

27 Section 3. The Port of Palm Beach District, Palm Beach
 28 County, is re-created, and the charter for such district is re-
 29 created and reenacted to read:

30 ARTICLE I

31 PURPOSE

32 Section 1. Name.—The name of the district shall continue
 33 to be the "Port of Palm Beach District."

34 Section 2. Purposes.—The purposes of the changes as
 35 contained in this act are to provide an integrated charter of
 36 the powers and safeguards necessary for the desired promotion,
 37 development, and regulation of the facilities and services of
 38 the Port of Palm Beach and to provide for the liberal
 39 construction of this act so as to effectuate the purposes
 40 thereof for the welfare and convenience of the citizens and
 41 taxpayers of the Port of Palm Beach District and of the Port of
 42 Palm Beach District and the County of Palm Beach.

43 ARTICLE II

44 GENERAL PROVISIONS

45 No obligations or contracts of the Port of Palm Beach
 46 District, including revenue certificates heretofore issued, the
 47 issuance of tax anticipation notes, and any and all proceedings
 48 heretofore begun for any improvement, for the borrowing of
 49 money, or for the issuing of revenue certificates, shall be
 50 impaired or voided by this act and such debts, obligations,
 51 contracts, and revenue certificates shall pass to and shall be
 52 binding upon the Port of Palm Beach District. All such

53 proceedings heretofore begun for the construction of any
 54 improvements or for the borrowing of money and issuing of
 55 revenue certificates may be continued and completed and binding
 56 upon the Port of Palm Beach District, as said district shall
 57 continue to exist with provisions relating to jurisdiction,
 58 powers, and duties being supplemented, amended, and repealed by
 59 this act.

60 ARTICLE III

61 BOUNDARIES

62 The following shall continue to be the territory known as
 63 the "Port of Palm Beach District" and shall consist of so much
 64 of Palm Beach County as is described and embraced in the
 65 following boundaries:

66
 67 Beginning at the point of intersection of the Atlantic
 68 Ocean with the Township line between Townships T-41
 69 and 42 South; thence run West along said Township line
 70 and continue West to the Western Boundary of Palm
 71 Beach County, Florida; thence run South along the
 72 Western Boundary of said Palm Beach County to a point
 73 where the Township line between Townships 45 and 46
 74 South according to the United States Government
 75 Survey, if extended West, would intersect said West
 76 line of said Palm Beach County, thence run East to the
 77 Township Line between Townships 45 and 9G South, and
 78 continuing East along said Township line to its

79 intersection with the Range Line between Ranges R-41
 80 and 92 East; thence North along the Range Line between
 81 Ranges R-41 and 42 East to the point of intersection
 82 of said Range Line with the Township Line between
 83 Townships 43 and 44 South; thence run East along the
 84 Township Line between Townships 43 and 44 South; to
 85 the Atlantic Ocean; thence run North along the West
 86 Shore of the Atlantic Ocean to the point of beginning;
 87 all being in Palm Beach County, Florida.

88 ARTICLE IV

89 GOVERNING BODY

90 Section 1. Commissioners.—The governing body of the Port
 91 of Palm Beach District shall be known as and designated the
 92 "Port of Palm Beach District Board of Commissioners" and shall
 93 be composed of five members who shall be elected as provided for
 94 in Article V. The Port of Palm Beach District shall constitute a
 95 body politic and a body corporate and is deemed to be a
 96 political subdivision of the state within the meaning of
 97 sovereign immunity from taxation, with proprietary and
 98 regulatory authority in the same manner as counties and other
 99 political subdivisions of the state.

100 Section 2. Powers.—Said governing body shall have all
 101 powers of a body corporate, including, but not limited to, the
 102 power to sue and be sued as a corporation in said name in any
 103 court; to make contracts; to adopt and use a common seal and
 104 alter the same at its pleasure; to buy, hold, lease, sell,

105 exchange, and convey such real estate and personal property as
 106 the board may deem proper to carry out the purposes of this
 107 charter; to appoint and employ a chief engineer, a consulting
 108 engineer, an attorney or attorneys, an accountant or
 109 accountants, a traffic consultant or traffic consultants, and
 110 any and all such other consultants, agents, and employees as the
 111 board may deem necessary; and to borrow money and to issue
 112 negotiable promissory notes, bonds, revenue certificates, or
 113 other evidence of indebtedness therefor, in order to enable said
 114 governing body to carry out this charter.

115 Section 3. Quorum.—At any meeting of the board of
 116 commissioners, three commissioners shall constitute a quorum for
 117 the transaction of business, but in the event a quorum is not
 118 present, the commissioner or commissioners so present may
 119 adjourn the meeting to some future date.

120 ARTICLE V

121 ELECTION OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

122 Section 1. Conduct of affairs.—The Port of Palm Beach
 123 District Board of Commissioners shall consist of five
 124 commissioners, each elected by districtwide vote of the
 125 qualified electors within the Port of Palm Beach District for a
 126 term of 4 years. Each candidate for commissioner shall file and
 127 qualify in one of five groups, designated 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

128 Section 2. Requirements of commissioners.—All members of
 129 the Port of Palm Beach District Board of Commissioners shall be
 130 duly qualified electors of Palm Beach County and citizens of the

131 United States of America, all of whom must reside within the
 132 limits of the Port of Palm Beach District. A change of legal
 133 residence of any commissioner beyond the limits of the Port of
 134 Palm Beach District shall create a vacancy in such office.

135 Section 3. Election laws.—All existing and future general
 136 laws of the state which regulate and control primaries and
 137 elections in connection with county offices are hereby adopted
 138 for and made applicable to the Port of Palm Beach District.

139 Section 4. Term of office.—At the general election to be
 140 held in 1976, commissioners elected for groups 1, 2, and 3 shall
 141 be elected for a term of 4 years. At said election in 1976,
 142 commissioners for groups 4 and 5 shall be elected for a term of
 143 2 years. Thereafter, each commissioner elected for all said five
 144 groups shall be elected for a term of 4 years.

145 Section 5. Bond of commissioners.—Within 30 days after
 146 assuming the duties of the office of Commissioner of the Port of
 147 Palm Beach District, the commissioner shall execute and deliver
 148 to the Port of Palm Beach District a good and sufficient bond,
 149 executed by himself or herself as principal and a surety company
 150 licensed to do business in the state as surety, in the principal
 151 sum of \$25,000 conditioned upon his or her faithful performance
 152 as such Commissioner of the Port of Palm Beach District of the
 153 duties thereof. Each bond so given shall be approved by and
 154 filed with the board of commissioners of said district. The
 155 failure of any person who is elected or who is appointed as

156 commissioner to give such bond within 30 days after he or she
157 has assumed such office shall create a vacancy in such office.

158 Section 6. Vacancies on board.—Any vacancy occurring on
159 the board of commissioners shall be filled by the other
160 commissioners appointing a person to hold such office for the
161 unexpired term; however, if there should be as many as two
162 vacancies simultaneously, for any cause whatsoever, said
163 vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Governor and the
164 commission members so appointed by the Governor shall serve
165 until the next general election is held within the district, at
166 which time said vacancies shall be filled according to the
167 election laws as provided in section 3, with the term of office
168 of each commissioner so elected to be for the unexpired term of
169 the commission seat on the board that he or she is filling, or
170 for a full term of 2 or 4 years, as the case may be.

171 ARTICLE VI

172 ORGANIZATION AND COMPENSATION OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

173 Section 1. Organization of board.—As soon as practicable,
174 after the Commissioners of the Port of Palm Beach District have
175 been elected or appointed and have qualified, they shall meet
176 and elect the officers of the district as provided in section 2.

177 Section 2. Officers.—The officers of the port district
178 shall be chosen from the membership of the board of
179 commissioners, and said commissioners shall elect a chairperson,
180 a vice chairperson, and a secretary-treasurer. Said officers'
181 terms shall be at the pleasure of a majority of the board.

208 As used in this charter, the following words and terms
 209 shall be taken to include the following meanings, when the
 210 context shall require or permit:

211 (1) "And" shall also mean "or" and the word "or" shall
 212 also mean "and," whenever the context shall so require.

213 (2) "Board of commissioners" or "board" or "commissioners"
 214 means the Port of Palm Beach District Board of Commissioners.

215 (3) (a) "Cost" as applied to improvements means the cost of
 216 constructing or acquiring improvements as defined or referred to
 217 in the definition of "project" and shall embrace the cost of all
 218 labor and materials, the cost of all machinery and equipment,
 219 financing charges including interest before, during, and 1 year
 220 after the construction of said improvements, and the cost of
 221 engineering, legal expenses, plans, specifications, and such
 222 other expenses as may be necessary or incident to such
 223 construction or acquisition.

224 (b) "Cost" as applied to a project acquired, constructed,
 225 extended, or enlarged shall include the purchase price of any
 226 project acquired; the cost of improvements; the cost of such
 227 construction and extension or enlargement; the cost of all
 228 lands, properties, rights, easements, and franchises acquired;
 229 the cost of all machinery and equipment; financing charges
 230 including interest before, during, and 1 year after the
 231 construction of said improvements; cost of investigations,
 232 audits, and engineering and legal services; and all other
 233 expenses necessary or incident to determining the feasibility or

234 practicability of such acquisition or construction,
 235 administrative expense or expenses, and all such other necessary
 236 expenses as may be necessary or incident to the financing herein
 237 authorized and to the acquisition and construction of a project
 238 and the placing of the same in operation. Any obligation or
 239 expense lawfully incurred by the district or the board of
 240 commissioners of said district before the issuance of revenue
 241 bonds under this charter, including, but not limited to,
 242 engineering studies, estimates of cost and of revenues, and such
 243 other technical, financial, or legal services in connection with
 244 the acquisition, construction, or feasibility of any project,
 245 may be regarded as a part of the cost of such project.

246 (4) "Federal agency" means and includes the United States
 247 of America and any department, agency, or instrumentality
 248 thereof heretofore or hereafter created, designated, or
 249 established by the United States of America.

250 (5) "Fiscal year" or any term referring to the 12-month
 251 period of operation of the district means that period of time
 252 beginning at 12:01 a.m. on October 1 of each and every calendar
 253 year and expiring at 12:00 midnight on September 30 of each and
 254 every calendar year.

255 (6) "Governing body" means the board of commissioners of
 256 the district or any board, agency, or other body that shall
 257 hereafter be empowered to exercise the general legislative and
 258 governing powers in said district.

259 (7) "Outstanding obligations" means any outstanding
 260 revenue bonds or certificates or general obligation bonds of
 261 said district.

262 (8) "Port district" or "district" means the Port of Palm
 263 Beach District, a political subdivision and independent special
 264 district as defined by chapter 189, Florida Statutes.

265 (9) "Port facilities" means all structures, terminals,
 266 warehouses, docks, approaches, berths, slips, roadways,
 267 parkways, quaywalls, jetties, lifts, turning basins, machinery,
 268 fixtures, equipment, and all property whatsoever, real or
 269 personal, tangible or intangible, now or hereafter acquired or
 270 constructed by said district pursuant to law, or any facilities
 271 of any nature hereafter or at any time acquired or constructed
 272 pursuant to law by said district.

273 (10) "Port improvements" means additions, extensions, or
 274 improvements to the existing port facilities of the district of
 275 every type and kind now or hereafter authorized by law, or the
 276 acquisition or construction of any new port facilities of any
 277 type or kind now or hereafter authorized by law.

278 (11) "Port manager" means the person managing the
 279 operation of the Port Marine facilities as designated by the
 280 Port of Palm Beach District Board of Commissioners.

281 (12) "Project" means one or any combination of two or more
 282 of the following: harbor, port, shipping, and oceanographic
 283 facilities of all kinds, including, but not limited to, harbors,
 284 channels, turning basins, anchorage areas, jetties, breakwaters,

285 waterways, canals, locks, tidal basins, wharves, docks, piers,
286 slips, bulkheads, public landings, warehouses, terminals,
287 refrigerating and cold storage plants, railroads and motor
288 terminals for passengers or freight, rolling stock, car ferries,
289 boats, and conveyors and appliances of all kinds for the
290 handling of storage, inspection, and transportation of freight
291 and the handling of passenger traffic, administration buildings,
292 service buildings, tunnels, other than subaqueous highway
293 tunnels, and may include all property, real and personal,
294 structures, facilities, rights, easements, the franchises
295 relating to any such project deemed necessary or convenient for
296 the acquisition, construction, purchase, or operation thereof,
297 and any other project or facility defined or authorized pursuant
298 to chapter 315, Florida Statutes, or other general law.

299 (13) "Resolution" and "motion" shall be interchangeable,
300 and wherever an action is required by resolution, the same may
301 be made by motion, and if required by motion, the same may be
302 made by resolution.

303 (14) "Revenue bonds" means revenue bonds, certificates, or
304 other obligations payable from the gross or net revenues derived
305 from the port facilities of the district, as provided in the
306 resolution that authorized their issuance, and shall include
307 revenue bonds issued to finance port improvements, to refund
308 outstanding obligations, or for both of said purposes.

309 (15) "Terminal facilities" means all property owned or
 310 leased by the Port of Palm Beach District and is not restricted
 311 to the terminal facilities that are waterfront facilities.

312 ARTICLE VIII

313 GRANT OF POWERS TO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

314 Section 1. General powers.—The Port of Palm Beach
 315 District, by and through its board of commissioners, in addition
 316 to powers set forth elsewhere in this charter, shall have full
 317 and complete power and authority:

318 (1) GENERAL.—To act as the governing body for the
 319 development, operation, maintenance, management, and regulation
 320 of projects and facilities as herein defined located within the
 321 district, with full power to establish and determine such
 322 policies as may be deemed necessary in the opinion of the board
 323 of commissioners of said district for the operation and
 324 promotion of district projects.

325 (2) PROJECTS.—To construct, acquire, establish, improve,
 326 extend, enlarge, reconstruct, reequip, maintain, repair, and
 327 operate any project as herein defined. This charter does not
 328 authorize the construction of oil refineries, oil tank farms, or
 329 steel mills.

330 (3) ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY.—To acquire by
 331 purchase, gift, devise, condemnation, lease, or otherwise, real
 332 or personal property, or any estate therein, or riparian rights,
 333 or easements therein, streets and roads, public parking lots or
 334 spaces, bridges and tunnel sites, public parks, playgrounds,

335 docks, seawalls, harbors, wharves, warehouses, and any other
 336 property, real, personal, or mixed, within the port district,
 337 and to sell at public or private sale, or lease to public or
 338 private entities, for public or private purposes, all or any
 339 portion of any property now or hereafter owned by the Port of
 340 Palm Beach District, including any such properties, port
 341 facilities, or projects, as extended, enlarged, or improved, on
 342 such terms and subject to such conditions as the board of
 343 commissioners shall determine to be in the best interest of the
 344 district.

345 (4) ACQUISITION OF HARBOR AND PORT FACILITIES.—To lay out,
 346 construct, condemn, purchase, own, acquire, add to, maintain,
 347 conduct, operate, build, equip, manage, replace, enlarge,
 348 improve, regulate, control, repair, and establish jetties,
 349 piers, quays, wharves, docks, warehouses, storehouses,
 350 breakwaters, bulkheads, public landings, slips, seawall, turning
 351 basins, harbors, ports, waterways, channels, moles, terminal
 352 facilities, canals, elevators, grain bins, cold storage plants,
 353 terminal icing plants, refrigerating plants, precooling plants,
 354 bunkers or oil tanks, pipelines, ferries, locks, tidal basins,
 355 tramways, cableways, railroads, anchorage areas, depots,
 356 conveyors, modern appliances for economic handling, storage, and
 357 transportation of freight and handling of passenger traffic, and
 358 all other harbor improvements and facilities that the board of
 359 commissioners may determine to be necessary for the port
 360 district, any project, or the operation of the port facilities

361 or in connection with the operation or improvement of the Port
362 of Palm Beach District; to perform all customary services,
363 including the handling, weighing, measuring, regulating,
364 controlling, inspecting, and reconditioning of all commodities
365 and cargo received or shipped through the facilities within the
366 port district under the jurisdiction of the Port of Palm Beach
367 District.

368 (5) ESTABLISHMENT OF TRADE ZONES.—To exercise complete and
369 exclusive control over the port and harbor facilities within the
370 port district and to apply to the proper public authorities of
371 the United States of America for the right to establish,
372 operate, and maintain foreign or domestic trade zones within or
373 without the boundaries of the port district and to operate and
374 maintain such foreign and domestic trade zones. Such foreign
375 trade zones shall comply with federal laws and regulations
376 applicable to trade zones and shall be located within the
377 corporate limits of Palm Beach County, and the trade zone, if
378 operating, shall maintain trade zone operations within the
379 boundaries of the port district. In the event a trade zone site
380 is established outside the boundaries of the port district, the
381 county government, or, if within an incorporated area, the local
382 municipal government, shall have approved the establishment of
383 the trade zone within its jurisdiction, and such trade zone site
384 shall be subject to such local government's applicable codes and
385 ordinances. In the event the Port of Palm Beach District Board
386 of Commissioners approves a grant of the right to operate any

387 portion of a foreign or domestic trade zone to a private owner-
388 operator, such grant shall be in writing and shall include the
389 obligation of the owner-operator to provide to and maintain with
390 the Port of Palm Beach District comprehensive general liability
391 insurance with minimum coverage amounts as determined by the
392 Port of Palm Beach District, and indemnity and hold harmless
393 agreements for any damages, claims, liabilities, losses, fines,
394 demands, and costs which may arise out of the owner-operator's
395 acts or omissions related to such foreign or domestic trade
396 zone.

397 (6) IMPROVEMENT OF WATER FACILITIES.—To improve all
398 navigable and nonnavigable waters situated within the port
399 district necessary to the operation, improvement, and
400 maintenance of the port and harbor facilities within the port
401 district; to apply for and obtain permission from the United
402 States of America to create, improve, regulate, and control all
403 water and natural or artificial waterways within the port
404 district necessary to the operation and maintenance of the
405 harbor and port facilities within said district; to construct
406 and maintain such inlets, slips, wharfs, piers, turning basins,
407 and channels; and to enact, adopt, and establish rules and
408 regulations for the complete and exclusive exercise of
409 jurisdiction and control over all of the waters and harbors
410 within the port district.

411 (7) ESTABLISHMENT OF RATES, TOLLS, AND CHARGES.—To fix and
412 determine uniform rates of wharfage, dockage, warehousing,

413 storage, port, and terminal charges upon all improvements and
414 harbor facilities located within the terminal facilities owned
415 or leased by the Port of Palm Beach District, and to fix and
416 determine the rates, tolls, and other charges for the use of
417 harbor improvements and harbor facilities located within the
418 port district insofar as it may be permissible for the port
419 district to do so under the State Constitution, federal law, and
420 the United States Constitution.

421 (8) ESTABLISHMENT AND CONTROL OF SCHEDULE OF CHARGES BY
422 STEVEDORING AND LONGSHOREMEN'S COMPANIES.-To provide a procedure
423 whereby the board of commissioners establishes rules and
424 regulations concerning the publication of a schedule of charges
425 made by all private stevedoring and longshoremen's companies
426 operating within the harbor and waterfront facilities or within
427 the terminal facilities in the port district; to provide
428 reasonable rules and regulations requiring stevedoring and
429 longshoremen's companies to publish charges made for services
430 furnished within the terminal facilities; and to provide rules
431 and regulations establishing a procedure whereby sufficient
432 notice shall be given to the board of commissioners of any
433 proposed changes in rates or charges made by stevedoring or
434 longshoremen's companies operating within the terminal
435 facilities for their services.

436 (9) FRANCHISES, LEASES, AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY.-To grant
437 franchises of all kinds for the use of port, terminal, and
438 harbor facilities or projects within the port district upon such

439 terms and conditions, and to grant leases and rights-of-way upon
 440 such terms and conditions, as the board of commissioners may by
 441 resolution determine.

442 (10) EXPENDITURE OF MONEYS.—To expend the money of the
 443 Port of Palm Beach District for any and all purposes as provided
 444 for in this charter and for any other lawful purpose.

445 (11) BORROWING OF MONEY.—To provide, by resolution adopted
 446 by a majority of the five members, for the borrowing of money
 447 and to issue notes for any purpose or purposes for which bonds
 448 or revenue certificates may be issued under this charter and to
 449 refund the same; to issue notes in anticipation of the receipt
 450 of the proceeds of the sale of any revenue certificates or
 451 bonds; to secure an advance of credit for any such purpose or
 452 purposes under a credit agreement or other agreement with any
 453 bank or trust company or any person, firm, or corporation within
 454 or without the state; and to secure any such borrowing, notes,
 455 or agreement by pledge of all or any part of the available
 456 income or revenues to be received by the district under this
 457 charter or by an agreement to exercise any of the powers
 458 conferred by this charter.

459 (12) TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.—To raise annually by taxes and
 460 assessments in the port district such sums of money as the board
 461 of commissioners shall deem necessary for the purposes and needs
 462 of said district within the limitations as hereinafter provided.

463 (13) RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES.—To construct,
 464 purchase, sell, lease, maintain, operate, equip, replace,

465 enlarge, repair, condemn, own, and otherwise acquire, regulate,
466 and control a single or multiple track line or lines of railway,
467 and also yards, terminals, stations, warehouses, team, and other
468 tracks, switches, turnouts, and all buildings and appurtenances
469 deemed necessary and appropriate in connection therewith for the
470 receipt, transportation, housing, and delivery of passengers,
471 freight, mail, and express; to extend or connect with the lines
472 and facilities of any common carrier; to enter into such
473 contract, lease, or franchise with the Florida East Coast
474 Railway, and its respective successors and assigns, and any
475 other common carrier whatsoever as the board of commissioners
476 shall by resolution determine to be necessary for the
477 development and promotion of the shipping and transportation
478 facilities of said port district and the development and
479 promotion of the harbor, terminal facilities, and port
480 facilities within said port district; to acquire by grant,
481 purchase, gift, devise, condemnation, exchange, or in any other
482 manner all land, easements, and rights-of-way by resolution
483 deemed to be necessary by the district for such purpose; to
484 execute whatever documents and make such arrangements as may be
485 necessary in the opinion of the Interstate Commerce Commission
486 of the United States of America, so as to avoid submitting the
487 entire port district to the jurisdiction of said Interstate
488 Commerce Commission; and to perform and comply with all rules
489 and regulations promulgated by the Interstate Commerce
490 Commission or any other state or federal agency covering the

491 operation, maintenance, development, and ownership of the
 492 transportation facilities used in connection with the harbor and
 493 port facilities within the district.

494 (14) OPERATION OF RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AS A
 495 SEPARATE DEPARTMENT.—To provide for the operation, maintenance,
 496 and regulation of railroad transportation facilities within the
 497 port district as a separate department of the port district,
 498 with the right to maintain separate records and accounting
 499 procedures for such department. The board of commissioners may
 500 by resolution authorize the creation of a separate department
 501 that shall have the authority, under the port district, to
 502 operate railroad transportation facilities within the district
 503 that are owned or leased by the district.

504 (15) REGULATION OF TRANSPORTATION.—To regulate the
 505 transportation of persons and property for hire over the
 506 streets, waterways, and property within the terminal facilities
 507 of the district and over property owned or leased by the
 508 district and to grant to any person, firm, or corporation
 509 franchises for the use of the streets, roads, or other property
 510 owned or leased by the district for the operation of any
 511 automobile, bus, ferry, water transportation system, public
 512 service or utility, taxicab, car for hire, "U-Drive-It" car, or
 513 other transportation facility, and any and all other business
 514 enterprises whatsoever, subject to the terms and restrictions of
 515 any resolution adopted by the Port of Palm Beach District Board
 516 of Commissioners in the manner provided therein.

517 (16) DEVELOPMENT OF PORT FACILITIES OR PROJECTS.—To guide,
 518 stimulate, and promote the coordinated, efficient, and
 519 beneficial development of facilities under the jurisdiction of
 520 the port district in accordance with present and future needs
 521 and requirements of the prosperity and welfare of the people
 522 served by the facilities of the port district, the Port of Palm
 523 Beach District Board of Commissioners shall have the power and
 524 authority to promote and encourage the development of business,
 525 agriculture, industry, commerce, and employment within the
 526 district; to establish, directly or indirectly, oceanographic
 527 facilities of all kinds, including, but not limited to, the
 528 encouragement of oceanographic research, development, commerce,
 529 and the encouragement of all businesses related to oceanographic
 530 purposes; to conduct a campaign of information, advertising, and
 531 publicity relating to the facilities under the jurisdiction of
 532 the district and to disseminate any and all such information; to
 533 encourage and cooperate (including the granting of port funds)
 534 with public and private organizations or groups in their efforts
 535 to publicize facilities under the jurisdiction of the port
 536 district; to plan and carry out programs designed to enlarge and
 537 improve trade within the state, with other states, and with
 538 foreign countries through the use and facilities under the
 539 jurisdiction of the district; and to advise, assist, and
 540 cooperate (including the granting of funds) with municipal,
 541 county, regional, and governmental planning and development
 542 agencies in preparing and putting into effect plans and programs

543 for economic development of areas which will benefit through or
544 by the development of the facilities under the jurisdiction of
545 the district or will encourage the development of the district
546 and its facilities.

547 (17) APPOINTMENT OF HARBORMASTER AND OTHER NECESSARY
548 PERSONS.—To appoint a harbormaster and all persons necessary to
549 properly transact the shipping business in the Port of Palm
550 Beach terminals and to fix their powers and duties and
551 compensation. All such appointees shall serve at the pleasure of
552 the Palm Beach District Board of Commissioners; provided,
553 however, that in any event, their term of office shall terminate
554 with the term of office of the board of commissioners so
555 appointing them. This provision shall repeal chapter 313,
556 Florida Statutes, insofar as said statute applies to the Port of
557 Palm Beach District.

558 Section 2. Special powers.—The Port of Palm Beach District
559 shall have the following specific powers in addition to the
560 other powers hereinbefore or hereinafter conferred:

561 (1) PENSIONS, INSURANCE COVERAGE, AND STATE RETIREMENT.—To
562 provide for life, hospitalization, medical, and surgical
563 insurance, including disability insurance, for its employees,
564 agents, and officers, not their immediate dependents, on a group
565 insurance plan or plans approved by the board of commissioners;
566 to pay all or such portions of the premium or premiums thereon
567 as the board of commissioners, by resolution, may determine; and
568 to assist each and every employee, agent, and officer to come

569 under the State of Florida Retirement System as provided by
570 Florida Statutes. The Commissioners of the Port of Palm Beach
571 District may participate in any insurance plan on the same basis
572 as any employee.

573 (2) TAX ANTICIPATION LOANS.—To borrow money from time to
574 time and to issue notes in anticipation of the taxes levied in
575 any year, not in excess of the amount of the tax levied in such
576 year by the board of commissioners, and to evidence the loan or
577 loans incurred in anticipation of the collection of taxes, the
578 board of commissioners is hereby authorized to issue negotiable
579 tax anticipation notes, with or without interest coupons, as
580 said board may determine, said note or notes to mature no later
581 than 1 year after the date thereof and to bear interest at a
582 rate not exceeding the legal limit as set by the state.

583 (3) ACQUISITION OF FACILITIES.—To acquire by purchase,
584 grant, gift, or lease or by the exercise of the right of eminent
585 domain and to hold and dispose of any property, real or
586 personal, tangible or intangible, or any right or interest in
587 any such property, for or in connection with any port facilities
588 or projects, whether or not subject to mortgage, lien, charge,
589 or other encumbrance. In exercising the power of eminent domain,
590 proceedings shall be instituted and conducted in the name of the
591 Port of Palm Beach District in exact accordance with the
592 procedure described by chapters 73 and 74, Florida Statutes.

593 (4) FILLING IN OF LANDS.—To add to or extend, or cause or
594 permit to be added to or extended, any existing land, including

595 submerged land, or islands, now or hereafter owned by the
596 district, bordering on or being in any waters within the
597 district, by the pumping of sand or earth from any land, under
598 or above water, or by any other means of construction, as a part
599 of or for the purpose of providing any project or facility, or
600 for the purpose of improving, creating, or extending any
601 property of the district, for the use of or disposal of the
602 district.

603 (5) CONSTRUCTION OF ISLANDS.—To construct, or cause or
604 permit to be constructed, any island or islands in any waters
605 within the district by the pumping of sand or earth from any
606 land above or under water or by any other means of construction
607 as a part of or for the purpose of providing any port project or
608 facility herein, including, but not limited to, the creation of
609 any recreational area to be maintained or supervised by the
610 district or to be turned over to any governing body, public or
611 private, as a public recreational area.

612 (6) ACCESS.—To construct or permit to be constructed any
613 bridge, tunnel, or causeway, or any combination thereof, to,
614 from, or between any project. If such be within the limits of
615 any municipality, the consent of the governing body of said
616 municipality must first be obtained.

617 (7) DREDGING.—To dredge or deepen harbors, channels, and
618 turning basins; to cooperate with the United States of America
619 or any agency thereof in the dredging or deepening of any
620 harbor, channel, or turning basin; to enter into contracts with

621 the United States of America or with any agency thereof
622 concerning any such dredging or deepening project; to pay such
623 amounts to the United States of America or any agency thereof,
624 as required by the terms of such contract, and in addition
625 thereto to likewise contract with any private person, firm, or
626 corporation in connection with any of the aforesaid dredging or
627 deepening; and to pay such amounts as shall be required by the
628 terms of any such contract entered into.

629 (8) EXTEND EXISTING PROJECT.—To fill in, extend, and
630 enlarge, or cause or permit to be filled in, extended, and
631 enlarged, any existing project; to demolish and remove any and
632 all structures thereon or constituting a part thereof; and
633 otherwise to prepare the same for sale or lease in order to
634 provide funds for financing projects under this charter.

635 (9) ACQUIRE EXISTING PROJECTS.—To acquire any existing
636 projects and to fill in, extend, enlarge, or improve the same,
637 or to cause or permit the same to be extended, enlarged, or
638 improved, for any public purpose or for sale or lease for the
639 purpose of providing funds for the acquisition by the port
640 district of any project or for the payment of bonds, notes, or
641 other obligations of the port district or in connection with any
642 project.

643 (10) SALE OR LEASE OF PROJECTS.—To sell at public or
644 private sale or lease for public or private purposes all or any
645 portion of any project now or hereafter owned by the port
646 district, including any such project as extended, enlarged, or

647 improved, and all or any portion of any property of the district
 648 created, extended, or enlarged under the authority of the
 649 district, deemed necessary, in the opinion of the board of
 650 commissioners of said district, on such terms and subject to
 651 such conditions as the board of commissioners shall determine to
 652 be in the best interests of the port district.

653 (11) CONTRACTS FOR PROJECTS OR FACILITIES.—To contract for
 654 the purchase by the port district of any port facilities or a
 655 port project, to be constructed, enlarged, extended, or improved
 656 by any public body, agency, or instrumentality or by any private
 657 person, firm, or corporation, and to provide for payment of the
 658 purchase price thereof in such manner as may be deemed by the
 659 governing body to be in the best interests of the port district,
 660 including, but without limitation, the sale or exchange of any
 661 property of the port district thereof or the issuance of bonds
 662 or other obligations of the port district.

663 (12) LOANS OR GRANTS.—To accept loans or grants of money,
 664 materials, or property at any time from the United States of
 665 America, the State of Florida, or any agency, instrumentality,
 666 or subdivision thereof, upon such terms and conditions as the
 667 United States of America, the State of Florida, or such agency,
 668 instrumentality, or subdivision thereof may impose.

669 (13) CONTROL.—To exercise jurisdiction, control, and
 670 supervision over any port project or port facilities now or
 671 hereafter acquired, owned, controlled, or constructed by the
 672 port district.

673 (14) RENTALS, RATES, AND FEES.—To operate and maintain,
 674 and to fix and collect rates, rentals, fees, and other charges,
 675 and to provide regulations and controls for any of the services
 676 and facilities provided by the port facilities or projects now
 677 or hereafter acquired, owned, or constructed by the port
 678 district, excluding state bar pilots.

679 (15) CONTRACT DEBTS.—To contract debts for the acquisition
 680 of any port facilities or port project, or for any other
 681 purposes of this charter, to borrow money, to make advances, and
 682 to issue bonds or other obligations to finance all or any part
 683 of such acquisition or acquisitions or construction or in the
 684 carrying out of any purposes of this charter.

685 (16) ADVANCES TO UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.—To make
 686 advances to the United States of America or any agency or
 687 instrumentality thereof in connection with any port project or
 688 port facilities, including, but not limited to, the dredging or
 689 deepening of any harbor, channel, or turning basin in connection
 690 with, or in order to serve, any port facility or any port
 691 project.

692 (17) SURVEY RIGHTS.—To enter on any lands, waters, or
 693 premises, within or without the port district, or within the
 694 corporate limits of any county, port district, port authority,
 695 or municipality, for the purpose of making surveys, soundings,
 696 and examinations with relation to any existing or proposed port
 697 facilities or port projects.

698 (18) CONTRACT WITH GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES.—To contract with
699 the United States of America or the State of Florida or any
700 agency, instrumentality, or subdivision thereof, with any public
701 body or political subdivision, or with any private person, firm,
702 or corporation with reference to any one or more of the powers
703 granted by this charter.

704 (19) CONTRACTS IN GENERAL.—To make and enter into all
705 contracts and agreements and to do and perform all acts and
706 deeds necessary and incidental to the performance of the duties
707 of the board of commissioners and of the district, and of the
708 exercise of its powers, as provided in this charter.

709 (20) JOINT ARRANGEMENTS.—To enter into joint arrangements
710 with steamship lines, railroads, airlines, or other
711 transportation lines, or any common carrier, if in the opinion
712 of the board of commissioners it is advantageous for the
713 district to do so.

714 (21) RATES AND CHARGES.—To fix the rates of wharfage,
715 dockage, warehousing, storage, and port and terminal charges for
716 the use of the port, port terminal, and harbor facilities
717 located within said district and to fix and determine the rates,
718 tolls, and other charges for the use of harbor facilities within
719 said district over which the district has established
720 jurisdiction insofar as it may do so under this charter, the
721 State Constitution, federal law, and the United States
722 Constitution.

723 (22) REGULATION OF WATER CRAFT.—To regulate the operation,
 724 docking, storing, and conduct of all water craft of any kind
 725 plying or using the waterways under the control of the district.

726 (23) PURPOSES.—To do all acts and things and to enter into
 727 all contracts and agreements necessary or convenient to carry
 728 out the purposes of this charter.

729 (24) PUBLICIZE, ADVERTISE, AND PROMOTE.—To publicize,
 730 advertise, and promote the activities and projects authorized by
 731 this charter, and to promote the projects of said district, in
 732 the manner set forth by resolution of the board of commissioners
 733 of said district; to make known to the users, potential users,
 734 and public in general the advantages, facilities, resources,
 735 products, attractions, and attributes of the activities and
 736 projects authorized by this charter; to further create a
 737 favorable climate of opinion concerning the activities and
 738 projects authorized and indicated by this charter; to cooperate,
 739 including the grant or expenditure of funds, to and with other
 740 agencies, both public and private, in accomplishing the purposes
 741 enumerated and indicated by this charter; and in furtherance
 742 thereof, to authorize reasonable expenditures by supporting
 743 voucher to be filed for audit for the purposes herein
 744 enumerated, including, but not limited to, meals, hospitality,
 745 and entertainment of persons in the interest of promoting and
 746 engendering good will towards the activities and projects herein
 747 authorized.

748 (25) OTHER APPROVAL UNNECESSARY.—Except as provided in
 749 this charter, the approval or consent of any other political
 750 subdivision or public body, agency, or instrumentality of the
 751 State of Florida, except the Board of Trustees of the Internal
 752 Improvement Trust Fund, shall not be required for the approval,
 753 grant, or exercise of any of the powers, both general and
 754 special, granted by this charter. The State of Florida hereby
 755 consents to the exercise of any and all powers granted by this
 756 charter without further authorization or approval thereof by any
 757 of its agencies or instrumentalities, except as may be required
 758 from the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust
 759 Fund as to the use of any state lands lying under water and
 760 which are necessary for the accomplishment of the purposes of
 761 this charter. However, the port is obligated to comply with all
 762 applicable provisions of the Florida Building Code, chapter 553,
 763 Florida Statutes.

764 (26) ADVERTISING.—To advertise the Port of Palm Beach
 765 District and its facilities or projects therein in such manner
 766 as the board of commissioners deems advisable and to negotiate
 767 and contract with shipping companies and such other private
 768 firms, persons, and institutions as the board of commissioners
 769 may deem necessary for the development of the Port of Palm Beach
 770 District and the extension of commerce through it. All expenses
 771 incurred in exercise of the powers conferred by this subsection
 772 shall be approved by the board of commissioners and shall be
 773 reimbursed or paid out of the operating fund of the district.

774 ARTICLE IX

775 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

776 Section 1. Authorization to issue.—The Port of Palm Beach
 777 District, by and through its board of commissioners, shall have
 778 the power, and is hereby authorized, to issue general obligation
 779 bonds to finance the cost or part of the cost of the
 780 construction, acquisition, reconstruction, extension, repair, or
 781 improvement of any works, projects, properties, improvements, or
 782 other purposes, except for the payment of current expenses,
 783 which the district is authorized by this charter or any other
 784 law to construct, acquire, or undertake.

785 Section 2. Restrictions on issuance.—Said bonds may be in
 786 such form and denomination, and bear such rate of interest,
 787 authorized pursuant to s. 215.84, Florida Statutes, and becoming
 788 due at such time, but not exceeding 40 years from the date of
 789 issuance, and upon such conditions as may be determined by the
 790 board of commissioners of said district; further, the amount
 791 thereof shall not exceed, in the aggregate, 15 percent of the
 792 assessed valuation of the taxable property of the district, as
 793 certified by the tax assessor of Palm Beach County at the time
 794 of issue.

795 Section 3. Vote of qualified electors.—All general
 796 obligation bonds issued by the district, except refunding bonds,
 797 which excludes revenue bonds or certificates and time warrants,
 798 shall be issued only after the same have been approved by the

799 qualified electors residing in said district as provided for in
 800 the State Constitution.

801 Section 4. State law.—As far as practicable, and where not
 802 inconsistent with this charter, the procedure provided in
 803 chapter 100, Florida Statutes, shall govern.

804 Section 5. Advertisement.—In the event an election of the
 805 qualified electors is to be held, the Port of Palm Beach
 806 District Board of Commissioners shall by resolution order such
 807 election to be held in the port district and shall give 30 days'
 808 notice of said election by publication in a newspaper or
 809 newspapers published in general circulation in said port
 810 district once a week for 4 consecutive weeks during such period,
 811 and no other advertisement shall be required; however, the board
 812 of commissioners may, at their option, provide for additional
 813 advertisements of said election.

814 Section 6. Use of Palm Beach County registration system.—
 815 In determining the persons who are qualified registered electors
 816 within the port district, the registration system of Palm Beach
 817 County shall be used, and the supervisor of elections in and for
 818 Palm Beach County shall conduct the necessary election on behalf
 819 of the Port of Palm Beach District.

820 Section 7. Form and content of bonds.—All bonds issued
 821 under this charter shall bear interest as provided hereinabove,
 822 payable annually or semiannually, and both principal and
 823 interest shall be payable at such place or places as the board
 824 of commissioners of the district may determine. The form of such

825 bonds shall be fixed by resolution of the board of
826 commissioners, and said bonds shall be signed by the manual or
827 facsimile signature of the chairperson or vice chairperson, its
828 corporate seal to be affixed thereto, or reproduced or imprinted
829 thereon, attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the
830 secretary-treasurer of said district; however, one of said
831 officers shall manually apply his or her signature. Coupons
832 attached to said bonds shall be executed by the facsimile
833 signatures of said officers. The delivery at any subsequent date
834 of any bond and coupon so executed shall be valid, although
835 before the date of delivery the person or persons signing the
836 bonds or coupons shall cease to hold office.

837 Section 8. Registered or coupon bonds.—Bonds issued
838 hereunder may be either registered or coupon bonds. A coupon
839 bond may be registered as to principal to the holders' name on
840 the books of the secretary-treasurer of the board of
841 commissioners, with the registration being noted upon the bond,
842 after which no transfers shall be valid unless made on said
843 books of the district by the registered owner or by his or her
844 duly authorized agent or representative and similarly noted on
845 the bond. Bonds registered as to the principal may be discharged
846 from registration by being transferred to the bearer, after
847 which they shall be transferable by delivery, but may again be
848 registered as to principal as before. The registration of the
849 bonds as to principal shall not restrain the negotiability of
850 the coupons by delivery only.

851 Section 9. More than one improvement included.—In issuing
852 bonds under this charter, it shall be lawful for the board of
853 commissioners to include more than one improvement or purpose in
854 any bond issue.

855 Section 10. Advertising for bids.—All general obligation
856 bonds issued under this charter shall be advertised for sale on
857 sealed bids, which advertisement shall be published at least
858 once, not less than 14 days before the date fixed for the
859 reception of bids, in a newspaper of general circulation
860 published in the port district. The board of commissioners may
861 reject any and all bids. If the general obligation bonds are not
862 sold pursuant to such advertisements, they may be sold by the
863 board of commissioners at private sale within 60 days after the
864 date advertised for the reception of sealed bids, but no such
865 private sale shall be made at a price less than the most
866 favorable bid received at said public bidding. If not sold
867 within 60 days, general obligation bonds shall be readvertised
868 in the manner herein prescribed if the board of commissioners
869 deems it advisable to continue to attempt to sell said bonds. A
870 general obligation bond issued hereunder may not be sold for
871 less than 95 percent of the par value and accrued interest.

872 Section 11. Refunding bonds.—The board of commissioners
873 shall have the power to provide by resolution for the issuance
874 of refunding bonds to refund the principal and interest of an
875 existing bond indebtedness, for the payment of which the credit
876 of the Port of Palm Beach District is pledged, and such bonds

877 may be issued at or before maturity of the bonds to be refunded.
878 It is determined and declared as a matter of legislative intent
879 that no election to authorize the issuance of refunding bonds
880 shall be necessary except in cases where an election may be
881 required by the State Constitution. In all cases where it is not
882 necessary under the State Constitution to hold an election on
883 the issuance of such refunding bonds, such resolution shall take
884 effect immediately upon the adoption thereof. No other
885 proceedings or procedures of any character whatever shall be
886 required for the issuance of such bonds by the port district.

887 Section 12. Terms of refunding bonds.—The resolution of
888 the board of commissioners authorizing the issuance of the
889 refunding bonds may provide that the refunding bonds may be
890 issued in one or more series as the board of commissioners may
891 determine; may mature at such time as the board of commissioners
892 may determine, not to exceed 40 years after their respective
893 dates; may bear interest at such rates, not exceeding the
894 maximum rate of interest borne by the notes, bonds, or other
895 obligations refinanced thereby; may be in such denominations as
896 desired; may be in such form, either coupon or registered as
897 desired; may carry such registration and conversion privileges
898 as desired; may be executed in such manner and may be payable in
899 such medium of payment, at such place, as desired; may be
900 subject to such terms of redemption, with or without a premium;
901 may provide for the replacement of mutilated, destroyed, stolen,
902 or lost bonds; may be authenticated in such manner and upon

903 compliance with such conditions as desired; and may contain such
904 other terms and covenants as may be desired. Notwithstanding the
905 form or tenor thereof, and in the absence of an express recital
906 on the face thereof that the bond is not negotiable, all
907 refunding bonds shall at all times be, and shall be treated as,
908 negotiable instruments for all purposes.

909 Section 13. Validity of refunding bonds.—Refunding bonds
910 bearing the signatures of officers of the Port of Palm Beach
911 District in office on the date of the signing thereof shall be
912 valid and binding obligations of the port district for all
913 purposes, notwithstanding that before the delivery thereof, any
914 or all of the persons whose signatures appear thereon shall have
915 ceased to be officers of the port district. A resolution
916 authorizing refunding bonds may provide that any such refunding
917 bond shall be conclusively deemed to be valid and to have been
918 issued in conformity with this charter. The authority of the
919 Port of Palm Beach District to issue obligations under this
920 charter may be determined, and obligations to be issued under
921 this charter may be validated, all as provided by law.

922 Section 14. Sale or exchange of refunding bonds.—Refunding
923 bonds may be sold or exchanged as follows:

924 (1) In installments at different time or times, or an
925 entire issue or series may be sold or exchanged at one time. Any
926 issue or series of refunding bonds may be exchanged in part or
927 sold in part in installments at different times or at one time.
928 The refunding bonds may be sold or exchanged at any time on,

929 before, or after the maturity of any of the outstanding notes,
930 bonds, certificates, or other obligations to be refinanced
931 thereby.

932 (2) If the board of commissioners determines to exchange
933 any refunding bonds, such refunding bonds may be exchanged
934 privately for and in payment and discharge of any of the
935 outstanding notes, bonds, or other obligations of the Port of
936 Palm Beach District. The refunding bonds may be exchanged for a
937 like or greater principal amount of such notes, bonds, or other
938 obligations of the port district, except that the principal
939 amount of the refunding bonds may exceed the principal amount of
940 such outstanding notes, bonds, or other obligations to the
941 extent necessary or advisable, in the discretion of the board of
942 commissioners, to fund interest in arrears or about to become
943 due. The holder of such outstanding notes, bonds, or other
944 obligations need not pay accrued interest on the refunding bonds
945 to be delivered in exchange therefor if and to the extent that
946 interest is due or accrued and unpaid on such outstanding notes,
947 bonds, or other obligations to be surrendered.

948 (3) If the board of commissioners determines to sell any
949 refunding bonds, such refunding bonds shall be sold at not less
950 than 95 percent of the par at either private or public sale, in
951 such manner and upon such terms as the board of commissioners
952 shall deem best for the interest of the Port of Palm Beach
953 District.

980 Section 1. How issued.—The Board of Commissioners of the
 981 Port of Palm Beach District shall have the full power to provide
 982 by resolution for the issuance or sale of revenue bonds or
 983 revenue certificates to provide money for any of the purposes
 984 for which the Port of Palm Beach District has the power and
 985 authority to expend the money, including the power to refund any
 986 and all previous issues of bonds, and for any other lawful
 987 purposes of the Port of Palm Beach District, and to provide that
 988 such revenue bonds or revenue certificates and interest thereon
 989 shall be payable as hereinafter provided.

990 Section 2. Refunding revenue bonds.—In addition to the
 991 revenue bonds provided for in section 1, said district shall
 992 also have power and is authorized to issue its revenue bonds for
 993 the purpose of refunding at any time any outstanding obligations
 994 of said district and shall further have power in the event such
 995 outstanding obligations have not reached maturity or are not yet
 996 subject to call for prior redemption to issue and sell its
 997 revenue bonds to:

998 (1) Refund such outstanding obligations at their maturity
 999 or the first date upon which such outstanding obligations are
 1000 callable before the stated dates of maturity thereof and deposit
 1001 a sufficient amount of the proceeds of such revenue bonds
 1002 irrevocably in escrow for the payment at maturity or redemption
 1003 on the first call date of such outstanding obligations of all
 1004 principal of or interest on such outstanding obligations; and

1005 (2) To pay all expenses incurred in the issuance thereof.

1006
 1007 Pending the date upon which such outstanding obligations mature
 1008 or are first callable before maturity, the district may invest
 1009 the moneys so deposited in escrow for the payment of the
 1010 principal of and interest on said outstanding obligations only
 1011 in direct obligations of the United States of America maturing
 1012 not later than the date or dates upon which such moneys so
 1013 deposited in escrow shall be needed for the payment of maturing
 1014 principal or interest, or the redemption on the first call date,
 1015 of such outstanding obligations. Said revenue bonds issued to
 1016 refund such outstanding obligations may be issued in such
 1017 principal amount as shall be necessary, at the price received at
 1018 the sale of such revenue bonds, to pay the principal of and
 1019 interest, and redemption premiums, if any, on such outstanding
 1020 obligations to the date of maturity of such outstanding
 1021 obligations, or to the date on which such outstanding
 1022 obligations shall be callable before maturity, and to pay all
 1023 expenses incurred in the issuance thereof.

1024 Section 3. Payment provisions for revenue bonds.—The
 1025 revenue bonds issued pursuant to this charter shall be payable
 1026 from the revenues derived from the port facilities of the
 1027 district, and the full faith and credit of said district shall
 1028 not be pledged for such revenue bonds. A holder of revenue bonds
 1029 does not have the right to require ad valorem taxes on real
 1030 estate to be levied for the payment of the principal of or
 1031 interest on such revenue bonds, and such revenue bonds are not

1032 an indebtedness of said district within the meaning of any
1033 constitutional charter or statutory limitation or for any
1034 purpose. A referendum or election is not required for the
1035 issuance of such revenue bonds unless such a referendum or
1036 election is required by the State Constitution.

1037 Section 4. Partial pledging of revenues.—In providing for
1038 the payment of revenue certificates or revenue bonds issued
1039 pursuant to this charter, the board of commissioners may, by
1040 resolution, limit the revenues pledged for the payment thereof
1041 to a specific project or projects so that not all of the
1042 revenues of the district at that time or in the future are
1043 encumbered or, in the alternative, may specifically omit the
1044 pledging of certain revenues or potential revenues.

1045 Section 5. Approval, interest, and term.—Such revenue
1046 bonds or such revenue refunding bonds, as the case may be, may
1047 be authorized to be issued under this charter to provide funds
1048 for the purpose or purposes prescribed in this article, by
1049 resolution or resolutions of the board of commissioners, and
1050 shall take effect immediately upon adoption. It is further
1051 provided that notice of intention to pass such resolution shall
1052 be published once in a newspaper of general circulation within
1053 the district at least 14 days before the meeting at which such
1054 resolution is adopted. Said revenue bonds shall bear interest at
1055 such rate or rates authorized pursuant to s. 215.84, Florida
1056 Statutes, payable semiannually, may be in one or more series,
1057 may bear such date or dates, may mature at such time or times

1058 not exceeding 40 years after their respective dates, may be
1059 payable in such medium of payment, at such place or places
1060 within or without the state, may carry such registration
1061 privileges, may lie subject to such terms of redemption, with or
1062 without premium, may be executed in such manner, may contain
1063 such terms, covenants, or conditions, and may be in such form,
1064 either coupon or registered, as such resolutions or subsequent
1065 resolutions may provide. Said revenue bonds may be sold, all at
1066 one time or in blocks from time to time, at public or private
1067 sale, or, if issued to refund outstanding obligations to be
1068 refunded thereby, in such manner as the governing body shall
1069 determine by resolution, at such price or prices, computed
1070 according to standard tables of bond values, as will yield to
1071 the purchasers or the holders of the outstanding obligations
1072 surrendered in exchange therefor income at a rate authorized
1073 pursuant to s. 215.84, Florida Statutes, per annum to the
1074 maturity dates of the revenue bonds so sold or exchanged on the
1075 money paid or the principal amount of outstanding obligations
1076 surrendered therefor to the district. Pending the preparation of
1077 the definitive revenue bonds, interim certificates or receipts
1078 or temporary revenue bonds in such form and with such provisions
1079 as the governing body may determine may be issued to the
1080 purchaser or purchasers of revenue bonds issued pursuant to this
1081 charter. Said revenue bonds, and such interim certificates or
1082 receipts or temporary revenue bonds, shall be and constitute
1083 negotiable instruments within the meaning of and for all

1084 purposes of the law merchant and the Uniform Commercial Code-
 1085 Investment Securities Law of the state. Revenue bonds issued
 1086 pursuant to this charter may also be delivered to the contractor
 1087 or contractors constructing any port improvements in the
 1088 district to be financed by the issuance of such revenue bonds in
 1089 payment for such construction.

1090 Section 6. Covenants in resolutions.-Any resolution
 1091 authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds under this charter may
 1092 contain covenants as to:

1093 (1) The purpose or purposes to which the proceeds of sale
 1094 of said revenue bonds may be applied and the securing, use, and
 1095 disposition thereof, including, if deemed desirable, the
 1096 appointment of a trustee or depositary for such funds.

1097 (2) The use and disposition of the gross revenues derived
 1098 from the port facilities, including the parts thereof heretofore
 1099 or hereafter constructed or acquired, and the creation and
 1100 maintenance of reserve funds, and including, if deemed
 1101 desirable, the appointment of a trustee or depositary for such
 1102 funds.

1103 (3) The pledging of all or any part of the gross revenues
 1104 derived from the port facilities, including any part thereof
 1105 heretofore or hereafter constructed or acquired, or derived from
 1106 any sources, to the payment of the principal of and interest on
 1107 revenue bonds issued pursuant to this charter, and for such
 1108 reserve and other funds as may be deemed necessary or desirable.

1109 (4) The fixing, establishing, and collecting of such fees,
 1110 rates, rentals, or other charges for the use of the port
 1111 facilities of the district, including the parts thereof
 1112 heretofore or hereafter constructed or acquired, and the
 1113 revision of same from time to time, as will always provide
 1114 revenues at least sufficient to pay all of the principal of and
 1115 interest on such revenue bonds or any other obligations payable
 1116 from the revenues of such port facilities, including reserves
 1117 therefor, and the expenses of operation, maintenance, and repair
 1118 of such port facilities, to the full extent the same are not
 1119 paid from other legally available funds, or any other payments
 1120 required by the terms of the resolution or resolutions
 1121 authorizing the issuance of such revenue bonds.

1122 (5) Limitations or restrictions upon the issuance of
 1123 additional revenue bonds or other obligations payable from the
 1124 revenues of such port facilities and the rights and remedies of
 1125 the holders of such additional revenue bonds issued thereafter.

1126 (6) The appointment of a trustee or trustees to apply and
 1127 hold any revenues derived from such port facilities.

1128 (7) The appointment of a trustee or trustees to act for
 1129 and in behalf of bondholders, the manner and terms of such
 1130 appointment, and the powers of such trustee or trustees.

1131 (8) Budgets for the annual operation, maintenance, and
 1132 repair of such port facilities, restrictions and limitations
 1133 upon expenditures for such purposes, and the manner of adoption,
 1134 modification, repeal, or amendment thereof.

1135 (9) The amounts of insurance to be maintained upon such
 1136 port facilities, or any part thereof, and the use and
 1137 disposition of the proceeds of any such insurance.

1138 (10) The keeping of books of account relating to such port
 1139 facilities and the audit and inspection thereof.

1140 (11) Limitations and restrictions on the right of the
 1141 district to sell, mortgage, dispose of, or otherwise encumber
 1142 such port facilities or any part thereof.

1143 (12) Such other additional covenants as shall be deemed
 1144 necessary and desirable by the governing body of the district
 1145 for the security of the holders of revenue bonds issued pursuant
 1146 to this charter.

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 1148 All such covenants and agreements shall constitute valid and
 1149 legally binding contracts between the district and the holders
 1150 of any revenue bonds issued pursuant to this charter, and such
 1151 resolutions, regardless of the time of issuance and subject to
 1152 any limitations contained in such resolutions, shall be
 1153 enforceable by any holder or holders of such revenue bonds
 1154 acting either for himself or herself or themselves alone or
 1155 acting in behalf of all other holders of such revenue bonds by
 1156 appropriate proceedings in any court of competent jurisdiction.

1157 Section 7. Validity of revenue bonds and coupons.—Any
 1158 revenue bonds issued pursuant to this charter bearing the
 1159 signatures of any officer or officers in office on the date of
 1160 the signing thereof shall be valid and legally binding

1161 obligations, notwithstanding that before the delivery thereof
 1162 and payment therefor any or all of the persons whose signatures
 1163 appear thereon, or on any coupons pertaining thereto, shall have
 1164 ceased to be officers of the district. The validity of said
 1165 revenue bonds, or any of the coupons appertaining thereto, shall
 1166 not be dependent on, nor affected by, the validity or regularity
 1167 of any proceedings relating to the construction or acquisition
 1168 of such port improvements for which said revenue bonds are
 1169 issued or the validity or regularity of any proceedings relating
 1170 to the establishment and collection of fees, rates, rentals, or
 1171 other charges for the use of the port facilities of said
 1172 district.

1173 Section 8. Lien of revenue bonds.—All revenue bonds issued
 1174 pursuant to this charter shall have a lien upon the revenues
 1175 derived from said port facilities to the extent and in the
 1176 manner provided in the resolution authorizing the issuance of
 1177 such revenue bonds, which lien shall be prior and paramount to
 1178 any other lien or obligation of any nature against said revenues
 1179 subsequently arising or subsequently incurred, except as may be
 1180 provided in the resolution or resolutions authorizing such
 1181 revenue bonds. The rank and priority of different issues of
 1182 revenue bonds issued pursuant to this charter shall be provided
 1183 in the resolution or resolutions authorizing such revenue bonds;
 1184 however, nothing herein shall be construed to impair in any
 1185 manner any of the rights of the holders of any outstanding
 1186 obligations heretofore issued by the district and not

1187 outstanding, and the rights of the holders of revenue bonds
1188 pursuant to this charter shall be subject to any of the valid
1189 and legal rights of the holders of such outstanding obligations.

1190 Section 9. Duty to fix and collect charges.—The governing
1191 body of the district shall prescribe and collect fees, rates,
1192 rentals, or other charges for the port facilities of said
1193 district and shall revise such rates, fees, rentals, or other
1194 charges from time to time whenever necessary, and it shall be
1195 the mandatory duty of the district at all times to fix,
1196 establish, and maintain such fees, rates, rentals, or other
1197 charges as will produce sufficient revenues to pay when due the
1198 principal of and interest on all revenue bonds or other
1199 obligations for the payment of which such revenues are or shall
1200 have been pledged or encumbered, including reserves therefor,
1201 and to provide for any other funds that may be required pursuant
1202 to the resolution authorizing the issuance of such revenue
1203 bonds, and to provide for all expenses of operation and
1204 maintenance of such port facilities, to the full extent that
1205 such cost of operation and maintenance is not paid from other
1206 legally available funds.

1207 Section 10. Default provisions.—The resolution authorizing
1208 the issuance of such revenue bonds may provide that in the event
1209 of a default in the payment of the principal of or interest on
1210 the revenue bonds issued pursuant to this charter, or in the
1211 performance by the district of any duties imposed upon the
1212 district by this charter, or by any covenants or agreements

1213 theretofore entered into between the district and the holders of
 1214 such revenue bonds, any holder or holders of such revenue bonds
 1215 (unless the resolution authorizing the issuance of such revenue
 1216 bonds shall limit the right of the appointment of a receiver to
 1217 a specified number of the percentage of bondholders), acting for
 1218 himself or herself or themselves alone, or also acting for all
 1219 other holders of such revenue bonds, shall be entitled as of
 1220 right to the appointment of a receiver of the port facilities,
 1221 including all parts thereof heretofore or hereafter constructed
 1222 or acquired, by any court of competent jurisdiction of the
 1223 state. Jurisdiction shall be that prescribed by general law in
 1224 any action or proceeding for the appointment of such receiver,
 1225 and such receiver is authorized and empowered in the event of
 1226 such default or defaults to take over, operate, manage, and
 1227 control such port facilities and to collect the revenues derived
 1228 from the use of such port facilities to the same extent and in
 1229 the same manner as the district is authorized to do. Such
 1230 receiver shall so operate, manage, and control such port
 1231 facilities only under the supervision and direction of the
 1232 appropriate circuit court, and such operation, management, and
 1233 control shall be in the name of the district. Notwithstanding
 1234 any provision of any other law to the contrary, such port
 1235 facilities shall be deemed to be in the district's control and
 1236 management through such court and its duly appointed receiver
 1237 for the joint protection of the district and such bondholders.

1238 Section 11. Exemption of property and revenues from
 1239 taxation.—All property of and all revenues derived from such
 1240 port facilities, including such parts thereof heretofore or
 1241 hereafter constructed or acquired, shall be exempt from all
 1242 taxation by the state or by any county, municipality, or other
 1243 political subdivision thereof.

1244 Section 12. Power to contract.—The district shall have
 1245 power to contract with any person, any private or public
 1246 corporation, the state, or any agency, instrumentality, county,
 1247 municipality, or political subdivision thereof, or any agency,
 1248 instrumentality, or corporation of or created by the United
 1249 States of America, with respect to such port facilities or any
 1250 port improvements or any parts thereof and shall also have power
 1251 to accept and receive grants or loans from the same and in
 1252 connection with any such contract, grant, or loan. The district
 1253 may to stipulate and agree to such covenants, terms, and
 1254 conditions as the governing body of the district shall deem
 1255 appropriate.

1256 Section 13. Waiver of other control.—The fees, rates,
 1257 rentals, or other charges for the port facilities of said
 1258 district, when constructed, acquired, or improved as provided in
 1259 this charter, shall not be subject to supervision, regulation,
 1260 or control of any bureau, board, commission, or other like
 1261 instrumentality of the state.

1262 Section 14. Covenants of the state.—The state covenants
 1263 with the holders of any revenue bonds issued pursuant to this

1264 charter and coupons appertaining thereto that it will not in any
1265 manner limit or alter the powers and obligations vested by this
1266 charter in the district to establish and collect, in the manner
1267 provided in this charter, fees, rates, rentals, or other charges
1268 for the port facilities of the district, and to revise the same
1269 from time to time whenever necessary, which will always be
1270 sufficient to comply with and fully perform the terms of all the
1271 covenants and agreements made by the district with the holders
1272 of such revenue bonds until all principal of and interest on
1273 said revenue bonds and all the costs and expenses in connection
1274 with any action or proceedings by and on behalf of the holders
1275 of such revenue bonds are fully paid and discharged, or adequate
1276 provisions made for the payment or discharge thereof.

1277 Section 15. Covenants of district.—The board of
1278 commissioners covenants and agrees with any holder or holders of
1279 said revenue certificates or revenue bonds that the governing
1280 body of said district will cause, to the best of its judgment,
1281 the facilities of the district to be made known to all potential
1282 shippers and users of said district by the active promotion or
1283 advertising of the facilities of the district so as to attempt
1284 to increase the potential revenues to be derived by the
1285 district.

1286 Section 16. Waiver of limitations in any other law.—Any
1287 and all port improvements authorized herein may be constructed,
1288 acquired, or improved and revenue bonds or certificates issued
1289 pursuant to this charter without regard to, or necessity for,

1290 compliance with the limitations or restrictions contained in any
1291 other law, general, special, or local. Further, the district is
1292 specifically authorized to use s. 553.791, Florida Statutes, for
1293 project or facility plan review and inspection and shall not be
1294 subject to any local government plan review or inspection fees.

1295 Section 17. Power to issue.—The district, by and through
1296 its board of commissioners, shall have the power and authority
1297 to issue revenue certificates and refunding revenue certificates
1298 to finance the cost or part of the cost of the construction,
1299 acquisition, reconstruction, extension, repair, or improvement
1300 of any works, projects, properties, improvements, or other
1301 purposes, including any lawful purpose, which the district is
1302 authorized by this charter or any other law to construct,
1303 acquire, or undertake.

1304 Section 18. Expenses to be included in cost.—The cost of
1305 any works, projects, properties, improvements, or other purposes
1306 financed by the issuance of either revenue certificates or
1307 refunding revenue certificates under this article shall include,
1308 but is not limited to, construction costs, engineering, fiscal
1309 or financial and legal expenses, surveys, plans, and
1310 specifications, interest during construction or acquisition and
1311 for 1 year thereafter, initial reserve funds, discount, if any,
1312 on the sale or exchange of certificates, acquisition of real or
1313 personal property, and such other costs as are necessary and
1314 incidental to the construction or acquisition of such works,
1315 projects, properties, improvements, or other purposes and the

1316 financing thereof. The district shall have the power to retain
 1317 and enter into agreements with engineers, fiscal agents,
 1318 financial advisors, attorneys, architects, or other consultants
 1319 or advisors for the planning, supervision, and financing of such
 1320 works, projects, properties, improvements, or other purposes
 1321 upon such terms and conditions as shall be deemed advisable to
 1322 the board of commissioners of said district.

1323 Section 19. Passage of resolutions.—Any resolution
 1324 required to be passed under this article may be adopted at a
 1325 regular or a special meeting, and at the same meeting in which
 1326 it is introduced, by a majority of all of the members of the
 1327 Port of Palm Beach District Board of Commissioners then in
 1328 office.

1329 ARTICLE XI

1330 AD VALOREM TAXES

1331 Annual levy.—The board is hereby authorized and empowered
 1332 to levy upon all the real and personal taxable property of said
 1333 district a special tax sufficient in amount to pay the interest
 1334 becoming due and payable annually upon any bonds issued or to be
 1335 issued, or money borrowed or to be borrowed, by the said
 1336 district, for which the full faith and credit of the district is
 1337 pledged, and also to create a sinking fund for the payment of
 1338 principal thereof at maturity, and in addition, a special tax
 1339 not exceeding 2 mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of
 1340 taxable property in the district to pay the costs of operation,
 1341 maintenance, and other purposes of the district authorized and

1342 prescribed by this charter. Said levy shall be made each year
1343 not later than July 1 of each year by resolution of said board
1344 of a majority thereof duly entered at large upon its minutes.
1345 Certified copies of such resolution executed in the name of said
1346 board by its chairperson and secretary under its corporate seal
1347 shall be made and delivered to the Board of County Commissioners
1348 of Palm Beach County, and to the comptroller of the state, not
1349 later than July 15 of each and every year thereafter. It shall
1350 be the duty of the commissioners of Palm Beach County to order
1351 the assessor of said county to assess and the collector of said
1352 county to collect the amount of taxes so assessed by the board
1353 of commissioners of the district upon all the taxable real and
1354 personal property in the district at the rate of taxation
1355 adopted by the said board for the said year and included in said
1356 resolution, and said levy shall be included in the warrant of
1357 the tax assessor and attached to the assessment roll of taxes
1358 for said county each year. The tax collector shall collect such
1359 taxes so levied by said board in the same manner as other taxes
1360 are collected, except as otherwise provided in this charter, and
1361 shall pay the same to the treasurer of said board on or before
1362 the 1st and 15th of each month. The said tax assessor and the
1363 said tax collector shall be paid for such services by the board
1364 of commissioners of the district such commissions as shall be
1365 prescribed by the laws of the state. It shall be the duty of
1366 said comptroller to assess and levy upon all the railroad lines,
1367 railroad property, telegraph lines, and telegraphs situated in

1368 said district the amount of each such levy as in case of other
 1369 state and county taxes, and collect said taxes thereon in the
 1370 same manner as is required by law to assess and collect taxes
 1371 for state and county purposes, and to remit the same to the
 1372 treasurer of said board. All such taxes shall be held by said
 1373 treasurer for the credit of said board and paid out by him or
 1374 her as provided herein.

1375 ARTICLE XII

1376 EMPLOYMENT OF PORT MANAGER, EMPLOYEES, AND CONSULTANTS

1377 Section 1. Port manager and employees.—The board of
 1378 commissioners shall have the authority to employ a port manager
 1379 and to prescribe his or her duties and compensation; however,
 1380 the manager of the Port of Palm Beach District shall not be a
 1381 commissioner of the Port of Palm Beach District. The board of
 1382 commissioners may employ or may authorize the manager to employ
 1383 agents, clerks, and servants to administer any project under the
 1384 rules, regulations, directions, and supervision of the port
 1385 manager or the board of commissioners and may exact of said
 1386 manager, agent, clerk, and servant a good and sufficient bond
 1387 with proper surety thereon to secure the faithful performance of
 1388 his or her or their duties in an amount and in the form
 1389 determined by said board.

1390 Section 2. Consultants.—The board of commissioners shall
 1391 have full power to employ such consultants and professional
 1392 persons as said board shall deem fit and necessary and to
 1393 prescribe the compensation to be paid to said consultants or

1394 professional persons. Any such contracts shall be reduced to
1395 writing and shall be signed by the consultant or professional
1396 person and by the board of commissioners, with an executed copy
1397 to be filed by the secretary of the board.

1398 ARTICLE XIII

1399 PUBLICIZING OF PORT FACILITIES

1400 Section 1. General.—The board of commissioners is hereby
1401 authorized and empowered to publicize, advertise, and promote
1402 the activities, projects, and facilities referred to in this
1403 charter, and said board is authorized to expend such amounts as
1404 it deems necessary and advisable, not to exceed 10 percent of
1405 the sum collected by the district from all sources, including
1406 its operation, but specifically excluding any taxes that are
1407 levied and collected, all in the preceding fiscal year of the
1408 district for the publicizing of the port facilities and the
1409 promotion thereof.

1410 Section 2. Payment of vouchers.—All obligations, expenses,
1411 and costs incurred under this article shall be paid when
1412 vouchers thereof, approved by the board of commissioners, are
1413 exhibited.

1414 ARTICLE XIV

1415 BONDS; LEGAL INVESTMENTS

1416 General obligation and refunding bonds and revenue and
1417 revenue refunding bonds issued by the port district under this
1418 charter are hereby made securities in which all public officers
1419 and public bodies of the state and its political subdivisions

1420 and all insurance companies, trust companies, banking
1421 associations, investment companies, executors, administrators,
1422 trustees, and other fiduciaries may properly and legally invest
1423 funds, including capital in their control or belonging to them.
1424 Such bonds are hereby made securities that may properly and
1425 legally be deposited with and received by any state or port
1426 district officer or any agency or political subdivision of the
1427 state for any purpose for which the deposit of bonds or
1428 obligations of the port district is now or may hereafter be
1429 authorized by law.

1430 ARTICLE XV

1431 AUDIT

1432 At least once each year, the Port of Palm Beach District
1433 Board of Commissioners shall employ a certified public
1434 accountant for the purpose of auditing the books of said Port of
1435 Palm Beach District and pay him or her a reasonable compensation
1436 therefor. Such audit shall be made public by publication in the
1437 community. An audit by the state auditor should also be
1438 performed at least once every 2 years. At least once each year,
1439 the board of commissioners shall name a committee of three
1440 representative businesspersons of said district for the purpose
1441 of auditing the books of said board. Such committee shall have
1442 the power to audit or to employ a competent accountant or
1443 auditor to audit the books, accounts, and records of said board
1444 of commissioners and of the secretary-treasurer thereof. No
1445 person acting on such committee within the last preceding 12

1446 months shall be appointed to such committee. The compensation of
 1447 such committee shall not exceed that of the commissioners under
 1448 this charter. Such compensation of the committee shall, together
 1449 with a reasonable compensation for a competent auditor or
 1450 accountant, be paid by the board of commissioners as other bills
 1451 are paid by said board.

1452 ARTICLE XVI

1453 INVESTMENT OF PORT FUNDS

1454 The board is hereby authorized and empowered to invest the
 1455 moneys belonging to the Port of Palm Beach District in direct
 1456 obligations of the United States of America, certificates of
 1457 deposits of state and national banks, general obligations of
 1458 states, general obligations of counties, municipalities, or
 1459 other public purpose districts of the state, bonds and
 1460 securities not subject to limitation, obligations of agencies
 1461 created by act of the United States Congress and authorized
 1462 thereby to issue securities or evidences of indebtedness,
 1463 regardless of guaranty of repayment by the United States
 1464 Government, public housing authority obligations, and in direct
 1465 ownership or in leasehold improvements, of land and buildings
 1466 used by the Port of Palm Beach District in the transaction of
 1467 its business, for such periods of time as the board shall deem
 1468 to be in the best interests of the district and in keeping with
 1469 good business practices. The board is hereby authorized and
 1470 empowered when necessary to protect the interest of said board
 1471 and said funds of the district, to sell and dispose of any of

1472 the securities and authorized investments in which said funds
 1473 may be invested, and reinvest the proceeds thereof from time to
 1474 time in conformity with this charter as said board shall deem
 1475 expedient. The secretary-treasurer of the board of commissioners
 1476 shall act as the custodian of all funds belonging to said board
 1477 and to said district.

1478 ARTICLE XVII

1479 DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

1480 All funds of the district shall be disbursed upon the order
 1481 of said board signed by any two officers thereof; however, the
 1482 board may disburse funds of the district into an impress account
 1483 and, when establishing said account, may authorize and designate
 1484 the port manager or other employee of the district to disburse
 1485 funds from said particular impress account, upon such directions
 1486 as the board of commissioners shall give, all in keeping with
 1487 good business practices. The port manager or employee of the
 1488 district who has the authority to disburse funds of the district
 1489 from any account indicated hereinabove shall at all times be
 1490 bonded with a fidelity bond in at least an amount equal to the
 1491 maximum amount of funds that would be held in said account at
 1492 any one time and be subject to withdrawal by the manager or
 1493 employee.

1494 ARTICLE XVIII

1495 DEPOSITORIES

1496 The board of commissioners shall be empowered and
 1497 authorized to select as depositories, in which the funds of said

1498 board and said district shall be deposited, any bank or trust
 1499 company authorized under the laws of the United States or under
 1500 the laws of the state, upon such terms and conditions as said
 1501 board may deem just and reasonable, and upon such terms as to
 1502 security as the board shall deem proper.

1503 ARTICLE XIX

1504 ACTION BY RESOLUTION

1505 All action required or authorized to be taken under this
 1506 charter by the board of commissioners may be by resolution,
 1507 which resolution may be adopted at the meeting of the board of
 1508 commissioners at which such resolution is introduced and shall
 1509 take effect immediately upon such adoption. Except as otherwise
 1510 provided in this charter, no resolution under this charter need
 1511 be published or posted, nor shall any such resolution require
 1512 for its passage more than a majority of all the members of the
 1513 board of commissioners then in office.

1514 ARTICLE XX

1515 PUBLIC PURPOSES

1516 It is hereby determined and declared that each and all of
 1517 the powers conferred by this charter and the exercise thereof
 1518 are proper public and proprietary purposes.

1519 ARTICLE XXI

1520 ADDITIONAL AND ALTERNATIVE METHOD

1521 This charter shall be deemed to provide an additional and
 1522 alternative method for the doing of the things authorized
 1523 hereby, shall be regarded as supplemental and additional to the

1524 powers conferred by any other law, and shall not be regarded as
 1525 in derogation of any powers now existing, nor a limitation
 1526 thereof. General obligation and refunding bonds and revenue and
 1527 revenue refunding bonds may be issued and any other action may
 1528 be taken hereunder notwithstanding that any other law may
 1529 provide for the issuance of such bonds for like purposes or the
 1530 taking of like action and without regard to the requirements,
 1531 restrictions, or procedural provisions contained in any other
 1532 law.

1533 ARTICLE XXII

1534 LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION

1535 This charter, being necessary for the welfare of the
 1536 inhabitants of the state, shall be liberally construed to effect
 1537 the purposes thereof.

1538 ARTICLE XXIII

1539 SEVERABILITY

1540 The provisions of this charter are severable, and it is the
 1541 intention to confer the whole or any part of the powers provided
 1542 herein. If any of the provisions of this charter shall be held
 1543 unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the
 1544 decision of such court shall have no effect to impair any of the
 1545 remaining provisions.

1546 Section 4. Chapters 74-570, 75-468, 81-459, 87-523, 90-
 1547 462, 95-467, and 99-457, Laws of Florida, are repealed.

1548 Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.