for planning, construction, and operation of such facility. Such purpose is hereby deemed to be a public purpose.

Section 2. Membership and Organization.--

(a) The authority shall be composed of seven members; three appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, one appointed by the governing body of the City of St. Petersburg, one appointed by the governing body of the City of Clearwater, and two appointed by the Pinellas County delegation.

(b) Each member of the authority shall be at least 18 years of age, a resident of Pinellas County, and before entering upon his duties shall take and file with the clerk of the Circuit Court of Pinellas County, an oath to faithfully discharge the duties of his office.

(c) Except for the initial members, each member's term shall be for 4 years or until his successor shall be appointed and qualified.

(d) A majority of the members of the authority shall constitute a quorum. A vacancy in the authority shall not impair the rights of a quorum to exercise all the rights and perform all the duties of the authority.

(e) The authority shall elect one of its members as chairman, one as vice-chairman and one as secretary-treasurer. The secretary-treasurer of the authority, prior to entering upon his duties as such officer, or any other officer or employee designated by the authority shall execute a surety bond in an amount to be determined by the authority and conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of his office or employment, such bond to be signed by a surety company authorized to do business in Florida and to be approved by the authority and filed with the clerk of the circuit court of Pinellas County.

(f) A vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority for the unexpired term.

(g) The initial membership shall consist of:

1. Art Hemple, Bayfront Towers, St. Petersburg for a 4-year term;

(name and address)

2. Edward A. Turville, Atty. 112 6th St. N. St. Petersburg for a 4-year term;

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5. Earle W. Halstead, 6225 28 Terrace N., St. Petersburg for a 2-year term;
6. Cecil P. Englebert, 2041 Kimberly, Dunedin for a 2-year term; and
7. Gary Froid, 300 31 st North, St. Petersburg for a 1-year term.

Vacancies occurring in positions 1, 3 and 5 shall be filled by the Board of County Commissioners; in positions 2 and 4 by the legislative delegation; in position 6 by the governing body of the City of Clearwater; and in position 7 by the governing body of the City of St. Petersburg. The initial members shall organize, elect officers, and enter upon their duties within 30 days after this act becomes a law.

(h) The members shall receive no salary but shall be reimbursed for their expenses as provided in s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.

Section 3. Definitions. As used in this act, the following words and terms shall have the following meanings unless some other meaning is plainly intended:

- (a) The word "city" means such municipality in Pinellas County.
- (b) The word "county" means Pinellas County.
- (c) The word "authority" means the Pinellas Sports Authority.

(d) The term "sports and recreational facilities" means and includes facilities for any and all types of sports and recreational pursuits, including but not limited to baseball games, football games, track and field meets, swimming, tennis, and diving meets, and any and all other sports, games, events, or exhibitions, which add to the recreational enrichment of the community.

(e) The word "cost" as applied to any sports and recreational facility means and includes the cost of acquisition or construction, the cost of labor, materials and equipment, the cost of all lands, property rights, easements and franchises required, financing charges, interest and debt service prior to and during construction, cost of plans and specifications, services and estimates of costs and of revenues, cost of engineering and legal services, all expenses necessary or incident to determining the feasibility or practicability of such acquisitions or constructions, administrative expenses and such other expenses as may be necessary or incident to the acquisition or construction or the financing herein authorized.

Section 4. General Powers. The authority is authorized:

- (a) To sue and be sued without immunity from civil suit which is hereby removed or waived.
- (b) To adopt bylaws for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business.
- (c) To adopt and alter an official seal.

(d) To purchase or otherwise acquire, construct, reconstruct, improve, extend, enlarge, relocate, equip, repair, maintain and operate any stadium, swimming pool and other sports and recreational facilities.

(e) To make a comprehensive, long range master plan for the overall orderly development of a sports complex, and to develop detailed plans for specific facilities within the aforesaid master plan in close coordination with the Pinellas County Planning Council and to obtain necessary feasibility and other reports and studies by and through the Pinellas County Planning Council or private consultants; provided, however, the planning council shall be reimbursed by the authority for any excessive costs incurred in the preparation of said plan or studies, including the cost of necessary consultant services approved jointly by the authority and the planning council. The authority may accept private funds to pay costs incurred in making the necessary feasibility reports and studies.

(f) The preparation of architectural and engineering drawings for the construction of specific buildings and facilities within the sports complex shall be contracted for directly by the authority but shall be prepared in close coordination with the planning council to ensure the conformity of said plans with the long range master plan.

(g) To acquire by grant, purchase, gift or devise all property, real or personal, or any estate or interest therein necessary, desirable or convenient for the purpose of this act, and to lease or rent all or any part thereof and to exercise all of its powers and authority with respect thereto.

(h) To borrow money.

(i) To issue revenue bonds of the authority to pay the cost of purchasing, or otherwise acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, extending, enlarging, relocating or equipping sports and recreational facilities, and to secure the payment of said bonds by a pledge of all or any portion of the revenues or other moneys legally available therefor; and in general to provide for the security of the bonds and the rights and remedies of the holders thereof; provided, however, no revenue bonds may be issued unless it shall appear, after proper study, that the revenues of the authority will, with reasonable probability, be sufficient to repay said bonds without the use of city and county appropriations provided in section 8 of this act.

(j) To issue revenue refunding bonds of the authority, as hereinafter provided, to refund any bonds then outstanding which shall have been issued under the provisions of this act.

(k) To lease, rent or contract for the operation of any part of any of the sports and recreational facilities of the authority; also to lease, rent or contract any parcel of its real property for the construction of any sports and recreational facilities with related commercial facilities contained within the improvements constructed thereon, to be financed and operated as a private enterprise. Where a long term lease, rent or contract is involved, there must be reasonable public notice, bids and hearing. A long term lease, rent or contract as used in this subsection is defined as any possession or right to use or occupy any part of the sports and recreational facilities of the authority during any 1 calendar year for more than

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(l) To fix and collect use of any and all of the sports and recreational facilities.

(m) To contract for the construction and recreational facilities; reasonable public notice, bids and hearing.

(n) To advertise with: and recreational facilities.

(o) To make and enter into or incidental to the performance of the powers granted by this act, consulting services, engineering, construction and financial, and agents as may, in the necessary, and to fix their fees.

(p) To cooperate with United States or the State of Florida, instrumentality of either district, private corporation or individual providing for facilities.

(q) To do all acts or things the powers expressly granted.

Section 5. Bonds of the authority.

(a) The authority shall from time to time to issue bonds in the opinion of the authority a sufficient moneys for achieving construction, reconstruction, relocation and equipping of cost of acquisition of construction and for a reasonable reserves to secure bonds, an incident to and necessary or powers.

(b) Bonds shall be authorized by the authority and shall bear such times, not exceeding 40 interest at the maximum rate Florida Statutes, as are such denominations, be registered, carry such

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(l) To fix and collect rates, rentals, fees and charges for the use of any and all of the sports and recreational facilities of the authority.

(m) To contract for the operation of concessions on or in any of the sports and recreational facilities of the authority, subject to reasonable public notice, bids and hearing.

(n) To advertise within or without the state any of the sports and recreational facilities of the authority.

(o) To make and enter into all contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of the duties imposed and the execution of the powers granted under this act, and to employ such consulting services, engineers, superintendents, managers, construction and financial experts and attorneys, and such employees and agents as may, in the judgment of the authority, be deemed necessary, and to fix their compensation.

(p) To cooperate with and contract with the government of the United States or the State of Florida or any agency or instrumentality of either thereof, or with any municipality, district, private corporation, copartnership, association or individual providing for or relating to sports and recreational facilities.

(q) To do all acts or things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers expressly granted in this act.

Section 5. Bonds of the Authority.--

(a) The authority shall have the power and is hereby authorized from time to time to issue revenue bonds in such principal amount as, in the opinion of the authority, shall be necessary to provide sufficient moneys for achieving its purposes, including the cost of construction, reconstruction, improvement, extension, repair, relocation and equipping of sports and recreational facilities, the cost of acquisition of real property, interest on bonds during construction and for a reasonable period thereafter, establishment of reserves to secure bonds, and all other expenditures of the authority incident to and necessary or convenient to carry out its purposes and powers.

(b) Bonds shall be authorized by resolution of the members of the authority and shall bear such date or dates, mature at such time or times, not exceeding 40 years from their respective dates, bear interest at the maximum rate of interest pursuant to s. 215.685, Florida Statutes, as are deemed reasonable by the authority, be in such denominations, be in such form, either coupon or fully registered, carry such registration, exchangeability and

interchangeability privileges, be payable in such medium of payment and at such place or places, be subject to such terms of redemption and be entitled to such priorities of lien on the revenues and other available moneys as such resolution or any resolution subsequent thereto may provide. The bonds shall be executed either by manual or facsimile signature by such officers as the authority shall determine, provided that such bonds shall bear at least one signature which is manually executed thereon. The coupons attached to such bonds shall bear the facsimile signature or signatures of such officer or officers as shall be designated by the authority. Such bonds shall have the seal of the authority affixed, imprinted, reproduced or lithographed thereon. The bonds may be sold at public sale, or at a negotiated sale. Pending the sale of bonds, bond anticipation notes may be issued, on such terms and conditions as the authority may determine, to lenders or purchasers of such notes and pending the preparation of definitive bonds, temporary bonds or interim certificates may be issued to the purchaser or purchasers of such bonds and may contain such terms and conditions as the authority may determine.

(c) Any resolution authorizing bonds may contain provisions which shall be part of the contract with the holders of such bonds, as to:

1. The pledging of all or any part of the revenues or other moneys lawfully available therefor.
2. The construction, reconstruction, improvement, extension, repair, relocation and equipping of sports and recreational facilities.
3. Limitations on the purposes to which the proceeds of the bonds, then or thereafter to be issued, or of any loan or grant by any federal agency or the state or any political subdivision thereof may be applied.
4. The fixing, charging, establishing, revising, increasing, reducing and collecting of rates, fees, rentals, or other charges for the use of the services and facilities of the authority or any part thereof.
5. The setting aside of reserves or of sinking funds and the regulation and disposition thereof.
6. Limitations on the issuance of additional bonds.
7. The terms and provisions of any lease-purchase agreement, deed of trust or indenture securing the bonds, or under which same may be issued.
8. Any other or additional matters of like or different character, which in any way affect the security or protection of the bonds.

(d) The authority may enter into any deeds of trust, indentures or other agreements with any bank or trust company within or without the state, as security for such bonds, and may, under such agreements, assign and pledge all or any of the revenues and other available moneys pursuant to the terms of this act. Such deed of trust, indenture or other agreement may contain such provisions as are customary in such instruments or as the authority may authorize, including, but without limitation, provisions as to:

1. The pledging of all moneys lawfully available therefor.
2. The application of funds or on deposit.
3. The rights and remedies of the bonds.
4. The terms and provisions authorizing the issuance of the bonds.
5. Any other or additional character, which in any way affect the bonds.

(e) Any of the bonds hereby declared to be, negotiable in form and incident, shall be subject to the provisions of the Commercial Code law of this state.

(f) It is the intention of the authority that the moneys so made; that the moneys so made by the authority shall immediately be made available without any physical delivery of any such pledge shall be made to the parties having claims of any kind against the authority, irrespective of the notice thereof. Neither the authority nor any member thereof shall be liable for any loss which a pledge is created need.

(g) Neither the members of the authority nor any member thereof shall be liable personally on the bonds for the liability or accountability by the authority.

(h) The authority shall be authorized to purchase bonds, with a price not exceeding, if the bonds are at a price then applicable plus accrued interest, the redemption price thereof, or if the bonds are at a price then applicable plus accrued interest, the redemption price applicable on the date upon which the bonds become due and payable, or interest to said date.

(i) Bonds issued under this act shall constitute a debt of Pinellas County, Florida, and shall be a pledge of the faith and credit of the county thereon, and a statement to that effect shall be included in the resolution of the authority.

Section 6. Refunding Bonds. The authority is authorized to prepay the principal of bonds then outstanding. The authority may also issue bonds in resolution for the issuance of bonds to refund the principal of bonds then outstanding.

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2. The application of funds and the safeguarding of funds on hand
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3. The rights and remedies of the trustee and the holders of the
bonds.

4. The terms and provisions of the bonds or the resolutions
authorizing the issuance of the same.

5. Any other or additional matters, of like or different
character, which in any way affect the security or protection of the
bonds.

(e) Any of the bonds issued pursuant to this act are, and are
hereby declared to be, negotiable instruments, and shall have all the
qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the Uniform
Commercial Code law of this state.

(f) It is the intention hereof that any pledge made by the
authority shall be valid and binding from the time when the pledge is
made; that the moneys so pledged and thereafter received by the
authority shall immediately be subject to the lien of such pledge
without any physical delivery thereof or further act, and that the
lien of any such pledge shall be valid and binding as against all
parties having claims of any kind in tort, contract or otherwise
against the authority, irrespective of whether such parties have
notice thereof. Neither the resolution or any other instrument by
which a pledge is created need be recorded.

(g) Neither the members nor any person executing the bonds shall
be liable personally on the bonds or be subject to any personal
liability or accountability by reason of the issuance thereof.

(h) The authority shall have power out of any funds available
therefor to purchase bonds, which shall thereupon be cancelled, at a
price not exceeding, if the bonds are then redeemable, the redemption
price then applicable plus accrued interest to the next date of
redemption thereof, or if the bonds are not then redeemable, the
redemption price applicable on the first date after such purchase
upon which the bonds become subject to redemption plus accrued
interest to said date.

(i) Bonds issued under the provisions of this act shall not
constitute a debt of Pinellas County or any municipality therein or a
pledge of the faith and credit of Pinellas County or any municipality
therein, and a statement to that effect shall be recited on the face
of the bonds.

Section 6. Refunding Bonds. Subject to public notice, the
authority is authorized to provide by resolution for the issuance
from time to time of bonds for the purpose of refunding any bonds
then outstanding. The authority is further authorized to provide by
resolution for the issuance of bonds for the combined purpose of:

(a) Paying the cost of constructing, reconstructing, improving,
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authority, and

(b) Refunding bonds then outstanding. The authorization, sale and issuance of such obligations, the maturities and other details thereof, the rights and remedies of the holders thereof, and the rights, powers, privileges, duties and obligations of the authority with respect to the same shall be governed by the provisions of this act insofar as the same may be applicable. In the event that the authority shall determine to issue bonds for the purpose of refunding any outstanding bonds prior to the maturity thereof, the proceeds of such refunding bonds may, pending the redemption of the bonds to be refunded, be invested in direct obligations of the United States, or certificates of deposit issued by banks insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. It is the express intention of this act that outstanding bonds may be refunded and retired by and upon the issuance of bonds notwithstanding that all or a portion of such outstanding bonds will not mature or become redeemable until after the date of issuance of such refunding bonds.

Section 7. Remedies.--

(a) The rights and the remedies herein conferred upon or granted to the bondholders shall be in addition to and not in limitation of any rights and remedies lawfully granted to such bondholders by the resolution or resolutions or indenture providing for the issuance of bonds, deed or trust, indenture or other agreement under which the bonds may be issued or secured. In the event that the authority shall default in the payment of the principal of or interest on any of the bonds issued pursuant to the provisions of this act after such principal of, or interest on, the bonds shall have become due, whether at maturity or upon call for redemption, as provided in said resolution or resolutions, and such default shall continue for a period of 30 days, or in the event that the authority shall fail or refuse to comply with the provisions of this act or any agreement made with, or for the benefit of, the holders of the bonds, the holders of 25 percent in aggregate principal amount of the bonds then outstanding shall be entitled as of right to the appointment of a trustee to represent such bondholders for the purposes thereof; provided, however, that such holders of 25 percent in aggregate principal amount of the bonds then outstanding shall have first given written notice of their intention to appoint a trustee, to the authority.

(b) Such trustee, and any trustee under any deed of trust, indenture or other agreement, may, and upon written request of the holders of 25 percent, or such other percentages as may be specified, in any deed of trust, indenture or other agreement aforesaid, in principal amount of the bonds then outstanding, shall, in any court of competent jurisdiction, in his or its own name:

1. By mandamus or other suit, action or proceeding at law, or in equity, enforce all rights of the bondholders, including the right to require the authority to fix, establish, maintain, collect and charge rates, fees, rentals, and other charges, adequate to carry out any agreement as to, or pledge of, the revenues, and to require the authority to carry out any other covenants and agreements with or for the benefit of the bondholders, and to perform its and their duties under this act.

2. Bring suit upon the bonds.

3. By action or suit in equity require the authority to account as if it were the trustee of an express trust for the bondholders.

4. By action or suit may be unlawful or in violation of law.

(c) Any trustee when deed of trust, indenture or bonds have been declared right to the appointment of possession of the facilities revenues and other pledged for and on behalf of all bondholders, and collect and moneys in the same manner deposit all such revenues at the same in such manner action or proceeding by the expenses of the trustee, and disbursements allowed by the revenues. Such trustee shall possess all of the powers and of any functions specifically representation of the bondholders of their rights.

(d) Nothing in this shall authorize any receiver purpose of operating and maintenance thereof, to sell, assign, mortgage the assets of whatever kind. It is the intention of this to the operation and maintenance part or parts thereof, as to and on behalf of the authority bonds nor any trustee, shall or proceeding at law, or in any receiver be authorized to receiver to sell, assign, mortgage of whatever kind or character.

Section 8. Other Revenue

(a) The Board of County Municipality in the county may use by the authority for operating of the facilities,

(b) The Board of County appropriate annually the sum space to the authority.

(c) Each municipality hereby authorized, separately agreements with the authority parties shall agree pledging county, or both, to the payment debt service costs or both on bonds issued by the authority.

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4. By action or suit in equity enjoin any acts or things which
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(c) Any trustee when appointed as aforesaid, or acting under a
deed of trust, indenture or other agreement, and whether or not all
bonds have been declared due and payable, shall be entitled as of
right to the appointment of a receiver, who may enter upon and take
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moneys in the same manner as the authority might do, and shall
deposit all such revenues and moneys in a separate account and apply
the same in such manner as the court shall direct. In any suit,
action or proceeding by the trustee, the fees, counsel fees, and
expenses of the trustee, and said receiver, if any, and all costs and
disbursements allowed by the court shall be a first charge on any
revenues. Such trustee shall, in addition to the foregoing, have and
possess all of the powers necessary or appropriate for the exercise
of any functions specifically set forth herein or incident to the
representation of the bondholders in the enforcement and protection
of their rights.

(d) Nothing in this section or any other section of this act
shall authorize any receiver appointed pursuant hereto for the
purpose of operating and maintaining the facilities or part or parts
thereof, to sell, assign, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of any of
the assets of whatever kind and character belonging to the authority.
It is the intention of this act to limit the powers of such receiver
to the operation and maintenance of the authority, or any facility or
part or parts thereof, as the court may direct, in the name and for
and on behalf of the authority, and the bondholders, and no holder of
bonds nor any trustee, shall ever have the right in any suit, action
or proceeding at law, or in equity, to compel a receiver, nor shall
any receiver be authorized or any court be empowered to direct the
receiver to sell, assign, mortgage or otherwise dispose of any assets
of whatever kind or character belonging to the authority.

Section 8. Other Revenues.--

(a) The Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County and each
municipality in the county may appropriate funds to the authority for
use by the authority for the planning, developing, maintaining or
operating of the facilities, and other necessary expenditures.

(b) The Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County shall
appropriate annually the sum necessary to provide staff and office
space to the authority.

(c) Each municipality in the county and the county are each
hereby authorized, separately or jointly, to enter into cooperative
agreements with the authority upon such terms and conditions as the
parties shall agree pledging non ad valorem moneys of the city or the
county, or both, to the payment of operation and maintenance costs or
debt service costs or both or any part thereof of the authority while
bonds issued by the authority are outstanding.

(d) The Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County and each
municipality in the county is authorized to make lump sum
contributions to the Pinellas Sports Authority for the acquisition
and construction of capital improvements to be used by professional

athletic teams for the purpose of publicizing and advertising Pinellas County or the municipality.

Section 9. Conveyance or lease of Lands and Properties.--The City of St. Petersburg and Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County may convey or lease real or personal property to the authority to be used for the purposes of this act.

Section 10. Competitive Bidding.--

(a) No contract for the construction, repair or alteration of real property or the purchase, lease, construction, repair or alteration of personal property shall be let by the authority if the cost thereof is in excess of \$2,000. No purchase shall be made unless competitive bids are received after advertising therefor in a newspaper of general circulation in Pinellas County at least once a week for not less than 2 consecutive weeks prior to the date on which bids are to be received.

(b) If, however, the chairman of the authority shall determine that an emergency exists in regard to the purchase of any commodity or letting of any contract, so that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive bidding would be detrimental to the interests of the authority, then in such event the provisions hereof for competitive bidding and advertising shall not apply and the chairman of the authority shall file with the secretary of the authority a written statement certifying the conditions and circumstances. Upon receipt of such statement the authority may authorize the purchase.

(c) There is excepted from the bidding requirements hereof commodities available from one source only. In connection with the purchase of commodities available from one source only, a written statement certifying the conditions and circumstances requiring the purchase shall be filed by the chairman of the authority with the secretary of the authority. Upon receipt of such statement, the authority may authorize the purchase.

(d) The competitive bidding requirement of this section shall not apply if the authority elects to purchase goods or commodities under a contract entered into pursuant to law by any other political subdivision, municipality, authority or other public agency.

(e) When competitive bidding is required hereunder the authority shall let the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

(f) The competitive bidding requirements detailed in Section 10 shall not be construed to preclude the use of competitively negotiated professional architectural, engineering or construction management services for the planning, design and construction of Authority facilities.

Section 11. Civil Service. The employees of the authority shall be subject to the provisions of civil service as otherwise provided by law.

Section 12. Public Subscription. The authority may accept any and all public or private subscription and donations of moneys and other property and assets for use in furthering the general purposes of the authority as it shall determine, and may solicit, encourage, and promote such public and private participation.

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Section 13. Inconsistent Laws Inapplicable. All other laws, or parts, thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby declared to be inapplicable to the provisions of this act.

Section 14. Alternative Method. This act shall be deemed to provide an additional and alternative method for the doing of the things authorized hereby and shall be regarded as supplemental to powers, conferred by other laws, and shall not be regarded as in derogation of any powers now existing. This act being for a public purpose and for the welfare of the citizens of Pinellas County shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes thereof.

Section 15. Provisions of Act Severable. The provisions of this act are severable, and it is the intention to confer the whole or any part of the powers herein provided for and if any of the provisions of this act or any of the powers granted by this act shall be held unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of such court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions of this act or any of the remaining powers granted by this act. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this act would have been adopted had such unconstitutional provision or power not been included therein.

Section 16. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Became a law without the Governor's approval.

Filed in Office Secretary of State July 5, 1977.

CHAPTER 77-636

House Bill No. 1672

AN. ACT relating to The Pinellas County Museum, Aquarium, Marine and Botanical Garden Authority; repealing chapter 20076, Laws of Florida, 1939, which created such authority as an agency of the state; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, chapter 20076, Laws of Florida, 1939, which created The Pinellas County Museum, Aquarium, Marine and Botanical Garden Authority, is obsolete, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. Chapter 20076, Laws of Florida, 1939, is hereby repealed.

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

Became a law without the Governor's approval.

Filed in Office Secretary of State July 5, 1977.

CHAPTER 2006-326

House Bill No. 929

An act relating to Pinellas County; repealing chapter 77-635, Laws of Florida, as amended; abolishing the Pinellas Sports Authority and providing for disposition of its assets and assumption of its liabilities; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Chapter 77-635, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapters 80-583, 83-503, and 88-478, Laws of Florida, is repealed and the Pinellas Sports Authority is abolished. All assets of the Pinellas Sports Authority are transferred to Pinellas County, and Pinellas County shall assume all obligations of the authority.

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

Approved by the Governor June 23, 2006.

Filed in Office Secretary of State June 23, 2006.