



Southeastern Economic Development Commission BY-LAWS

ARTICLE V

Membership

Section 1. The Commission shall be comprised of four (4) members from each county in the District. At least one (1) of these members shall be an elected official that could include a County Commissioner, Mayor, or City Council Member. The membership is to be reflective of the minority population of the area served to comply with civil rights requirements of the Economic Development Administration (EDA). Minority representation from each member county shall reflect the minority population within the respective county making an appointment; however, no member county shall have less than twenty-five percent (25%) of its representation as minority.

The Commission Board of Directors shall at all times comply with current EDA regulations and guidelines. The Board shall have at least one Private Sector Representative. Private Sector Representative means with respect to any for-profit enterprise, any senior management official or executive holding a key decision making position, or that person's designee. The Board shall also contain at least one additional representative of the following: Executive Directors of Chambers of Commerce, or representatives of institutions of post-secondary education, workforce development groups or labor groups, all of which must comprise in the aggregate a minimum of thirty-five (35) percent of the Commission's governing body. The governing body shall also have at least a simple majority of its membership who are elected officials and/or employees of a general purpose unit of State, local, or Indian tribal government who have been appointed to represent the government.

Section 2. Members to the Commission shall be appointed by the respective Boards of County Commissioners by appropriate resolutions. Members so appointed will be designated for a term of four years to serve at the pleasure of the parent Board of

County Commissioners. Appointing officials should take into consideration the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1965.

Section 3. The terms of the Commission Members shall be, insofar as practicable on a staggered basis insuring an appointment or reappointment each year. Such appointments shall be made prior to the April meeting, which meeting shall also be the Annual Meeting of the Commission.

Section 4. The Executive Director shall notify the appointing authority in writing of the expiration date of the terms of Commission members. Appointment or reappointment action will be requested.

Section 5. The Executive Director will have available a roster of currently qualified Commission Members. Voting privileges will be extended only to those so qualified to vote.

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