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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to Pinellas Suncoast Transit
 3 Authority, Pinellas County; amending chapter 2000 - 424,
 4 Laws of Florida, as amended; revising the definition
 5 of the term "public transit"; revising membership of
 6 the governing body of the authority; revising powers
 7 of the authority; establishing requirements for
 8 advertising placed on authority property; providing
 9 for best budget practices; establishing procedures for
 10 lane elimination; prohibiting certain offices, boards,
 11 employees, or other actors whose purpose is to
 12 eliminate or reallocate public lanes; requiring
 13 semiannual reporting of certain provisions to the
 14 Pinellas Board of County Commissioners; specifying
 severability;

19 Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 2, subsection (2) of
 20 section 3, and section 4 of section 2 of chapter 2000 - 424, Laws
 21 of Florida, as amended by chapters 2002 - 341 and 2006 - 327, Laws
 22 of Florida, are amended, and sections 14 through 22 are added to
 23 section 2 of that chapter, to read:

24 Section 2. Definitions. ²As used in this act, unless the
 25 content clearly indicates otherwise, the following terms shall

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26 | have the meanings set forth below:

27 | (6) "Public transit" means transportation of passengers
 28 | for hire by means, without limitation, of a street railway,
 29 | ~~elevated railway, subway,~~ motor vehicle, bus, or other means of
 30 | conveyance operating as a common carrier within the public
 31 | transit area as provided, and charter service originating
 32 | therein.

33 | Section 3. Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority; status and
 34 | governing body. ²

35 | (2)(a) The governing body of the authority shall consist
 36 | of 11 ~~15~~ members, serving and selected as provided in this
 37 | paragraph.

38 | 1. Four members shall be appointed by the Pinellas County
 39 | Board of County Commissioners from their membership. This
 40 | appointee shall be an elected official.

41 | 2. One member shall be appointed by the City Council of
 42 | the City of St. Petersburg from their membership. This appointee
 43 | shall be an elected official.

44 | 3. One member shall be appointed by the City Council of
 45 | the City of Clearwater from their membership. This appointee
 46 | shall be an elected official.

47 | 4. One member shall be appointed by the combined municipal
 48 | governing bodies of Tarpon Springs, Safety Harbor, Oldsmar,
 49 | Dunedin, Bell eair, Belleair Beach, and Bell eair Bluffs. This
 50 | appointee shall be an elected official. The order of rotation

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51 shall be determined by population of the combined municipal
 52 5. One member shall be appointed by the combined municipal
 53 governing bodies of Largo, Seminole, South Pasadena, Gulfport,
 54 Kenneth City, and Pinellas Park. This appointee shall be an
elected official. The order of rotation shall be determined by

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101 ~~11. One member shall be appointed by the City Council of _____~~
 102 ~~the City of St. Petersburg, and this member may not be an _____~~
 103 ~~elected official. _____~~

104 Section 4. Purposes and powers. ²

105 (1) The authority created and established by the
 106 provisions of this act is hereby granted and shall have the
 107 right and power to purchase, own, and/or operate transit
 108 facilities ~~;~~ to contract for transit services ~~;~~ to exercise
 109 power of eminent domain if approved by a two - thirds vote of the
 110 Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority Board in a public meeting
 111 with a 30 - day public notice and shall be reported to the
 112 Pinellas Board of County Commissioners semiannually in public
 113 meetings with a 30 - day public notice ~~;~~ to conduct studies ~~;~~ and
 114 to contract with other governmental agencies, private companies,
 115 and individuals.

116 (2) ~~The authority shall be created by the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority Board~~
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126 carrying out the purposes of the authority, and to s ell, lease
127 as lessor, transfer, and dispose of any property or interest
128 therein at any time acquired by it. Any sale, lease, or transfer
129 of any property or interest shall be upon competitive bid except
130 that the authority may sell, lease, or transfer any re al
131 property or interest therein to another governmental entity
132 without competitive bid and may sell, lease, or transfer surplus
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151 controlled by the authority for such period or periods of time,
 152 and under such compensation and other terms and conditions as
 153 shall be deemed advisable by the authority.

154 ~~(g) (h)~~ Without limitat ion, to borrow money and accept gifts
 155 or grants or loans of money or other property and to enter into
 156 contracts, leases, or other transactions with any federal
 157 agency, the state, any agency of the state, the County of
 158 Pinellas, or with any other public bod y of the state.

159 ~~(h) (i)~~ To do all acts and things necessary or convenient
 160 for the conduct of its business and the general welfare of the
 161 authority in order to carry out the powers granted to it by this
 162 part or any other law.

163 ~~(i) (j)~~ To prescribe and pro mulgate rules and regulations
 164 as it deems necessary for the purposes of this act.

165 Section 15. Window Coverings and Advertisements . 2

166 (1) Any new window covering or advertisement must adhere

167 to requirements provided in section 316.2954, Florida Statutes.

168 (2) The authority shall not engage in any non - paid

169 advertising, promotion, or messaging on their assets ; however,

170 this subsection does not apply to any acknowledgement of

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CODING: Words ~~is~~ are deletions; words underlined are additions.