CHAPTER 2013-173

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 606

An act relating to the Northeast Florida Regional Transportation Commission; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; creating s. 343.1001, F.S.; providing a short title; creating s. 343.1002, F.S.; providing definitions; creating s. 343.1003, F.S.; creating the Northeast Florida Regional Transportation Commission; providing for a ninemember commission board; providing for board appointment; providing for staffing; providing for member removal; providing liability protection for members; creating s. 343.1004, F.S.; providing commission powers and duties; prohibiting the commission from pledging the state's credit; creating s. 343.1005, F.S.; providing for transportation projects of regional significance; specifying the characteristics for such projects; creating s. 343.1006, F.S.; requiring commission plans and planning activity to be coordinated with other specified entities; creating s. 343.1008, F.S.; authorizing other governmental units and the commission to contract with each other; creating s. 343.1009, F.S.; exempting the commission from taxes or assessments; creating s. 343.1010, F.S.; specifying that the powers of the commission are supplemental to other laws; creating s. 343.1011, F.S.; providing for public meetings and hearings; creating s. 343.1012, F.S.; specifying that the commission is not an authority for purposes of specified provisions relating to a discretionary tax; creating s. 343.1013, F.S.; providing for repeal; amending s. 120.52, F.S.; conforming provisions; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 14. Subsection (1) of section 120.52, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

120.52 Definitions.—As used in this act:

(1) "Agency" means the following officers or governmental entities if acting pursuant to powers other than those derived from the constitution:

(a) The Governor; each state officer and state department, and each departmental unit described in s. 20.04; the Board of Governors of the State University System; the Commission on Ethics; the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; a regional water supply authority; a regional planning agency; a multicounty special district, but only <u>if when</u> a majority of its governing board is comprised of nonelected persons; educational units; and each entity described in chapters 163, 373, 380, and 582 and s. 186.504.

(b) Each officer and governmental entity in the state having statewide jurisdiction or jurisdiction in more than one county.

(c) Each officer and governmental entity in the state having jurisdiction in one county or less than one county, to the extent they are expressly made subject to this <u>chapter</u> act by general or special law or existing judicial decisions.

This definition does not include <u>a</u> any municipality or legal entity created solely by a municipality; <u>a</u> any legal entity or agency created in whole or in part pursuant to part II of chapter 361; <u>a</u> any metropolitan planning organization created pursuant to s. 339.175; <u>a</u> any separate legal or administrative entity created pursuant to s. 339.175 of which a metropolitan planning organization is a member; an expressway authority pursuant to chapter 348 or any transportation authority <u>or commission</u> under chapter 343 or chapter 349; or <u>a</u> any legal or administrative entity created by an interlocal agreement pursuant to s. 163.01(7), unless any party to such agreement is otherwise an agency as defined in this subsection.

Section 15. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.

Approved by the Governor June 14, 2013.

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