

Special Act Analysis of Special Districts Initially Identified as Possibly Dependent

Entity	Criteria for Analysis					
	Are They a Special District?	Are They Dependent? Must Meet One of the Following Requirements:				Status Dependent/Independent
	Definition: A local unit of special purpose, as opposed to general-purpose, government within a limited boundary, created by general law, special act, local ordinance, or by rule of the Governor and Cabinet. ... It does not include an MSTU, MSBU.	Membership of its governing body is identical to that of the governing body of a single county or a single municipality	All members of its governing body are appointed by the governing body of a single county or a single municipality.	During their unexpired terms, members of the special district's governing body are subject to removal at will by the governing body of a single county or a single municipality.	The district has a budget that requires approval through an affirmative vote or can be vetoed by the governing body of a single County or a single municipality.	
Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board	Yes. Governs countywide.	No	No	No	Probably No. By practice the PCCLB presents their budget to the BCC but there is nothing in their legislation that requires them to do so. Unlike the Daycare Licensing Board legislation, there is nothing that authorizes the BCC to fund the PCCLB.	Probably Independent
License Board for Children's Centers and Family Day Care Homes	Yes. Governs countywide.	No	No	No	Maybe Yes based on the following: Sec. 26-30. Appropriation. The board of county commissioners is authorized to levy an annual tax to be used as an appropriation for the license board in accordance with its needs. Such appropriation shall be in addition to the revenue derived from the application fees paid to the license board. Further, the license board is authorized to accept any financial gift or grant from any source, and shall properly account for same.	May ultimately be Dependent? Absent sufficient ability to cover budget with fees, this board is totally dependent on contributions from outside agencies. Ultimately the BCC has some dormant budgetary control in the absence of sufficient ability to raise funds.

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EMS Authority	Yes. Governs countywide.	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Dependent
Mosquito Control Board	Yes. Governs countywide.	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Dependent
Pinellas County Water and Navigation Control Authority	Yes. Governs countywide.	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Dependent
Unified Personnel Board	Possibly no. It governs a system with no prescribed limited boundary.	No	No	No	Yes. The special act reads: "The board of county commissioners shall provide sufficient funds to carry out the provisions of this article." Thus the BCC cannot starve the system but it has veto power down to a "minimum necessary" budget.	Rather than being a special district, this is a system established by state law. It governs the BCC as well as constitutional officers. It cannot be converted to an ordinance without losing its authority over constitutional officers.