

Item # 7

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

Regular Meeting

FEBRUARY 11, 2020

SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF

VICE-MAYOR STEVE GELLER

The Florida Senate

CS/SB 444: Abrogating Offensive Place Names

GENERAL BILL by Governmental Oversight and Productivity ; Geller ; (CO-INTRODUCERS) Miller ; Bullard ; Bennett ; Dawson

Abrogating Offensive Place Names; provides legislative findings that certain place names are offensive or derogatory; requires Fla. Historical Commission & Historic Resources Div. to aid state agencies & local governments in identifying geographic sites having offensive or derogatory place names; directs said agencies & governments to identify such sites by specified date; requires state & local governments to update maps & markers with new place names, etc. Creates 267.0625.

Effective Date: 07/01/2004

Last Action: 5/25/2004 - Approved by Governor; Chapter No. [2004-96](#)

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Bill History

Date	Chamber	Action
10/23/2003	Senate	• Prefiled
10/30/2003	Senate	• Referred to Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Comprehensive Planning; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations
3/2/2004	Senate	• Introduced, referred to Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Comprehensive Planning; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations -SJ 00030; On Committee agenda-- Governmental Oversight and Productivity, 03/04/04, 11:15 am, 110-S -SJ 00184
3/4/2004	Senate	• CS by Governmental Oversight and Productivity; YEAS 10 NAYS 0 -SJ 00227; CS read first time on 03/10/04 -SJ 00239
3/5/2004	Senate	• Now in Comprehensive Planning -SJ 00227
3/10/2004	Senate	• On Committee agenda-- Comprehensive Planning, 03/15/04, 2:00 pm, 412-K
3/15/2004	Senate	• Favorable by Comprehensive Planning; YEAS 7 NAYS 0 -SJ 00299
3/16/2004	Senate	• Now in Judiciary -SJ 00299
4/14/2004	Senate	• On Committee agenda-- Judiciary, 04/19/04, 11:30 am, 110-S
4/19/2004	Senate	• Favorable by Judiciary; YEAS 7 NAYS 0 -SJ 00697; Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development -SJ 00697

Date	Chamber	Action
4/23/2004	Senate	• Withdrawn from Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations -SJ 00779; Placed on Calendar, on second reading
4/26/2004	Senate	• Placed on Special Order Calendar -SJ 01028; Read second time -SJ 00938; Amendment(s) adopted -SJ 00938; Ordered engrossed -SJ 00938
4/27/2004	Senate	• Read third time -SJ 01040; CS passed as amended; YEAS 38 NAYS 0 -SJ 01040
4/27/2004	House	• In Messages
4/28/2004	House	• Received, placed on Calendar -HJ 00855; Substituted for HB 505 -HJ 00989; Read second time -HJ 00989
4/30/2004	House	• Read third time -HJ 01193; CS passed; YEAS 117 NAYS 0 -HJ 01193
4/30/2004	Senate	• Ordered enrolled -SJ 01740
5/13/2004		• Signed by Officers and presented to Governor
5/25/2004		• Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2004-96

Related Bills

Bill Number	Subject	Filed By	Relationship	Last Action and Location
H 505	Joyner		Similar	Last Action: 4/28/2004 H Withdrawn from Appropriations -HJ 00879; Placed on Calendar -HJ 00879; Placed on Special Order Calendar -HJ 00863; Substituted CS/SB 444; Laid on Table, Link/Iden/Sim/Compare passed, refer to CS/SB 444 (Ch. 2004-96) -HJ 00989

Bill Text

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S 444 Filed	10/23/2003 4:19 PM	Web Page PDF
S 444 c1	3/5/2004 11:43 AM	Web Page PDF
S 444 e1	4/26/2004 2:47 PM	Web Page PDF
S 444 er	5/1/2004 9:11 AM	Web Page PDF

Committee Amendments

No Committee Amendments Available

Floor Amendments

S 444 c1

Amendments	Sponsor	Filed	Last Floor Action	Format
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Amendments	Sponsor	Filed	Last Floor Action	Format
860942 - Amendment	Geller	4/24/2004 3:01 PM		Web Page PDF

Bill Analyses

Type	Analysis	Author	Posted	Format
Bill Analysis	S 444	Comprehensive Planning (Post-Meeting)	3/11/2004 12:00 AM	PDF
Bill Analysis	S 444	Governmental Oversight and Productivity (Post-Meeting)	3/4/2004 12:00 AM	PDF
Bill Analysis	S 444	Judiciary (Post-Meeting)	4/19/2004 12:00 AM	PDF

Vote History - Committee

Version	Committee	Date	Result
S 444 Filed	Governmental Oversight and Productivity	3/4/2004 11:15 AM	10 Yeas - 0 Nays
S 444 c1	Comprehensive Planning	3/15/2004 2:00 PM	7 Yeas - 0 Nays
S 444 c1	Judiciary	4/19/2004 11:30 AM	7 Yeas - 0 Nays

Vote History - Floor

Vote	Date	Chamber	Result
S 444 e1	4/27/2004 11:36 AM	Senate	38 Yeas - 0 Nays
S 444 e1	4/30/2004 3:14 PM	House	117 Yeas - 0 Nays

Citations - Statutes (1)

Citation	Catchline	Location in Bill	Location In Bill Help
267.0625			

Citations - Constitution (0)

No Constitutional citations.

Citations - Chapter Law (0)

No Chapter Law citations.

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2 An act relating to abrogating offensive or
3 derogatory place names; creating s. 267.0625,
4 F.S.; providing legislative findings that
5 certain place names are offensive or
6 derogatory; providing definitions; requiring
7 the Florida Historical Commission and the
8 Division of Historic Resources to aid state
9 agencies and local governments in identifying
10 geographic sites having offensive or derogatory
11 place names; directing state agencies and local
12 governments to identify geographic sites having
13 offensive or derogatory place names by a
14 specified date; directing the commission to
15 recommend to the division replacement names;
16 directing the division to select replacement
17 names by a specified date; requiring state and
18 local governments to update maps and markers
19 with the new place names; directing the
20 division to notify the United States Board of
21 Geographic Names of name changes; providing
22 specified exceptions to the act; providing an
23 effective date.

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

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27 Section 1. Section 267.0625, Florida Statutes, is
28 created to read:

29 267.0625 Abrogation of offensive and derogatory
30 geographic place names.--

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1 (1) The Legislature finds that certain place names for
2 geographic sites are offensive or derogatory to the state's
3 people, history, and heritage. The state encourages tolerance
4 and understanding between all of its residents and these
5 geographic place names are a barrier to that effort. The
6 Legislature finds that these offensive or derogatory place
7 names should be replaced by names that reflect the state's
8 people, history, and heritage without resorting to offensive
9 stereotypes, slurs, names, words, or phrases.

10 (2) As used in this section, the term:

11 (a) "Commission" means the Florida Historical
12 Commission within the Department of State.

13 (b) "Geographic site" means a location or
14 publicly-owned structure in this state, and includes, but is
15 not limited to, rivers and other navigable waters of the
16 state, geographic features, and parks, or state or local
17 roads, bridges, and publicly-owned buildings.

18 (c) "Offensive or derogatory place names" means a
19 place name that is a racial, ethnic, or religious slur.

20 (3)(a) By October 1, 2004, each state agency or
21 political subdivision that owns or manages public land,
22 waters, or structures in this state shall identify any
23 geographic sites under its jurisdiction which contain
24 offensive or derogatory place names as defined in subsection
25 (2) and shall file a report identifying those names with the
26 division. A political subdivision shall also include a
27 recommended replacement name for each identified offensive or
28 derogatory place name.

29 (b) The division shall compile the reports required to
30 be filed pursuant to this section and provide a copy to the
31 commission. The commission shall advise the division in its

1 review of recommended place names and in the development of
2 alternative names to replace offensive or derogatory place
3 names with place names that reflect the state's diversity and
4 culture.

5 (c) By March 1, 2005, the division shall choose a new
6 name for each geographic site reported by an agency or
7 political subdivision.

8 (4) The division shall:

9 (a) Notify each entity that has reported an offensive
10 or derogatory place name pursuant to subsection (3) of the
11 alternative name selected by the division; each agency or
12 political subdivision shall ensure that whenever it updates a
13 map or recorded plat, or replaces a sign, interpretive marker,
14 or any other marker because of wear or vandalism, the new name
15 is used.

16 (b) Notify the Department of Transportation, the
17 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development, the
18 Department of Management Services, and any other entity that
19 compiles information for or develops maps or markers for the
20 state of the name change so that it may be reflected on
21 subsequent editions of any maps, informational literature, or
22 markers produced by those entities.

23 (c) Place a formal request with the United State Board
24 on Geographic Names to render a decision on each proposed name
25 change so that each new name will be reflected on all maps of
26 the United States Board on Geographic Names.

27 (d) Report to the Governor and the Legislature by no
28 later than July 1, 2005, regarding implementation of the
29 provisions of this section by the department. The report shall
30 identify at least the following:

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1 1. Each offensive or derogatory place name identified
2 by an agency or political subdivision.

3 2. The replacement name selected by the department.

4 3. Whether any markers and maps have been changed to
5 reflect the name changes.

6 4. The date that requests to change names were filed
7 with the United State Board of Geographic Names and whether
8 those changes have been made.

9 5. Any other relevant information that the department
10 finds appropriate.

11 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

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