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See HB 1559

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to Seminole Water Control  
3           District, Palm Beach County; codifying and  
4           reenacting provisions of chapters 70-854 and  
5           88-504, Laws of Florida; providing for  
6           codification of special acts relating to  
7           Seminole Water Control District, a special tax  
8           district created pursuant to chapter 70-854,  
9           Laws of Florida, as amended, pursuant to s.  
10          189.429, F.S.; providing that the name of the  
11          District shall be the Seminole Improvement  
12          District; providing for legislative intent;  
13          providing for applicability of chapter 298,  
14          F.S., and other general laws; providing  
15          additional authority relating to the provision  
16          of public infrastructure, services, assessment,  
17          levy, and collection of taxes, non-ad valorem  
18          assessments, and fees, public finance, and  
19          District operations; providing powers of the  
20          District; providing for compliance with county  
21          plans and regulations; providing for election  
22          of a Board of Supervisors; providing for  
23          organization, powers, duties, terms of office,  
24          and compensation of the board; providing for  
25          levy of ad valorem taxes and non-ad valorem  
26          assessments; providing for costs; requiring  
27          referendums under specified circumstances;  
28          providing for collection, enforcement, and  
29          penalties; providing for issuance of revenue  
30          bonds, assessment bonds, and bond anticipation  
31          notes; providing for general obligation bonds;

1 providing a District charter; providing for  
2 repeal of prior special acts related to the  
3 Seminole Water Control District; providing  
4 severability; providing that this act shall  
5 take precedence over any conflicting law to the  
6 extent of such conflict; providing an effective  
7 date.

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

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11 Section 1. Chapters 70-854 and 88-504, Laws of  
12 Florida, are codified, reenacted, amended, and repealed as  
13 provided in this act.

14 Section 2. The Seminole Water Control District is  
15 re-created and renamed and the charter for such District is  
16 re-created and reenacted to read:

17 Section 1. District renamed.--The Seminole Water  
18 Control District shall henceforth be known as the Seminole  
19 Improvement District.

20 Section 2. Intent.--Pursuant to section 189.429,  
21 Florida Statutes, this act constitutes the codification of all  
22 special acts relating to the Seminole Water Control District.  
23 It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this law to  
24 provide a single, comprehensive special act charter for the  
25 District, including all current legislative authority granted  
26 to the District by its several legislative enactments, any  
27 additional authority granted by this act, and authority  
28 granted by applicable general law.

29 Section 3. District created and boundaries  
30 thereof.--For the purposes of providing public infrastructure;  
31 services; the assessment, levy, and collection of taxes,

1 non-ad valorem assessments, and fees; the operation of  
2 District facilities and services; and all other purposes  
3 stated in this act consistent with chapters 189 and 298,  
4 Florida Statutes, and other applicable general law, an  
5 independent improvement district is created and established in  
6 Palm Beach County, to be known as the Seminole Improvement  
7 District, the territorial boundaries of which shall be as  
8 follows:

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10 All of Sections 1 and 2, that part of Section 3  
11 situated Southerly and Eastwardly of the Canal  
12 "M" right of way, and Section 12 except the  
13 East Half (E 1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE  
14 1/4) thereof, all in Township 43 South, Range  
15 40 East.

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17 All of Sections 5 and 6, the North Half (N 1/2)  
18 of Section 7 and the North Half (N 1/2) of  
19 Section 8, Township 43 South, Range 41 East.

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21 All in the County of Palm Beach, State of  
22 Florida, consisting of 4,032 acres, more or  
23 less.

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25 Section 4. Provisions of other laws made  
26 applicable.--The provisions of chapter 298, Florida Statutes,  
27 and all of the laws amendatory thereof, now existing or  
28 hereafter enacted are declared to be applicable to Seminole  
29 Improvement District. Seminole Improvement District shall  
30 have all of the powers and authorities mentioned in or

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1 conferred by chapter 298, Florida Statutes, as it may be  
2 amended from time to time.

3 Section 5. Powers of the District; compliance with  
4 county plans and regulations.--

5 (1) The District shall have the following powers:

6 (a) To sue and be sued by its name in any court of law  
7 or in equity, to make contracts, and to adopt and use a  
8 corporate seal and to alter the same at pleasure;

9 (b) To acquire by purchase, gift, or condemnation real  
10 and personal property, either or both, within or without the  
11 district, and to convey and dispose of such real and personal  
12 property, either or both, as is necessary or convenient to  
13 carry out the purposes, or any of the purposes, of this act  
14 and chapter 298, Florida Statutes;

15 (c) To construct, operate, and maintain canals,  
16 ditches, drains, levees, lakes, ponds, and other works for  
17 water management and control purposes;

18 (d) To acquire, purchase, operate, and maintain pumps,  
19 plants, and pumping systems for water management and control  
20 purposes;

21 (e) To construct, operate, and maintain irrigation  
22 works, machinery, and plants;

23 (f) To construct, improve, pave, and maintain roadways  
24 and roads necessary and convenient for the exercise of the  
25 powers or duties or any of the powers or duties of the  
26 District or the supervisors thereof; and to include, as a  
27 component of such roads, parkways, bridges, landscaping,  
28 irrigation, bicycle and jogging paths, street lighting,  
29 traffic signals, road striping, and all other customary  
30 elements of a modern road system;

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1           (g) To finance, fund, plan, establish, acquire,  
2 construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, operate,  
3 and maintain systems and facilities for providing  
4 transportation throughout the District, including private or  
5 contract carriers, buses, vehicles, railroads, and other  
6 transportation facilities, to meet the transportation  
7 requirements of the District in activities conducted within  
8 the District;

9           (h) To finance, fund, plan, establish, acquire,  
10 construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, operate,  
11 and maintain parking facilities within the District  
12 boundaries;

13           (i) To finance, fund, plan, establish, acquire,  
14 construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, operate,  
15 and maintain additional systems and facilities for parks and  
16 facilities for indoor and outdoor recreational, cultural, and  
17 educational uses;

18           (j) To acquire, construct, finance, operate, and  
19 maintain water plants and systems to produce, purify, and  
20 distribute water for consumption;

21           (k) To acquire, construct, finance, operate, and  
22 maintain sewer systems for the collection, disposal, and reuse  
23 of waste and to prevent water pollution in the District;

24           (l) To levy ad valorem taxes and non-ad valorem  
25 assessments; to prescribe, fix, establish, and collect rates,  
26 fees, rentals, fares, or other charges and to revise the same  
27 from time to time for the facilities and services furnished or  
28 to be furnished by the District; and to recover the cost of  
29 making connection to any District facility or system;

30           (m) To provide for the discontinuance of service and  
31 reasonable penalties, including attorney's fees, against any

1 user or property for any such rates, fees, rentals, fares, or  
2 other charges that become delinquent and require collection.  
3 However, no charges or fees shall be established until after a  
4 public hearing of the board at the District at which all  
5 affected persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard;

6 (n) To enter into agreements with any person, firm, or  
7 corporation for the furnishing by such person, firm, or  
8 corporation of any facilities and services of the type  
9 provided for in this act;

10 (o) To enter into impact-fee-credit agreements with  
11 local general-purpose governments. In the event the District  
12 enters into an impact-fee-credit agreement with a local  
13 general-purpose government under which the District constructs  
14 or makes contributions for public facilities for which  
15 impact-fee credits would be available, the agreement may  
16 provide that such impact-fee credits shall inure to the  
17 landowners within the District in proportion to their relative  
18 assessments, and the District shall, from time to time,  
19 execute such instruments (such as assignments of impact-fee  
20 credits) as are necessary or desirable to accomplish or  
21 confirm the foregoing.

22 (p) To construct and maintain facilities for and take  
23 measures to control mosquitoes and other arthropods of public  
24 health importance;

25 (q) To finance, fund, plan, establish, acquire,  
26 construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, operate,  
27 and maintain additional systems and facilities for  
28 conservation areas, mitigation areas, and wildlife habitat,  
29 including the maintenance of any plant or animal species, and  
30 any related interest in real or personal property;

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1           (r) To borrow money and issue negotiable or other  
2 bonds of the District as provided in this act; to borrow  
3 money, from time to time, and issue negotiable or other notes  
4 of the district therefor, bearing interest at not exceeding  
5 the maximum interest allowable by law, in anticipation of the  
6 collection of taxes, levies, and assessments or revenues of  
7 the district; to pledge or hypothecate such taxes, levies,  
8 assessments, and revenues to secure such bonds, notes, or  
9 obligations; and to sell, discount, negotiate, and dispose of  
10 the same;

11           (s) To provide public safety, including, but not  
12 limited to, security, guardhouses, fences and gates,  
13 electronic intrusion detection systems, and patrol cars, when  
14 authorized by proper governmental agencies; except that the  
15 District may not exercise any police power, but may contract  
16 with the appropriate local general-purpose government agencies  
17 for an increased level of such service within the District  
18 boundaries;

19           (t) To provide systems and facilities for fire  
20 prevention and control and emergency medical services,  
21 including the construction or purchase of fire stations, water  
22 mains and plugs, fire trucks, and other vehicles and equipment  
23 consistent with any adopted Palm Beach County ordinance, rule,  
24 or regulation if authorized by the county;

25           (u) To finance, fund, plan, establish, acquire,  
26 construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, and  
27 maintain additional systems and facilities for school  
28 buildings and related structures, which may be leased, sold,  
29 or donated to the school district for use in the educational  
30 system when authorized by the district school board;

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1           (v) To establish and create such departments,  
2 committees, boards, or other agencies, including a public  
3 relations committee, as from time to time the Board of  
4 Supervisors deems necessary or desirable in the performance in  
5 the acts or other things necessary to the exercise of the  
6 powers provided in this act and to delegate to such  
7 departments, boards, or other agencies such administrative  
8 duties and other powers as the Board of Supervisors deems  
9 necessary or desirable; and

10           (w) To exercise all other powers necessary,  
11 convenient, or proper in connection with any of the powers or  
12 duties of the District stated in this act. The powers and  
13 duties of the District shall be exercised by and through the  
14 Board of Supervisors thereof, which board shall have the  
15 authority to employ engineers, attorneys, agents, employees,  
16 and representatives as the Board of Supervisors, from time to  
17 time, determines, and to fix their compensation and duties.  
18 However, in addition thereto, the District shall have all of  
19 the powers provided for in chapter 298, Florida Statutes, as  
20 amended from time to time. All powers and authority of the  
21 District shall extend and apply to the District as a whole and  
22 to each unit of development as, from time to time, is  
23 designated by the Board of Supervisors.

24           (2) Notwithstanding any authority contained within  
25 this section, the development, operation, or maintenance of  
26 any District facilities or services shall comply with the  
27 adopted comprehensive plan for Palm Beach County and any  
28 adopted land development regulations or specialized plans  
29 adopted thereunder which apply within the geographic  
30 boundaries of the District.

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1           Section 6. Board of Supervisors, organization, powers,  
2 duties, and terms of office.--

3           (1) There is created a Board of Supervisors of the  
4 Seminole Improvement District which shall be the governing  
5 body of the District. The Board of Supervisors shall consist  
6 of three persons, who, except as otherwise provided in this  
7 act, shall hold office for the term of 3 years and until their  
8 successors are duly elected and qualified.

9           (2) Each year during the month of June, beginning in  
10 June 1971, a Supervisor shall be elected, as provided in this  
11 act, by the landowners of the District to take the place of  
12 the retiring Supervisor. All vacancies or expirations on the  
13 board shall be filled as required by this act and chapter 298,  
14 Florida Statutes. The Supervisors of the Seminole Improvement  
15 District need not be residents of the District or of the State  
16 of Florida, and they may or may not be owners of land or  
17 property within the District. In case of a vacancy in the  
18 office of any Supervisor, the remaining Supervisors may fill  
19 such vacancy until the next annual meeting of the landowners,  
20 when his or her successor is elected by the landowners for the  
21 unexpired term. As soon as practicable after their election,  
22 the Board of Supervisors of the District shall organize by  
23 choosing one of their number president of the Board of  
24 Supervisors and by electing some suitable person secretary,  
25 who may or may not be a member of the Board. The Board of  
26 Supervisors shall adopt a seal, which shall be the seal of the  
27 District. At each annual meeting of the landowners of the  
28 District, the Board of Supervisors shall report all work  
29 undertaken or completed during the preceding year and the  
30 status of the finances of the District.

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1           (3) All Supervisors shall hold office until their  
2 successors are elected and qualified. Whenever any election is  
3 authorized or required by this act to be held by the  
4 landowners at any particular stated time or day, and if for  
5 any reason such election is not or cannot be held at such time  
6 or on such day, the power or duty to hold such election shall  
7 not cease or lapse, but such election shall be held thereafter  
8 as soon as practicable and consistent with this act.

9           Section 7. Compensation of Board.--Each Supervisor  
10 shall be paid for his or her services a per diem of \$25.00 for  
11 each day actually engaged in work pertaining to the District.  
12 In addition to the per diem, Supervisors shall be paid travel  
13 and related expenses at rates authorized by general law for  
14 public officials pursuant to chapter 112, Florida Statutes.

15           Section 8. Meetings of landowners; election of  
16 Supervisors.--Each year during the month of June, beginning in  
17 1971, a meeting of the landowners of the District shall be  
18 held for the purpose of electing a Supervisor to take the  
19 place of the retiring Supervisor and hearing reports of the  
20 Board of Supervisors. Elections shall be conducted in accord  
21 with applicable provisions of chapter 298, Florida Statutes,  
22 as amended from time to time.

23           Section 9. Taxes; non-ad valorem assessments.--

24           (1) AD VALOREM TAXES.--The Board of Supervisors,  
25 subject to referendum approval pursuant to Article VII,  
26 section 9 of the State Constitution, shall have the power to  
27 levy and assess an ad valorem tax on all the taxable real and  
28 tangible personal property in the District to pay the  
29 principal of and interest on any general obligation bonds of  
30 the District, to provide for any sinking or other funds  
31 established in connection with any such bonds, and to pay the

1 costs for construction or maintenance of any of the projects  
2 or activities of the District authorized by the provisions of  
3 this act or applicable general law. The total amount of such  
4 ad valorem taxes levied in any year shall not be in excess of  
5 10 mills on the dollar per annum on the assessed value of the  
6 taxable property within the District. The ad valorem tax  
7 provided for in this section is in addition to county and  
8 municipal ad valorem taxes provided for by law.

9 (2) REFERENDUM REQUIRED.--No residential or related  
10 urban development shall be authorized or undertaken pursuant  
11 to this act until the referendum required by Article VII,  
12 section 9 of the State Constitution is conducted. Such  
13 referendum shall be conducted within 2 years after the  
14 effective date of this act at the expense of the District.

15 (3) NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS.--Non-ad valorem  
16 assessments for the construction, operation, or maintenance of  
17 District facilities, services, and operations shall be  
18 assessed, levied, and collected pursuant to chapter 298,  
19 chapter 170, or chapter 197, Florida Statutes, as amended from  
20 time to time.

21 (4) TAXES, ASSESSMENTS, AND COSTS, A LIEN ON LAND  
22 AGAINST WHICH ASSESSED, ETC.--All taxes and assessments  
23 provided for in this act, together with all penalties for  
24 default in payment of the same, and all costs in collecting  
25 the same shall, from the date of assessment thereof until  
26 paid, constitute a lien of equal dignity with the liens for  
27 county taxes, and other taxes of equal dignity with county  
28 taxes, upon all the lands against which such taxes are levied  
29 as is provided in this act.

30 (5) COMPENSATION OF PROPERTY APPRAISER, TAX COLLECTOR  
31 AND CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT.--The Offices of the Property

1 Appraiser, Tax Collector and Clerk of the Circuit Court of  
2 Palm Beach County are entitled to compensation for services  
3 performed in connection with taxes and assessments of the  
4 District as provided by general law.

5 (6) LEVIES OF NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS ON LAND LESS  
6 THAN 1 ACRE.--In levying and assessing all assessments, each  
7 tract or parcel of land less than 1 acre in area shall be  
8 assessed as a full acre, and each tract or parcel of land more  
9 than 1 acre in area which contains a fraction of an acre shall  
10 be assessed at the nearest whole number of acres, a fraction  
11 of one-half or more to be assessed as a full acre.

12 Section 10. When unpaid taxes and assessments  
13 delinquent; penalty.--All taxes and assessments provided for  
14 in this act shall be and become delinquent and bear penalties  
15 on the amount of such taxes in the same manner as county  
16 taxes.

17 Section 11. Enforcement of taxes and assessments.--The  
18 collection and enforcement of all taxes and assessments levied  
19 by the District shall be at the same time and in like manner  
20 as county taxes, and the provisions of the Florida Statutes  
21 relating to the sale of lands for unpaid and delinquent county  
22 taxes, the issuance, sale, and delivery of tax certificates  
23 for such unpaid and delinquent county taxes, the redemption  
24 thereof, the issuance to individuals of tax deeds based  
25 thereon, and all other procedure in connection therewith shall  
26 be applicable to the District and the delinquent and unpaid  
27 taxes of the District to the same extent as if such statutory  
28 provisions were expressly set forth in this act. All taxes and  
29 assessments shall be subject to the same discounts as county  
30 taxes.

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1           Section 12. (1) ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS, ASSESSMENT  
2 BONDS, AND BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES.--

3           (a) In addition to the other powers provided the  
4 District, and not in limitation thereof, the District shall  
5 have the power, pursuant to chapter 298, Florida Statutes, and  
6 applicable general law as amended from time to time, at any  
7 time and from time to time, after the issuance of any bonds of  
8 the District has been authorized, to borrow money for the  
9 purposes for which such bonds are to be issued in anticipation  
10 of the receipt of the proceeds of the sale of such bonds and  
11 to issue bond anticipation notes in a principal sum not in  
12 excess of the authorized maximum amount of such bond issue.

13           (b) Pursuant to chapter 298, Florida Statutes, and  
14 applicable general law, the District shall have the power to  
15 issue assessment bonds and revenue bonds, from time to time,  
16 without limitation as to amount for the purpose of financing  
17 those systems and facilities provided for in section 5. Such  
18 revenue bonds may be secured by, or payable from, the gross or  
19 net pledge of the revenues to be derived from any project or  
20 combination of projects; from the rates, fees, or other  
21 charges to be collected from the users of any project or  
22 projects; from any revenue-producing undertaking or activity  
23 of the District; from special assessments; or from any other  
24 source or pledged security. Such bonds shall not constitute an  
25 indebtedness of the District, and the approval of the  
26 qualified electors shall not be required unless such bonds are  
27 additionally secured by the full faith and credit and taxing  
28 power of the District.

29           (c) Any issue of bonds may be secured by a trust  
30 agreement by and between the District and a corporate trustee  
31 or trustees, which may be any trust company or bank having the

1 powers of a trust company within or without the state. The  
2 resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds or such trust  
3 agreement may pledge the revenues to be received from any  
4 projects of the District and may contain such provisions for  
5 protecting and enforcing the rights and remedies of the  
6 bondholders as the board approves, including, without  
7 limitation, covenants setting forth the duties of the District  
8 in relation to: the acquisition, construction, reconstruction,  
9 improvement, maintenance, repair, operation, and insurance of  
10 any projects; the fixing and revising of the rates, fees, and  
11 charges, and the custody, safeguarding, and application of all  
12 moneys and for the employment of consulting engineers in  
13 connection with such acquisition, construction,  
14 reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, repair, or  
15 operation.

16 (d) Bonds of each issue shall be dated; shall bear  
17 interest at such rate or rates, including variable rates,  
18 which interest may be tax exempt or taxable for federal income  
19 tax purposes; shall mature at such time or times from their  
20 date or dates; and may be made redeemable before maturity at  
21 such price or prices and under such terms and conditions as is  
22 determined by the board.

23 (e) The District shall have the power to issue bonds  
24 for the purpose of refunding any outstanding bonds of the  
25 District.

26 (2) GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS.--

27 (a) Pursuant to this act, the District shall have the  
28 power from time to time to issue general obligation bonds to  
29 finance or refinance capital projects or to refund outstanding  
30 bonds in an aggregate principal amount of bonds outstanding at  
31 any one time not in excess of 35 percent of the assessed value

1 of the taxable property within the District as shown on the  
2 pertinent tax records at the time of the authorization of the  
3 general obligation bonds for which the full faith and credit  
4 of the District is pledged. Except for refunding bonds, no  
5 general obligation bonds shall be issued unless the bonds are  
6 issued to finance or refinance a capital project and the  
7 issuance has been approved at an election held in accordance  
8 with the requirements for such election as prescribed by the  
9 State Constitution. Such elections shall be called to be held  
10 in the District by the Board of County Commissioners of the  
11 County upon the request of the Board of the District. The  
12 expenses of calling and holding an election shall be at the  
13 expense of the District, and the District shall reimburse the  
14 county for any expenses incurred in calling or holding such  
15 elections.

16 (b) The District may pledge its full faith and credit  
17 for the payment of the principal and interest on such general  
18 obligation bonds and for any reserve funds provided therefor  
19 and must unconditionally and irrevocably pledge itself to ad  
20 valorem taxes on all taxable property within the District, to  
21 the extent necessary for the payment thereof, without  
22 limitations as to greater amount.

23 (c) If the board determines to issue general  
24 obligation bonds for more than one capital project, the  
25 approval of the issuance of the bonds for each and all such  
26 projects may be submitted to the elector on one and the same  
27 ballot. The failure of the electors to approve the issuance  
28 of bonds for any one or more of the capital projects shall not  
29 defeat the approval of bonds for any capital project that has  
30 been approved by the electors.

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1           (d) In arriving at the amount of general obligation  
2 bonds permitted to be outstanding at any one time pursuant to  
3 paragraph (a), there shall not be included any general  
4 obligation bonds that are additionally secured by the pledge  
5 of:

6           1. Special assessments levied in the amount sufficient  
7 to pay the principal and interest on a general obligation bond  
8 so additionally secured, which assessments have been equalized  
9 and confirmed by resolution or ordinance of the board pursuant  
10 to section 170.08, Florida Statutes.

11           2. Water revenues, sewer revenues, or water and sewer  
12 revenues of the District to be derived from user fees in an  
13 amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the  
14 general obligation bond so additionally secured.

15           3. Any combination of assessments and revenues  
16 described in subparagraphs 1. and 2.

17           Section 13. Minimum charter requirements.--

18           (1) The District is organized and exists for all  
19 purposes set forth in this act and chapter 298, Florida  
20 Statutes, as they may be amended from time to time.

21           (2) The powers, functions, and duties of the District  
22 regarding ad valorem taxation, bond issuance, other  
23 revenue-raising capabilities, budget preparation and approval,  
24 liens and foreclosure of liens, use of tax deeds and tax  
25 certificates as appropriate for non-ad valorem assessments,  
26 and contractual agreements shall be as set forth in chapters  
27 170, 189, and 298, Florida Statutes, or any other applicable  
28 general or special law, as they may be amended from time to  
29 time.



1       (3) The District was created by special act of the  
2 Florida Legislature by chapter 70-854, Laws of Florida, in  
3 accordance with chapter 298, Florida Statutes.

4       (4) The District's charter may be amended only by  
5 special act of the Legislature.

6       (5) In accordance with chapter 189, Florida Statutes,  
7 this act, and section 298.11, Florida Statutes, the District  
8 is governed by a three-member board, elected on a one-acre,  
9 one-vote basis by the landowners in the District. The  
10 membership and organization of the board shall be as set forth  
11 in this act and chapter 298, Florida Statutes, as they may be  
12 amended from time to time.

13       (6) The compensation of board members shall be  
14 governed by this act and chapter 298, Florida Statutes, as  
15 they may be amended from time to time.

16       (7) The administrative duties of the Board of  
17 Supervisors shall be as set forth in this act and chapter 298,  
18 Florida Statutes, as they may be amended from time to time.

19       (8) Requirements for financial disclosure, meeting  
20 notices, reporting, public records maintenance, and per diem  
21 expenses for officers and employees shall be as set forth in  
22 chapters 112, 189, 286, and 298, Florida Statutes, as they may  
23 be amended from time to time.

24       (9) The procedures and requirements governing the  
25 issuance of bonds, notes, and other evidence of indebtedness  
26 by the District shall be as set forth in chapter 298, Florida  
27 Statutes, and applicable general laws, as they may be amended  
28 from time to time.

29       (10) The procedures for conducting District elections  
30 and for qualification of electors shall be pursuant to this  
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1 act and chapters 189 and 298, Florida Statutes, as they may be  
2 amended from time to time.

3 (11) The District may be financed by any method  
4 established in this act, chapter 298, Florida Statutes, and  
5 applicable general laws.

6 (12) The methods for collecting non-ad valorem  
7 assessments, fees, or service charges shall be as set forth in  
8 chapters 197 and 298, Florida Statutes, as they may be amended  
9 from time to time, and other applicable general laws.

10 (13) The District's planning requirements shall be as  
11 set forth in this act.

12 (14) The District's geographic boundary limitations  
13 shall be as set forth in this act.

14 Section 3. Chapters 70-854 and 88-504, Laws of  
15 Florida, are repealed.

16 Section 4. If any provision of this act or its  
17 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
18 invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of  
19 this act which can be given effect without the invalid  
20 provision or application, and to this end the provisions of  
21 this act are declared severable.

22 Section 5. In the event of a conflict between the  
23 provisions of this act and the provisions of any other act,  
24 the provisions of this act shall control to the extent of such  
25 conflict.

26 Section 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
27 law.

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