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2 An act relating to low-voltage alarm system projects; 3 amending s. 553.793, F.S.; specifying that a 4 nonelectric fence or wall must enclose the outside 5 perimeter of a low-voltage electric fence; requiring a 6 low-voltage electric fence to be a specified number of 7 feet above such nonelectric fence or wall; permitting 8 low-voltage electric fences to be installed in areas 9 within more than one zoning category; prohibiting a municipality, county, district, or other entity of 10 11 local government from adopting or maintaining certain ordinances or rules that provide additional 12 13 requirements for low-voltage alarm system projects; providing an effective date. 14

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

Section 1. Paragraphs (b) and (d) of subsection (3) and subsection (10) of section 553.793, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

553.793 Streamlined low-voltage alarm system installation permitting.—

(3) A low-voltage electric fence must meet all of the following requirements to be permitted as a low-voltage alarm system project, and no further permit shall be required for the

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low-voltage alarm system project other than as provided in this section:

- (b) A nonelectric fence or wall must completely enclose the <u>outside perimeter of the</u> low-voltage electric fence. The low-voltage electric fence <u>must</u> may be up to 2 feet higher than the perimeter nonelectric fence or wall.
- (d) A The low-voltage electric fence is allowed shall not be installed in any an area unless the area is zoned exclusively for single-family or multifamily residential use. An area is not considered to be zoned exclusively for single-family or multifamily residential use if the area is within more than one zoning category.
- (10) A municipality, county, district, or other entity of local government may not adopt or maintain in effect any ordinance or rule regarding a low-voltage alarm system project that provides additional requirements beyond those set out in this section for the installation or maintenance of a low-voltage alarm system project or that is otherwise is inconsistent with this section.
- Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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