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1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to legal notices; creating s. 50.0211,  
3 F.S.; requiring that, after a specified date, if a  
4 legal notice is published in a newspaper, the  
5 newspaper publishing the notice shall also place the  
6 notice on a website maintained by the newspaper;  
7 providing requirements for size and placement of such  
8 website publication; requiring free access to such  
9 online publications; requiring that legal notices  
10 published in newspapers also be published on another  
11 specified website; requiring that, after a specified  
12 date, newspapers that publish legal notice must  
13 provide e-mail notification of new legal notices;  
14 providing requirements for such notice; providing that  
15 an error on a newspaper or statewide website shall be  
16 considered a harmless error and legal notice  
17 requirements shall be considered met if the notice  
18 published in the newspaper is correct; amending s.  
19 50.041, F.S.; revising physical requirements for proof  
20 of publication affidavits; authorizing electronic  
21 affidavits that meet specified requirements; amending  
22 s. 50.061, F.S.; limiting the rate that may be charged  
23 for government notices required to be published more  
24 than once in certain circumstances; deleting  
25 provisions specifying rates for legal notices based on  
26 county population; amending ss. 125.66, 166.041,  
27 190.005, and 200.065, F.S.; requiring that website  
28 publication of certain legal notices include maps that

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29 appear in the newspaper advertisements; amending s.  
30 17.325, F.S.; making it optional for the Chief  
31 Financial Officer to advertise the availability of the  
32 governmental efficiency hotline; amending ss. 120.60  
33 215.555, 253.52, 255.518, and 380.0668, F.S.; deleting  
34 requirements that certain legal notices be published  
35 in Leon County; amending s. 455.275, F.S.; deleting a  
36 requirement that certain notices concerning  
37 professional licensees who cannot be personally served  
38 be published in Leon County; requiring that plain  
39 notice to the licensee to be posted on the front page  
40 of the Department of Business and Professional  
41 Regulation's website and provided to certain news  
42 outlets; amending s. 473.3141, F.S.; deleting a  
43 requirement that notices concerning discipline of  
44 certain certified public accountants be published in  
45 Leon County; amending s. 527.23, F.S.; deleting  
46 requirements relating to the newspaper publication of  
47 certain notices relating to marketing orders for  
48 propane gas; providing for Internet publication of  
49 such orders and for providing information to certain  
50 news outlets; amending ss. 573.109 and 573.111, F.S.;  
51 deleting requirements relating to the newspaper  
52 publication of certain notices relating to  
53 agricultural marketing orders; providing for Internet  
54 publication of such orders and for providing  
55 information to certain news outlets; amending s.  
56 631.59, F.S.; deleting requirements for the newspaper

57 publication of certain notices concerning insolvent  
 58 insurers; providing for notice by e-mail or telephone;  
 59 providing applicability; providing effective date.

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

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63 Section 1. Section 50.0211, Florida Statutes, is created  
 64 to read:

65 50.0211 Internet website publication.—

66 (1) This section applies to legal notices that must be  
 67 published in accordance with this chapter unless otherwise  
 68 specified.

69 (2) Each legal notice must be placed on the newspaper's  
 70 website on the same day the notice appears in the newspaper. A  
 71 link to legal notices shall be provided on the front page of the  
 72 newspaper's website that provides access to the legal notices  
 73 without charge. If there is a specified size and placement  
 74 required for a printed legal notice, the size and placement of  
 75 the notice on the newspaper's website should optimize its online  
 76 visibility in keeping with the print requirements. The  
 77 newspaper's web pages that contain legal notices shall present  
 78 the legal notices as the dominant subject matter of those pages.  
 79 The newspaper's website shall contain a search function to  
 80 facilitate searching the legal notices. This subsection shall  
 81 take effect July 1, 2013.

82 (3) If a legal notice is published in a newspaper, the  
 83 newspaper publishing the notice shall place the notice on the  
 84 website established and maintained as an initiative of the

85 Florida Press Association as a repository for such notices  
 86 located at the following address: [www.floridapublicnotices.com](http://www.floridapublicnotices.com).

87 (4) Newspapers that publish legal notices shall, upon  
 88 request, provide e-mail notification of new legal notices when  
 89 they are printed in the newspaper and added to the newspaper's  
 90 website. Such e-mail notification shall be provided without  
 91 charge and notification for such an e-mail registry shall be  
 92 available on the front page of the legal notices section of the  
 93 newspaper's website. This subsection shall take effect July 1,  
 94 2013.

95 (5) An error in the notice placed on the newspaper or  
 96 statewide website shall be considered a harmless error and  
 97 proper legal notice requirements shall be considered met if the  
 98 notice published in the newspaper is correct.

99 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 50.041, Florida  
 100 Statutes, is amended to read:

101 50.041 Proof of publication; uniform affidavits required.—

102 (2) Each such affidavit shall be printed upon white ~~bond~~  
 103 ~~paper containing at least 25 percent rag material~~ and shall be 8  
 104 1/2 inches in width and of convenient length, not less than 5  
 105 1/2 inches. A white margin of not less than 2 1/2 inches shall  
 106 be left at the right side of each affidavit form and upon or in  
 107 this space shall be substantially pasted a clipping which shall  
 108 be a true copy of the public notice or legal advertisement for  
 109 which proof is executed. Alternatively, the affidavit may be  
 110 provided in electronic rather than paper form, provided the  
 111 notarization of the affidavit complies with the requirements of  
 112 s. 117.021.

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113 Section 3. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 50.061,  
 114 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

115 50.061 Amounts chargeable.—

116 (2) The charge for publishing each such official public  
 117 notice or legal advertisement shall be 70 cents per square inch  
 118 for the first insertion and 40 cents per square inch for each  
 119 subsequent insertion, except that government notices required to  
 120 be published more than once whose cost is paid for by the  
 121 government and not paid in advance by or allowed to be recouped  
 122 from private parties may not be charged for the second and  
 123 successive insertions at a rate greater than 85 percent of the  
 124 original rate.‡

125 ~~(a) In all counties having a population of more than~~  
 126 ~~304,000 according to the latest official decennial census, the~~  
 127 ~~charge for publishing each such official public notice or legal~~  
 128 ~~advertisement shall be 80 cents per square inch for the first~~  
 129 ~~insertion and 60 cents per square inch for each subsequent~~  
 130 ~~insertion.~~

131 ~~(b) In all counties having a population of more than~~  
 132 ~~450,000 according to the latest official decennial census, the~~  
 133 ~~charge for publishing each such official public notice or legal~~  
 134 ~~advertisement shall be 95 cents per square inch for the first~~  
 135 ~~insertion and 75 cents per square inch for each subsequent~~  
 136 ~~insertion.~~

137 ~~(3) Where the regular established minimum commercial rate~~  
 138 ~~per square inch of the newspaper publishing such official public~~  
 139 ~~notices or legal advertisements is in excess of the rate herein~~  
 140 ~~stipulated, said minimum commercial rate per square inch may be~~

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141 ~~charged for all such legal advertisements or official public~~  
142 ~~notices for each insertion, except that~~

143 (3) A governmental agency publishing an official public  
144 notice or legal advertisement may procure publication by  
145 soliciting and accepting written bids from newspapers published  
146 in the county, in which case the specified charges in this  
147 section do not apply.

148 Section 4. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section  
149 125.66, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

150 125.66 Ordinances; enactment procedure; emergency  
151 ordinances; rezoning or change of land use ordinances or  
152 resolutions.—

153 (4) Ordinances or resolutions, initiated by other than the  
154 county, that change the actual zoning map designation of a  
155 parcel or parcels of land shall be enacted pursuant to  
156 subsection (2). Ordinances or resolutions that change the actual  
157 list of permitted, conditional, or prohibited uses within a  
158 zoning category, or ordinances or resolutions initiated by the  
159 county that change the actual zoning map designation of a parcel  
160 or parcels of land shall be enacted pursuant to the following  
161 procedure:

162 (b) In cases in which the proposed ordinance or resolution  
163 changes the actual list of permitted, conditional, or prohibited  
164 uses within a zoning category, or changes the actual zoning map  
165 designation of a parcel or parcels of land involving 10  
166 contiguous acres or more, the board of county commissioners  
167 shall provide for public notice and hearings as follows:

168 1. The board of county commissioners shall hold two

169 | advertised public hearings on the proposed ordinance or  
 170 | resolution. At least one hearing shall be held after 5 p.m. on a  
 171 | weekday, unless the board of county commissioners, by a majority  
 172 | plus one vote, elects to conduct that hearing at another time of  
 173 | day. The first public hearing shall be held at least 7 days  
 174 | after the day that the first advertisement is published. The  
 175 | second hearing shall be held at least 10 days after the first  
 176 | hearing and shall be advertised at least 5 days prior to the  
 177 | public hearing.

178 |         2. The required advertisements shall be no less than 2  
 179 | columns wide by 10 inches long in a standard size or a tabloid  
 180 | size newspaper, and the headline in the advertisement shall be  
 181 | in a type no smaller than 18 point. The advertisement shall not  
 182 | be placed in that portion of the newspaper where legal notices  
 183 | and classified advertisements appear. The advertisement shall be  
 184 | placed in a newspaper of general paid circulation in the county  
 185 | and of general interest and readership in the community pursuant  
 186 | to chapter 50, not one of limited subject matter. It is the  
 187 | legislative intent that, whenever possible, the advertisement  
 188 | shall appear in a newspaper that is published at least 5 days a  
 189 | week unless the only newspaper in the community is published  
 190 | less than 5 days a week. The advertisement shall be in  
 191 | substantially the following form:

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 193 |   NOTICE OF (TYPE OF) CHANGE  
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195 |         The ...(name of local governmental unit)... proposes to  
 196 | adopt the following by ordinance or resolution:...(title of

197 ordinance or resolution)....

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199 A public hearing on the ordinance or resolution will be  
 200 held on ...(date and time)... at ...(meeting place)....

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202 Except for amendments which change the actual list of permitted,  
 203 conditional, or prohibited uses within a zoning category, the  
 204 advertisement shall contain a geographic location map which  
 205 clearly indicates the area within the local government covered  
 206 by the proposed ordinance or resolution. The map shall include  
 207 major street names as a means of identification of the general  
 208 area. In addition to being published in the newspaper, the map  
 209 must be part of the online notice required pursuant to s.  
 210 50.0211.

211 3. In lieu of publishing the advertisements set out in  
 212 this paragraph, the board of county commissioners may mail a  
 213 notice to each person owning real property within the area  
 214 covered by the ordinance or resolution. Such notice shall  
 215 clearly explain the proposed ordinance or resolution and shall  
 216 notify the person of the time, place, and location of both  
 217 public hearings on the proposed ordinance or resolution.

218 Section 5. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section  
 219 166.041, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

220 166.041 Procedures for adoption of ordinances and  
 221 resolutions.—

222 (3)

223 (c) Ordinances initiated by other than the municipality  
 224 that change the actual zoning map designation of a parcel or

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225 parcels of land shall be enacted pursuant to paragraph (a).  
226 Ordinances that change the actual list of permitted,  
227 conditional, or prohibited uses within a zoning category, or  
228 ordinances initiated by the municipality that change the actual  
229 zoning map designation of a parcel or parcels of land shall be  
230 enacted pursuant to the following procedure:

231 1. In cases in which the proposed ordinance changes the  
232 actual zoning map designation for a parcel or parcels of land  
233 involving less than 10 contiguous acres, the governing body  
234 shall direct the clerk of the governing body to notify by mail  
235 each real property owner whose land the municipality will  
236 redesignate by enactment of the ordinance and whose address is  
237 known by reference to the latest ad valorem tax records. The  
238 notice shall state the substance of the proposed ordinance as it  
239 affects that property owner and shall set a time and place for  
240 one or more public hearings on such ordinance. Such notice shall  
241 be given at least 30 days prior to the date set for the public  
242 hearing, and a copy of the notice shall be kept available for  
243 public inspection during the regular business hours of the  
244 office of the clerk of the governing body. The governing body  
245 shall hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance and may,  
246 upon the conclusion of the hearing, immediately adopt the  
247 ordinance.

248 2. In cases in which the proposed ordinance changes the  
249 actual list of permitted, conditional, or prohibited uses within  
250 a zoning category, or changes the actual zoning map designation  
251 of a parcel or parcels of land involving 10 contiguous acres or  
252 more, the governing body shall provide for public notice and

253 | hearings as follows:

254 |       a. The local governing body shall hold two advertised  
 255 | public hearings on the proposed ordinance. At least one hearing  
 256 | shall be held after 5 p.m. on a weekday, unless the local  
 257 | governing body, by a majority plus one vote, elects to conduct  
 258 | that hearing at another time of day. The first public hearing  
 259 | shall be held at least 7 days after the day that the first  
 260 | advertisement is published. The second hearing shall be held at  
 261 | least 10 days after the first hearing and shall be advertised at  
 262 | least 5 days prior to the public hearing.

263 |       b. The required advertisements shall be no less than 2  
 264 | columns wide by 10 inches long in a standard size or a tabloid  
 265 | size newspaper, and the headline in the advertisement shall be  
 266 | in a type no smaller than 18 point. The advertisement shall not  
 267 | be placed in that portion of the newspaper where legal notices  
 268 | and classified advertisements appear. The advertisement shall be  
 269 | placed in a newspaper of general paid circulation in the  
 270 | municipality and of general interest and readership in the  
 271 | municipality, not one of limited subject matter, pursuant to  
 272 | chapter 50. It is the legislative intent that, whenever  
 273 | possible, the advertisement appear in a newspaper that is  
 274 | published at least 5 days a week unless the only newspaper in  
 275 | the municipality is published less than 5 days a week. The  
 276 | advertisement shall be in substantially the following form:

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 278 |                                   NOTICE OF (TYPE OF) CHANGE  
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280 |       The ...(name of local governmental unit)... proposes to

281 adopt the following ordinance:...(title of the ordinance)....

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283 A public hearing on the ordinance will be held on ...(date  
284 and time)... at ...(meeting place)....

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286 Except for amendments which change the actual list of permitted,  
287 conditional, or prohibited uses within a zoning category, the  
288 advertisement shall contain a geographic location map which  
289 clearly indicates the area covered by the proposed ordinance.  
290 The map shall include major street names as a means of  
291 identification of the general area. In addition to being  
292 published in the newspaper, the map must be part of the online  
293 notice required pursuant to s. 50.0211.

294 c. In lieu of publishing the advertisement set out in this  
295 paragraph, the municipality may mail a notice to each person  
296 owning real property within the area covered by the ordinance.  
297 Such notice shall clearly explain the proposed ordinance and  
298 shall notify the person of the time, place, and location of any  
299 public hearing on the proposed ordinance.

300 Section 6. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section  
301 190.005, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

302 190.005 Establishment of district.—

303 (1) The exclusive and uniform method for the establishment  
304 of a community development district with a size of 1,000 acres  
305 or more shall be pursuant to a rule, adopted under chapter 120  
306 by the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission, granting  
307 a petition for the establishment of a community development  
308 district.

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309 (d) A local public hearing on the petition shall be  
310 conducted by a hearing officer in conformance with the  
311 applicable requirements and procedures of the Administrative  
312 Procedure Act. The hearing shall include oral and written  
313 comments on the petition pertinent to the factors specified in  
314 paragraph (e). The hearing shall be held at an accessible  
315 location in the county in which the community development  
316 district is to be located. The petitioner shall cause a notice  
317 of the hearing to be published in a newspaper at least once a  
318 week for the 4 successive weeks immediately prior to the  
319 hearing. Such notice shall give the time and place for the  
320 hearing, a description of the area to be included in the  
321 district, which description shall include a map showing clearly  
322 the area to be covered by the district, and any other relevant  
323 information which the establishing governing bodies may require.  
324 The advertisement shall not be placed in that portion of the  
325 newspaper where legal notices and classified advertisements  
326 appear. The advertisement shall be published in a newspaper of  
327 general paid circulation in the county and of general interest  
328 and readership in the community, not one of limited subject  
329 matter, pursuant to chapter 50. Whenever possible, the  
330 advertisement shall appear in a newspaper that is published at  
331 least 5 days a week, unless the only newspaper in the community  
332 is published fewer than 5 days a week. In addition to being  
333 published in the newspaper, the map referenced above must be  
334 part of the online advertisement required pursuant to s.  
335 50.0211. All affected units of general-purpose local government  
336 and the general public shall be given an opportunity to appear

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337 at the hearing and present oral or written comments on the  
 338 petition.

339 Section 7. Paragraph (h) of subsection (3) of section  
 340 200.065, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

341 200.065 Method of fixing millage.—

342 (3) The advertisement shall be no less than one-quarter  
 343 page in size of a standard size or a tabloid size newspaper, and  
 344 the headline in the advertisement shall be in a type no smaller  
 345 than 18 point. The advertisement shall not be placed in that  
 346 portion of the newspaper where legal notices and classified  
 347 advertisements appear. The advertisement shall be published in a  
 348 newspaper of general paid circulation in the county or in a  
 349 geographically limited insert of such newspaper. The geographic  
 350 boundaries in which such insert is circulated shall include the  
 351 geographic boundaries of the taxing authority. It is the  
 352 legislative intent that, whenever possible, the advertisement  
 353 appear in a newspaper that is published at least 5 days a week  
 354 unless the only newspaper in the county is published less than 5  
 355 days a week, or that the advertisement appear in a  
 356 geographically limited insert of such newspaper which insert is  
 357 published throughout the taxing authority's jurisdiction at  
 358 least twice each week. It is further the legislative intent that  
 359 the newspaper selected be one of general interest and readership  
 360 in the community and not one of limited subject matter, pursuant  
 361 to chapter 50.

362 (h) In no event shall any taxing authority add to or  
 363 delete from the language of the advertisements as specified  
 364 herein unless expressly authorized by law, except that, if an

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365 increase in ad valorem tax rates will affect only a portion of  
366 the jurisdiction of a taxing authority, advertisements may  
367 include a map or geographical description of the area to be  
368 affected and the proposed use of the tax revenues under  
369 consideration. In addition, if published in the newspaper, the  
370 map must be part of the online advertisement required by s.  
371 50.0211. The advertisements required herein shall not be  
372 accompanied, preceded, or followed by other advertising or  
373 notices which conflict with or modify the substantive content  
374 prescribed herein.

375 Section 8. Subsection (2) of section 17.325, Florida  
376 Statutes, is amended to read:

377 17.325 Governmental efficiency hotline; duties of Chief  
378 Financial Officer.—

379 (2) The Chief Financial Officer shall operate the hotline  
380 24 hours a day. The Chief Financial Officer may ~~shall~~ advertise  
381 the availability of the hotline in newspapers of general  
382 circulation in this state and shall provide for the posting of  
383 notices in conspicuous places in state agency offices, city  
384 halls, county courthouses, and places in which there is exposure  
385 to significant numbers of the general public, including, but not  
386 limited to, local convenience stores, shopping malls, shopping  
387 centers, gasoline stations, or restaurants. The Chief Financial  
388 Officer shall use the slogan "Tell us where we can 'Get Lean'"  
389 for the hotline and in advertisements for the hotline.

390 Section 9. Subsection (5) of section 120.60, Florida  
391 Statutes, is amended to read:

392 120.60 Licensing.—

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393 (5) No revocation, suspension, annulment, or withdrawal of  
 394 any license is lawful unless, prior to the entry of a final  
 395 order, the agency has served, by personal service or certified  
 396 mail, an administrative complaint which affords reasonable  
 397 notice to the licensee of facts or conduct which warrant the  
 398 intended action and unless the licensee has been given an  
 399 adequate opportunity to request a proceeding pursuant to ss.  
 400 120.569 and 120.57. When personal service cannot be made and the  
 401 certified mail notice is returned undelivered, the agency shall  
 402 cause a short, plain notice to the licensee to be published once  
 403 each week for 4 consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in  
 404 the county of the licensee's last known address as it appears on  
 405 the records of the agency. If no newspaper is published in that  
 406 county, the notice may be published in a newspaper of general  
 407 circulation in that county. ~~If the address is in some state~~  
 408 ~~other than this state or in a foreign territory or country, the~~  
 409 ~~notice may be published in Leon County.~~

410 Section 10. Paragraph (d) of subsection (6) of section  
 411 215.555, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

412 215.555 Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund.—

413 (6) REVENUE BONDS.—

414 (d) Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund Finance  
 415 Corporation.—

416 1. In addition to the findings and declarations in  
 417 subsection (1), the Legislature also finds and declares that:

418 a. The public benefits corporation created under this  
 419 paragraph will provide a mechanism necessary for the cost-  
 420 effective and efficient issuance of bonds. This mechanism will

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421 eliminate unnecessary costs in the bond issuance process,  
422 thereby increasing the amounts available to pay reimbursement  
423 for losses to property sustained as a result of hurricane  
424 damage.

425 b. The purpose of such bonds is to fund reimbursements  
426 through the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund to pay for the  
427 costs of construction, reconstruction, repair, restoration, and  
428 other costs associated with damage to properties of  
429 policyholders of covered policies due to the occurrence of a  
430 hurricane.

431 c. The efficacy of the financing mechanism will be  
432 enhanced by the corporation's ownership of the assessments, by  
433 the insulation of the assessments from possible bankruptcy  
434 proceedings, and by covenants of the state with the  
435 corporation's bondholders.

436 2.a. There is created a public benefits corporation, which  
437 is an instrumentality of the state, to be known as the Florida  
438 Hurricane Catastrophe Fund Finance Corporation.

439 b. The corporation shall operate under a five-member board  
440 of directors consisting of the Governor or a designee, the Chief  
441 Financial Officer or a designee, the Attorney General or a  
442 designee, the director of the Division of Bond Finance of the  
443 State Board of Administration, and the senior employee of the  
444 State Board of Administration responsible for operations of the  
445 Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund.

446 c. The corporation has all of the powers of corporations  
447 under chapter 607 and under chapter 617, subject only to the  
448 provisions of this subsection.

449           d. The corporation may issue bonds and engage in such  
 450 other financial transactions as are necessary to provide  
 451 sufficient funds to achieve the purposes of this section.

452           e. The corporation may invest in any of the investments  
 453 authorized under s. 215.47.

454           f. There shall be no liability on the part of, and no  
 455 cause of action shall arise against, any board members or  
 456 employees of the corporation for any actions taken by them in  
 457 the performance of their duties under this paragraph.

458           3.a. In actions under chapter 75 to validate any bonds  
 459 issued by the corporation, the notice required by s. 75.06 shall  
 460 be published ~~only in Leon County and~~ in two newspapers of  
 461 general circulation in the state, and the complaint and order of  
 462 the court shall be served only on the State Attorney of the  
 463 Second Judicial Circuit.

464           b. The state hereby covenants with holders of bonds of the  
 465 corporation that the state will not repeal or abrogate the power  
 466 of the board to direct the Office of Insurance Regulation to  
 467 levy the assessments and to collect the proceeds of the revenues  
 468 pledged to the payment of such bonds as long as any such bonds  
 469 remain outstanding unless adequate provision has been made for  
 470 the payment of such bonds pursuant to the documents authorizing  
 471 the issuance of such bonds.

472           4. The bonds of the corporation are not a debt of the  
 473 state or of any political subdivision, and neither the state nor  
 474 any political subdivision is liable on such bonds. The  
 475 corporation does not have the power to pledge the credit, the  
 476 revenues, or the taxing power of the state or of any political

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477 subdivision. The credit, revenues, or taxing power of the state  
478 or of any political subdivision shall not be deemed to be  
479 pledged to the payment of any bonds of the corporation.

480 5.a. The property, revenues, and other assets of the  
481 corporation; the transactions and operations of the corporation  
482 and the income from such transactions and operations; and all  
483 bonds issued under this paragraph and interest on such bonds are  
484 exempt from taxation by the state and any political subdivision,  
485 including the intangibles tax under chapter 199 and the income  
486 tax under chapter 220. This exemption does not apply to any tax  
487 imposed by chapter 220 on interest, income, or profits on debt  
488 obligations owned by corporations other than the Florida  
489 Hurricane Catastrophe Fund Finance Corporation.

490 b. All bonds of the corporation shall be and constitute  
491 legal investments without limitation for all public bodies of  
492 this state; for all banks, trust companies, savings banks,  
493 savings associations, savings and loan associations, and  
494 investment companies; for all administrators, executors,  
495 trustees, and other fiduciaries; for all insurance companies and  
496 associations and other persons carrying on an insurance  
497 business; and for all other persons who are now or may hereafter  
498 be authorized to invest in bonds or other obligations of the  
499 state and shall be and constitute eligible securities to be  
500 deposited as collateral for the security of any state, county,  
501 municipal, or other public funds. This sub-subparagraph shall be  
502 considered as additional and supplemental authority and shall  
503 not be limited without specific reference to this sub-  
504 subparagraph.

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505           6. The corporation and its corporate existence shall  
 506 continue until terminated by law; however, no such law shall  
 507 take effect as long as the corporation has bonds outstanding  
 508 unless adequate provision has been made for the payment of such  
 509 bonds pursuant to the documents authorizing the issuance of such  
 510 bonds. Upon termination of the existence of the corporation, all  
 511 of its rights and properties in excess of its obligations shall  
 512 pass to and be vested in the state.

513           Section 11. Section 253.52, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 514 to read:

515           253.52 Placing oil and gas leases on market by board.—  
 516 Whenever in the opinion of the Board of Trustees of the Internal  
 517 Improvement Trust Fund there shall be a demand for the purchase  
 518 of oil and gas leases on any area, tract, or parcel of the land  
 519 so owned, controlled, or managed, by any state board,  
 520 department, or agency, then the board shall place such oil and  
 521 gas lease or leases on the market in such blocks, tracts, or  
 522 parcels as it may designate. The lease or leases shall only be  
 523 made after notice by publication thereof has been made not less  
 524 than once a week for 4 consecutive weeks in a newspaper of  
 525 general circulation ~~published in Leon County, and in a similar~~  
 526 ~~newspaper for a similar period of time~~ published in the vicinity  
 527 of the lands offered to be leased, the last publication ~~in both~~  
 528 ~~newspapers~~ to be not less than 5 days in advance of the sale  
 529 date. Such notice shall be to the effect that a lease or leases  
 530 will be offered for sale at such date and time as may be named  
 531 in said notice and shall describe the land upon which such  
 532 lease, or leases, will be offered. This notice may be combined

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533 with the notice required pursuant to s. 253.115. Before any  
534 lease of any block, tract, or parcel of land, submerged, or  
535 unsubmerged, within a radius of 3 miles of the boundaries of any  
536 incorporated city, or town, or within such radius of any bathing  
537 beach, or beaches, outside thereof, such board, department, or  
538 agency, shall through one or more of its members hold a public  
539 hearing, after notice thereof by publication once in a newspaper  
540 of general circulation published at least 1 week prior to said  
541 hearing in the vicinity of the land, or lands, offered to be  
542 leased, of the offer to lease the same, calling upon all  
543 interested persons to attend said hearing where they would be  
544 given the opportunity to be heard, all of which shall be  
545 considered by the board prior to the execution of any lease or  
546 leases to said land, and the board may withdraw said land, or  
547 any part thereof, from the market, and refuse to execute such  
548 lease or leases if after such hearing, or otherwise, it  
549 considers such execution contrary to the public welfare. Before  
550 advertising any land for lease the form of the lease or leases  
551 to be offered for sale, not inconsistent with law, or the  
552 provisions of this section, shall be prescribed by the board and  
553 a copy, or copies, thereof, shall be available to the general  
554 public at the office of the Board of Trustees of the Internal  
555 Improvement Trust Fund and the advertisements of such sale shall  
556 so state.

557 Section 12. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section  
558 255.518, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

559 255.518 Obligations; purpose, terms, approval,  
560 limitations.-

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561 (4)

562 (b) In actions to validate such obligations pursuant to  
 563 chapter 75, the complaint shall be filed in the Circuit Court of  
 564 Leon County, the notice required by s. 75.06, shall be published  
 565 ~~only in Leon County and~~ in two newspapers of general circulation  
 566 in the state, and the complaint and order of the court shall be  
 567 served only on the state attorney of the Second Judicial  
 568 Circuit.

569 Section 13. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section  
 570 380.0668, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

571 380.0668 Bonds; purpose, terms, approval, limitations.—

572 (4)

573 (b) In actions to validate such bonds pursuant to chapter  
 574 75, the complaint shall be filed in the Circuit Court of Leon  
 575 County, the notice required by s. 75.06 shall be published in  
 576 newspapers of general circulation in ~~Leon County and~~ the county  
 577 in which the area or areas of critical state concern involved  
 578 are located, and the complaint and order of the court shall be  
 579 served on the state attorney of the Second Judicial Circuit and  
 580 the circuit in which the area or areas of critical state concern  
 581 involved are located.

582 Section 14. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section  
 583 455.275, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

584 455.275 Address of record.—

585 (3)

586 (b) If service, as provided in paragraph (a), does not  
 587 provide the department with proof of service, the department  
 588 shall call the last known telephone number of record and cause a

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589 short, plain notice to the licensee to be posted on the front  
 590 page of the department's website and shall send notice via e-  
 591 mail to all newspapers of general circulation and all news  
 592 departments of broadcast network affiliates in the county of the  
 593 licensee's last known address of record ~~published once each week~~  
 594 ~~for 4 consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in the county~~  
 595 ~~of the licensee's last known address of record. If a newspaper~~  
 596 ~~is not published in the county, the administrative complaint may~~  
 597 ~~be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the~~  
 598 ~~county. If the licensee's last known address is located in~~  
 599 ~~another state or in a foreign jurisdiction, the administrative~~  
 600 ~~complaint may be published in Leon County pursuant to s.~~  
 601 ~~120.60(5).~~

602 Section 15. Subsection (5) of section 473.3141, Florida  
 603 Statutes, is amended to read:

604 473.3141 Certified public accountants licensed in other  
 605 states.—

606 (5) Disciplinary action against an individual or firm that  
 607 practices pursuant to this section is not valid unless, prior to  
 608 the entry of a final order, the agency has served, by personal  
 609 service pursuant to this chapter or chapter 48 or by certified  
 610 mail, an administrative complaint that provides reasonable  
 611 notice to the individual or firm of facts or conduct that  
 612 warrants the intended action and unless the individual or firm  
 613 has been given an adequate opportunity to request a proceeding  
 614 pursuant to ss. 120.569 and 120.57. ~~When personal service cannot~~  
 615 ~~be made and the certified mail notice is returned undelivered,~~  
 616 ~~the agency shall have a short, plain notice to the individual or~~

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617 ~~firm with practice privileges published once a week for 4~~  
 618 ~~consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in Leon County,~~  
 619 ~~Florida. The newspaper shall meet the requirements prescribed by~~  
 620 ~~law for such purposes.~~

621 Section 16. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section  
 622 527.23, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

623 527.23 Marketing orders; referendum requirements;  
 624 assessments.—

625 (5)

626 (b) It is the duty of the producers or dealers of propane  
 627 gas who vote in each referendum to send their marked ballots to  
 628 the department, which shall have the ballots counted by  
 629 qualified and impartial personnel in its office, and the  
 630 department shall, within 10 days after the closing date for  
 631 submitting ballots in any referendum, certify in writing and  
 632 publish the results of such referendum on the front page of  
 633 their website and shall send notice via e-mail to all  
 634 publications of general circulation and all news departments of  
 635 broadcast network affiliates located within the state ~~in a~~  
 636 ~~newspaper of general circulation in the state and in such other~~  
 637 ~~newspapers as the department prescribes.~~

638 Section 17. Subsection (2) of section 573.109, Florida  
 639 Statutes, is amended to read:

640 573.109 Procedure for referendum.—

641 (2) It shall be the duty of the producers or handlers  
 642 affected who vote in each referendum to send their marked  
 643 ballots to the department, which shall have the ballots counted  
 644 by qualified and impartial personnel in its office, and the

645 department shall, within 10 days after the closing date for  
 646 submitting ballots in any referendum, certify in writing and  
 647 publish the results of such referendum on the front page of  
 648 their website and shall send notice via e-mail to all  
 649 publications of general circulation and all news departments of  
 650 broadcast network affiliates located within the state ~~in a~~  
 651 ~~newspaper of general circulation in the state and in such other~~  
 652 ~~newspapers as the department may prescribe.~~

653 Section 18. Section 573.111, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 654 to read:

655 573.111 Notice of effective date of marketing order.—  
 656 Before the issuance of any marketing order, or any suspension,  
 657 amendment, or termination thereof, a notice shall be posted on a  
 658 public bulletin board to be maintained by the department in the  
 659 Division of Marketing and Development of the department in the  
 660 Nathan Mayo Building, Tallahassee, Leon County, and a copy of  
 661 the notice shall be posted on the department website ~~published~~  
 662 ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the state and in such~~  
 663 ~~other newspaper or newspapers as the department may prescribe.~~  
 664 ~~The notices published in the newspaper or newspapers shall be~~  
 665 ~~sent by first-class mail, by the department to those newspapers~~  
 666 ~~designated by it, the same date that the notice is posted on the~~  
 667 ~~bulletin board with instructions to publish the same as a legal~~  
 668 ~~advertisement the first date after receipt of the notice as such~~  
 669 ~~newspaper's policy for publishing legal advertisements provides.~~  
 670 No marketing order, or any suspension, amendment, or termination  
 671 thereof, shall become effective until the termination of a  
 672 period of 5 days from the date of posting and publication.

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673 Section 19. Subsection (2) of section 631.59, Florida  
674 Statutes, is amended to read:

675 631.59 Duties and powers of department and office.—

676 (2) The department may require that the association notify  
677 the insureds of the insolvent insurer and any other interested  
678 parties of the determination of insolvency and of their rights  
679 under this part. Such notification shall be by mail at their  
680 last known addresses, when available, but if sufficient  
681 information for notification by mail is not available, notice by  
682 e-mail or telephone ~~publication in a newspaper of general~~  
683 ~~circulation~~ shall be sufficient.

684 Section 20. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
685 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2012, and shall apply to  
686 legal notices that must be published on or after that date.