HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT & VETERANS AFFAIRS ANALYSIS – LOCAL LEGISLATION

BILL #: HB 1039

RELATING TO: Lee Co./Cape Coral/Territorial Limit

SPONSOR(S): Representative Kottkamp

TIED BILL(S):

ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COUNCIL(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:

- (1) LOCAL GOVERNMENT & VETERANS AFFAIRS (SGC) YEAS 10 NAYS 0
- (2) FISCAL POLICY & RESOURCES (FRC)
- (3) COUNCIL FOR SMARTER GOVERNMENT
- (4)
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I. <u>SUMMARY</u>:

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This bill provides for the extension of the territorial limits of the City of Cape Coral to include certain waterfront area along the Caloosahatchee River.

According to the Economic Impact Statement, no state or local budget impact is anticipated.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. DOES THE BILL SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

1.	Less Government	Yes []	No []	N/A [X]
2.	Lower Taxes	Yes []	No []	N/A [X]
3.	Individual Freedom	Yes []	No []	N/A [X]
4.	Personal Responsibility	Yes []	No []	N/A [X]
5.	Family Empowerment	Yes []	No []	N/A [X]

B. PRESENT SITUATION:

According to the City Manager's Office, the City of Cape Coral is undertaking a comprehensive downtown development plan and is looking to increase the public access to the waterfront as part of that plan. With over 400 miles of canals, Cape Coral ranks as one of Florida's premier waterfront communities. The proposed boundary extension where the city's downtown meets the south Cape Coral bridge will allow Cape Coral to place water-related uses along the shoreline such as restaurants, public walkways and observation platforms. In addition, extension of the boundaries will allow the City of Cape Coral to provide licensing, planning, taxation and public safety services to this area where the City currently has no jurisdiction.

C. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

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D. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

Section 1. Provides that s. 2.01, Art. 2, ch. 70-623, Laws of Florida, as amended by ch. 72-499, Laws of Florida, and as further amended by annexations of certain territory by the City of Cape Coral is amended to provided a new boundary description.

Section 2. Provides an effective date of upon becoming law.

III. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes [X] No []

IF YES, WHEN?

December 22, 2001

WHERE?

Cape Coral Daily Breeze, published at Cape Coral, Lee County

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B. REFERENDUM(S) REQUIRED? Yes [] No [X]

IF YES, WHEN?

- C. LOCAL BILL CERTIFICATION FILED? Yes, attached [X] No []
- D. ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FILED? Yes, attached [X] No []
- IV. <u>COMMENTS</u>:
 - A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

V. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

None.

VI. <u>SIGNATURES</u>:

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