



# Baldwin County Commission

## Legislation Text

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**From:** Vince Jackson, Planning Director

**Submitted by:** Vince Jackson, Planning Director

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### **ITEM TITLE**

Proposed Amendments to Statute Pertaining to Boards of Adjustment

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the County Commission Chairman to sign a letter to the Baldwin County Legislative Delegation requesting amendments to the Baldwin County Planning and Zoning Enabling Statutes as they pertain to the Boards of Adjustment.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

**Previous Commission action/date:** N/A

**Background:** The Baldwin County Commission, as required by statute, currently has four (4) Boards of Adjustment which correspond to the four (4) Commission districts. This includes seats for twenty-four (24) regular members and twenty-four (24) alternate members, with each alternate being appointed to a term which is concurrent with a specific regular member. In recent years, it has become increasingly difficult to find qualified members who are willing to serve and attend scheduled meetings on a regular basis. To address this situation, the Planning and Zoning staff has drafted proposed amendments to the statutes which would reduce the number of Boards of Adjustment to two (2) and provide for flexibility in terms of the usage of alternates. If approved, one board would have ten (10) members while the second board would have eight (8) members. In addition, the number of alternates for each board would be no less than two (2) and no more than the same number of regular members.

A draft letter to the Legislative Delegation requesting the amendments is attached. Copies of the current statute and the proposed amendments are also attached for the convenience of the County Commissioners.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

**Total cost of recommendation:** N/A

**Budget line item(s) to be used:** N/A

**If this is not a budgeted expenditure, does the recommendation create a need for funding?**  
N/A

### **LEGAL IMPACT**

**Is legal review necessary for this staff recommendation and related documents?**  
N/A

**Reviewed/approved by:** N/A

**Additional comments:** N/A

### **ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS**

**Is advertising required for this recommendation?** N/A

**If the proof of publication affidavit is not attached, list the reason:** N/A

### **FOLLOW UP IMPLEMENTATION**

**For time-sensitive follow up, select deadline date for follow up:** N/A

**Individual(s) responsible for follow up:** Commission Administration Office

**Action required (list contact persons/addresses if documents are to be mailed or emailed):**  
Prepare formal letter, for the signature of the County Commission Chairman, to the Baldwin County Legislative Delegation, requesting amendments to the Planning and Zoning Enabling Statutes as they pertain to the Boards of Adjustment. The letter should utilize language from the background, the attached draft letter and the attached draft of the proposed amendments.

**Additional instructions/notes:** Planning and Zoning Department - Coordinate with the Commission Office and the Legislative Delegation as required.