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

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

Section 1. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 12 of part
II of chapter 75-489, Laws of Florida, as amended, are amended
to read:

PART II

Section 12. Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board;
organization; meetings, and powers.—
(1) The Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board is
created, within the county of Pinellas, consisting of fifteen
members, twenty-one (21) members, two (2) of whom are
primarily engaged in business as general contractors; two (2) of
whom are primarily engaged in business as building contractors,
two (2) of whom are primarily engaged in business as residential
contractors, one (1) who is a remodeling contractor, one (1) who
is a Florida registered architect doing business in Pinellas
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County, one (1) who is an electrical contractor, one (1) who is a plumbing contractor, one (1) who is a mechanical contractor, one (1) who is a roofing or sheet metal contractor, one (1) who is a swimming pool, aluminum or veneer specialty contractor, two (2) fire marshals, and the three (3) building Directors of the following: City of St. Petersburg, City of Clearwater and County of Pinellas, one (1) North county building director from one of the following municipalities: Tarpon Springs, Dunedin, Oldsmar, Safety Harbor, Belleair, Belleair Bluffs, or Largo, one (1) South county building director from one of the following municipalities: South Pasadena, Gulfport, Seminole, Kenneth City, or Pinellas Park, one (1) Beach Community building director from one of the following: the Town of Belleair Beach, the Town of Belleair Shores, the City of Redington Beach, the City of North Redington Beach, the City of Madeira Beach, the City of Indian Rocks Beach, the Town of Indian Shores, the Town of Redington Shores, the City of Treasure Island, and the City of St. Pete Beach, one (1) member from the consumer protection department, and one (1) consumer member who is a resident and citizen of Pinellas County and who is not and never has been a member or practitioner of any of the trades or professions regulated by the board or a member or practitioner of any closely related trade or profession, one (1) of whom is primarily engaged in business as a licensed general contractor, one (1) of whom is primarily engaged in business as a registered architect, one (1) of whom is primarily engaged in business as a licensed residential building contractor, one (1) of whom is primarily engaged in business as an licensed electrical contractor, one (1) of whom is primarily engaged in business as
a licensed plumbing contractor, one (1) of whom is primarily engaged in business as a licensed roofing contractor, one (1) of whom is primarily engaged in business as a licensed sheet metal contractor, one (1) of whom is primarily engaged in business as a licensed swimming pool contractor, one (1) of whom is a fire marshal, three (3) consumer representatives not affiliated with the construction industry, three (3) building Directors of the following: one (1) North county building Director from one of the following municipalities: Clearwater, Tarpon Springs, Dunedin, Oldsmar, Safety Harbor, Belleair, Belleair Bluffs, or Largo, one (1) South county building Director from one of the following municipalities: St. Petersburg, South Pasadena, Gulfport, Seminole, Kenneth City, or Pinellas Park, one (1) Beach Community building Director from one of the following: the Town of Belleair Beach, the Town of Belleair Shores, the City of Redington Beach, the City of North Redington Beach, the City of Madeira Beach, the City of Indian Rocks Beach, the Town of Indian Shores, the Town of Redington Shores, the City of Treasure Island, and the City of St. Pete Beach. All members of the board shall be residents of Pinellas County and appointed by the Board of County Commissioners.

(3) Members of the board shall be selected as follows: The three (3) building directors of the City of Clearwater, City of St. Petersburg and the County of Pinellas; one (1) North county building director and one (1) South County building director appointed selected by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners from the municipalities listed in subsection (1); one (1) Beach Community building director appointed from a list of three (3) nominees submitted by The
Barrier Island Government Council; a Florida Registered Architect appointed from a list of three recommended architects submitted by the AIA Tampa Bay chapter of the American Institute of Architects Florida Central Chapter, St. Petersburg and Clearwater Sections; two (2) of whom are primarily engaged in the business as general contractors from a list of five (5) submitted by ABC, Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. The Association of General Contractors of Mid-Florida, Inc.; two (2) of whom are primarily engaged in the business as Building Contractors from a list of five (5) submitted by the Contractors and Builders Association of Pinellas County Tampa Bay Builders Association; two (2) of whom are primarily engaged in the business as residential building contractors from a list of five (5) submitted by the Tampa Bay Builders Association Contractors and Builders Association of Pinellas County; one (1) who is a licensed and registered contractor who is primarily engaged in the Remodeling Industry submitted by the National Association of the Remodeling Industry, Tampa Bay (NARI); one (1) who is an electrical contractor submitted from a list of five (5) supplied by the Electrical Council of Florida (ECF), Pinellas County Chapter; one (1) who is a Plumbing contractor submitted from a list of five (5) supplied by the Pinellas Association of Plumbing, Heating & Cooling Contractors, Inc.; two (2) of whom are fire marshals, who shall be active members of the Pinellas County Fire Chiefs' Tampa Bay Area Fire Marshals Association, submitted from a list of five (5) supplied nominated by said association, one of whom shall serve an initial term of three (3) years, with successors to serve for a term of two (2) years thereafter; one (1) who is a mechanical contractor or Class A...
air conditioning contractor submitted from a list of (5) supplied by the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Contractors' Association ("RACCA"); one (1) roofing or sheet metal contractor submitted by the West Coast Roofing Contractors Association, and one (1) swimming pool, aluminum or veneer specialty contractor submitted by the United Pool and Spa Association or Alliance of Florida Contractors appointed selected by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners; one (1) member from the consumer protection department selected by the county administrator; one consumer member to be appointed by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with paragraph 2(a). The building director members from the City of Clearwater, from the City of St. Petersburg and Pinellas County, shall be permanent members of the board. All other members shall serve two (2) years. All board members shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms of two (2) years, but may be reappointed after a two (2) year hiatus. The following members shall commence their terms in even-numbered years: the Florida registered architect, one (1) general contractor, one (1) building contractor or, one (1) residential building contractor, one (1) electrical contractor, one (1) fire marshal, one (1) consumer member, the North county, South county, the member from the consumer protection department, and Beach Community building directors. The following members shall commence their terms in odd-numbered years: one (1) general contractor, one (1) building contractor, one (1) residential building contractor, one (1) remodeling contractor, one (1) mechanical contractor, one (1) plumbing contractor, one (1) fire marshal, one (1) roofing or sheet metal contractor, one (1) swimming pool, one (1) sheet
metal aluminum or veneer specialty contractor, and two (2) one
consumer members, member, and the South county building
director. As the terms of members expire, the Chairman of the
Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County shall appoint a
member to fill the vacancy for a term of two (2) years in the
same manner as that membership was originally filed. The
architect, contractor, electrical, plumbing and mechanical
members shall be selected from the county at large. The board
shall elect one of its members to serve as chairman and one of
its members to serve as vice-chairman, for a term of no longer
than two (2) years to be set by the board. All terms of office
expire on September 30 of the last year of the term. Vacancies
in the membership occurring prior to the end of a member's term
for any cause shall be filled by appointment in the same manner
as that membership was originally filled.

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

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