

## CHAPTER 2015-196

### House Bill No. 1201

An act relating to the Ocean Highway and Port Authority, Nassau County; amending chapter 2005-293, Laws of Florida; providing for the partisan election of members of the board of port commissioners; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 3 of section 3 of chapter 2005-293, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 3. Authority created; election of board; terms; vacancies; officers. There is hereby created in the County of Nassau a port authority to be known as "Ocean Highway and Port Authority," an independent special district, to be governed by a board of port commissioners consisting of five members serving staggered terms of 4 years each. There shall be five port commissioners' districts, which shall be numbered one through five, inclusive, and shall be congruent with the Nassau County county commissioners' districts. The port commissioners' districts shall be numbered in such a fashion that port commissioner district one shall include the same geographical area as Nassau County county commissioners' district number one, port commissioner district two shall include the same geographical area as Nassau County county commissioners' district number two, port commissioner district three shall include the same geographical area as Nassau County county commissioners' district number three, port commissioner district four shall include the same geographical area as Nassau County county commissioners' district number four, and port commissioner district five shall include the same geographical area as Nassau County county commissioners' district number five. There shall be one port commissioner for each of such port commissioners' districts, who shall reside in each district and who shall be elected by the qualified electors of Nassau County. Such elections shall be conducted on a partisan basis by the Supervisor of Elections of Nassau County using the election procedures provided in the Florida Election Code. At each general election, successors to the members of the board whose terms are about to expire shall be elected for terms of 4 years each. Vacancies on the board resulting from resignation, death, removal, or otherwise shall be filled by appointment by the board, the appointee to hold office until the next following general election, when such vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by election in the manner herein prescribed. The members of the board shall qualify by taking an oath of office on the second Tuesday following their election in the manner required by county officers. The board shall reorganize by selection of one of its members to act as chair and one of its members to act as vice chair and shall also appoint a secretary and a treasurer, but the same member may be designated to act as secretary and treasurer. The treasurer shall give bond, the amount, terms, and

conditions of which shall be fixed and may be revised from time to time by the board.

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

Approved by the Governor June 10, 2015.

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