1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to community affairs; amending s.
3	125.01055, F.S.; adding linkage fee ordinances as land
4	use mechanisms that counties are authorized to adopt
5	and maintain; providing that affordable housing
6	linkage fee ordinances may require the payment of
7	certain fees; authorizing a board of county
8	commissioners to approve development of affordable
9	housing on any parcel zoned for residential,
10	commercial, or industrial use; amending s. 129.03,
11	F.S.; revising the information required to be annually
12	submitted by county budget officers to the Office of
13	Economic and Demographic Research; requiring certain
14	information to be included beginning in a specified
15	submission; amending s. 163.01, F.S.; amending the
16	Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969 to
17	authorize private entities to enter into specified
18	loan agreements; authorizing certain bond proceeds to
19	be loaned to private entities for specified types of
20	projects; providing that such loans are deemed a
21	paramount public purpose; amending s. 163.31771, F.S.;
22	revising conditions under which local governments are
23	authorized to adopt ordinances that allow accessory
24	dwelling units in any area zoned for single-family
25	residential use; amending s. 163.31801, F.S.;

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26 requiring counties, municipalities, and special 27 districts to include certain data relating to impact 28 fees in their annual financial reports; amending s. 29 166.04151, F.S.; adding linkage fee ordinances as land 30 use mechanisms that municipalities are authorized to adopt and maintain; providing that affordable housing 31 32 linkage fee ordinances may require the payment of 33 certain fees; authorizing governing bodies of municipalities to approve the development of 34 35 affordable housing on any parcel zoned for 36 residential, commercial, or industrial use; amending 37 s. 166.241, F.S.; revising the information required to be annually submitted by municipal budget officers to 38 39 the Office of Economic and Demographic Research; requiring certain information to be included beginning 40 in a specified submission; amending s. 320.77, F.S.; 41 42 revising a certification requirement for mobile home 43 dealer applicants relating to the applicant's business location; amending s. 320.771, F.S.; exempting certain 44 recreational vehicle dealer applicants from a garage 45 liability insurance requirement; amending s. 320.822, 46 47 F.S.; revising the definition of the term "code"; 48 amending s. 320.8232, F.S.; revising applicable standards for the repair and remodeling of mobile and 49 50 manufactured homes; amending s. 367.022, F.S.;

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51 revising an exemption from regulation for certain 52 water service resellers; exempting certain mobile home 53 park and mobile home subdivision owners from 54 regulation by the Florida Public Service Commission 55 relating to water and wastewater systems; creating s. 56 420.518, F.S.; authorizing the preclusion of an 57 applicant or affiliate of an applicant from 58 participation in Florida Housing Finance Corporation 59 programs under certain conditions; authorizing the 60 board of directors of the corporation to preclude the 61 applicant for a period of time or revoke the 62 applicant's funding; requiring that an administrative complaint be served before an order is issued; 63 64 authorizing the corporation to suspend certain funding, allocations of federal housing credits, 65 66 credit underwriting procedures, or application 67 reviews; providing requirements for such suspensions; amending s. 420.5087, F.S.; revising the criteria used 68 69 by a review committee when evaluating and selecting 70 specified applications for state apartment incentive 71 loans; authorizing the corporation to prioritize a 72 portion of the State Apartment Incentive Loan funding 73 set aside for certain purposes; requiring that such 74 funding be used for housing for certain persons in 75 foster care or persons aging out of foster care;

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76 providing requirements for such housing; requiring the 77 corporation to consult with the Department of Children 78 and Families to create minimum criteria for such 79 housing; amending s. 420.5095, F.S.; revising 80 legislative findings; renaming the Community Workforce 81 Housing Innovation Pilot Program as the Community 82 Workforce Housing Loan Program to provide workforce 83 housing for persons affected by the high cost of housing; revising the definition of the term 84 "workforce housing"; deleting the definition of the 85 term "public-private partnership"; authorizing the 86 87 corporation to provide loans under the program to applicants for construction of workforce housing; 88 89 requiring the corporation to establish a certain loan application process; deleting provisions requiring the 90 corporation to provide incentives for local 91 92 qovernments to use certain funds; requiring projects 93 to receive priority consideration for funding under 94 certain circumstances; deleting provisions providing 95 for the expedition of local government comprehensive 96 plan amendments to implement a program project; requiring that the corporation award loans at a 97 specified interest rate and for a limited term; 98 99 conforming provisions to changes made by the act; 100 deleting a provision authorizing the corporation to

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101	use a maximum percentage of a specified appropriation
102	for administration and compliance; amending s.
103	420.531, F.S.; specifying that technical support
104	provided to local governments and community-based
105	organizations includes implementation of the State
106	Apartment Incentive Loan Program; requiring the entity
107	providing training and technical assistance to convene
108	and administer biannual workshops; providing
109	requirements for such workshops; requiring such entity
110	to annually compile and submit certain information to
111	the Legislature and the corporation by a specified
112	date; amending s. 420.9071, F.S.; revising the
113	definition of the term "affordable"; amending s.
114	420.9075, F.S.; revising requirements for reports
115	submitted to the corporation by counties and certain
116	municipalities; amending s. 420.9076, F.S.; beginning
117	on a specified date, revising the membership of local
118	affordable housing advisory committees; requiring the
119	committees to perform specified duties annually
120	instead of triennially; revising duties of the
121	committees; requiring locally elected officials
122	serving on advisory committees, or their designees, to
123	attend biannual regional workshops; providing a
124	penalty; amending s. 553.791, F.S.; revising a
125	prohibition against auditing certain private providers

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126 more than a specified number of times per month under 127 certain conditions; amending s. 723.011, F.S.; 128 providing that a mobile home owner may be required to 129 install permanent improvements as disclosed in the 130 mobile home park prospectus; amending s. 723.012, 131 F.S.; requiring a mobile home park owner to amend its 132 prospectus under certain circumstances; requiring a 133 mobile home park owner to increase shared facilities 134 under certain circumstances; providing a requirement 135 for the prospectus amendment; prohibiting certain 136 costs and expenses from being passed on or passed 137 through to existing mobile home owners; amending s. 138 723.023, F.S.; revising general obligations for mobile 139 home owners; amending s. 723.031, F.S.; revising 140 construction relating to a mobile home park owner's 141 disclosure of certain taxes and assessments; 142 prohibiting a mobile home park owner from charging or 143 collecting certain taxes or charges in excess of a 144 certain amount; amending s. 723.037, F.S.; authorizing mobile home park owners to give notice of lot rental 145 146 increases for multiple anniversary dates in one notice; providing construction; revising a requirement 147 148 for a lot rental negotiation committee; amending s. 149 723.041, F.S.; providing that a mobile home park 150 damaged or destroyed due to natural force may be

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151 rebuilt with the same density as previously approved, 152 permitted, and built; providing construction; amending 153 s. 723.042, F.S.; revising conditions under which a 154 person is required by a mobile home park owner or 155 developer to provide improvements as a condition of 156 residence in a mobile home park; amending s. 723.059, 157 F.S.; authorizing certain mobile home purchasers to 158 assume the seller's prospectus; authorizing a mobile 159 home park owner to offer a purchaser any approved 160 prospectus; amending s. 723.061, F.S.; revising 161 requirements related to the provision of eviction 162 notices by mobile home park owners to specified 163 entities; specifying the waiver and nonwaiver of 164 certain rights of mobile home park owners under certain circumstances; requiring the accounting at 165 final hearing of rents received; amending s. 723.076, 166 167 F.S.; providing a notice requirement for homeowners' 168 associations to mobile home park owners after the 169 election or appointment of new officers or board members; amending s. 723.078, F.S.; revising 170 171 requirements for homeowners' association board 172 elections and ballots; requiring an impartial 173 committee to be responsible for overseeing the 174 election process and complying with ballot 175 requirements; defining the term "impartial committee";

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176 requiring that association bylaws provide a method for 177 determining the winner of an election under certain 178 circumstances; requiring the division to adopt 179 procedural rules; revising the types of meetings that 180 are not required to be open to members; providing an 181 exception to a requirement for an officer of an 182 association to provide an affidavit affirming certain 183 information; authorizing meeting notices to be 184 provided by electronic means; providing that the 185 minutes of certain board and committee meetings are privileged and confidential; conforming provisions to 186 187 changes made by the act; amending s. 723.079, F.S.; 188 revising homeowners' association recordkeeping 189 requirements; revising the timeframes during which 190 certain records are required to be retained and be 191 made available for inspection or photocopying; 192 limiting the amount of damages for which an 193 association is liable when a member is denied access 194 to official records; requiring that certain disputes 195 be submitted to mandatory binding arbitration with the 196 division; providing requirements for such arbitration; amending s. 723.1255, F.S.; requiring that certain 197 198 disputes be submitted to mandatory binding arbitration with the division; providing requirements for such 199 200 arbitration and responsibility for fees and costs;

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201	requiring the division to adopt procedural rules;
202	reenacting s. 420.507(22)(i), F.S., relating to powers
203	of the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, to
204	incorporate the amendment made to s. 420.5087, F.S.,
205	in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 193.018(2),
206	F.S., relating to land owned by a community land trust
207	used to provide affordable housing, to incorporate the
208	amendment made to s. 420.5095, F.S., in a reference
209	thereto; providing an effective date.
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211	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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213	Section 1. Section 125.01055, Florida Statutes, is amended
214	to read:
215	125.01055 Affordable housing
216	(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a county
217	may adopt and maintain in effect any law, ordinance, rule, or
218	other measure that is adopted for the purpose of increasing the
219	supply of affordable housing using land use mechanisms such as
220	inclusionary housing or linkage fee ordinances.
221	(2) An inclusionary housing ordinance may require a
222	developer to provide a specified number or percentage of
223	affordable housing units to be included in a development or
224	allow a developer to contribute to a housing fund or other
225	alternatives in lieu of building the affordable housing units.
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226 <u>(3) An affordable housing linkage fee ordinance may</u> 227 require the payment of a flat or percentage-based fee, whether 228 calculated on the basis of the number of approved dwelling 229 units, the amount of approved square footage, or otherwise.

(4) However, In exchange for a developer fulfilling the
 requirements of subsection (2) or, for residential or mixed-use
 residential development, the requirements of subsection (3), a
 county must provide incentives to fully offset all costs to the
 developer of its affordable housing contribution or linkage fee.
 Such incentives may include, but are not limited to:

(a) Allowing the developer density or intensity bonus
incentives or more floor space than allowed under the current or
proposed future land use designation or zoning;

(b) Reducing or waiving fees, such as impact fees or waterand sewer charges; or

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(c) Granting other incentives.

242 <u>(5)(3)</u> Subsection (2) does not apply in an area of 243 critical state concern, as designated in s. 380.0552.

(6) Notwithstanding any other law or local ordinance or
 regulation to the contrary, the board of county commissioners
 may approve the development of housing that is affordable, as
 defined in s. 420.0004, on any parcel zoned for residential,
 commercial, or industrial use.
 Section 2. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section
 129.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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129.03 Preparation and adoption of budget.-

The county budget officer, after tentatively (3) ascertaining the proposed fiscal policies of the board for the next fiscal year, shall prepare and present to the board a tentative budget for the next fiscal year for each of the funds 256 provided in this chapter, including all estimated receipts, 257 taxes to be levied, and balances expected to be brought forward 258 and all estimated expenditures, reserves, and balances to be carried over at the end of the year. 259

By October 15, 2019, and each October 15 annually 260 (d) thereafter, the county budget officer shall electronically 261 262 submit the following information regarding the final budget and 263 the county's economic status to the Office of Economic and Demographic Research in the format specified by the office: 264

265 Government spending per resident, including, at a 1. 266 minimum, the spending per resident for the previous 5 fiscal 267 years.

268 2. Government debt per resident, including, at a minimum, 269 the debt per resident for the previous 5 fiscal years.

3. Median income within the county.

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The average county employee salary. 4.

272 Percent of budget spent on salaries and benefits for 5. 273 county employees.

274 Number of special taxing districts, wholly or 6. partially, within the county. 275

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276 7. Annual county expenditures providing for the financing, 277 acquisition, construction, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of 278 housing that is affordable, as that term is defined in s. 420.0004. The reported expenditures must indicate the source of 279 such funds as "federal," "state," "local," or "other," as 280 281 applicable. The information required by this subparagraph must 282 be included in the submission due by October 15, 2020, and each 283 annual submission thereafter. Section 3. Paragraph (d) of subsection (7) of section 284 285 163.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 163.01 Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969.-286 287 (7) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (c), any 288 (d) 289 separate legal entity created pursuant to this section and 290 controlled by the municipalities or counties of this state or by 291 one or more municipality and one or more county of this state, 292 the membership of which consists or is to consist of municipalities only, counties only, or one or more municipality 293 294 and one or more county, may, for the purpose of financing or 295 refinancing any capital projects, exercise all powers in 296 connection with the authorization, issuance, and sale of bonds. 297 Notwithstanding any limitations provided in this section, all of the privileges, benefits, powers, and terms of part I of chapter 298 299 125, part II of chapter 166, and part I of chapter 159 are shall 300 be fully applicable to such entity. Bonds issued by such entity

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301 are shall be deemed issued on behalf of the counties, or 302 municipalities, or private entities which enter into loan 303 agreements with such entity as provided in this paragraph. Any 304 loan agreement executed pursuant to a program of such entity is 305 shall be governed by the provisions of part I of chapter 159 or, 306 in the case of counties, part I of chapter 125, or in the case 307 of municipalities and charter counties, part II of chapter 166. 308 Proceeds of bonds issued by such entity may be loaned to counties or municipalities of this state or a combination of 309 310 municipalities and counties, whether or not such counties or 311 municipalities are also members of the entity issuing the bonds, 312 or to private entities for projects that are "self-liquidating," 313 as provided in s. 159.02, whether or not such private entities 314 are located within the jurisdictional boundaries of a county or 315 municipality that is a member of the entity issuing the bonds. 316 The issuance of bonds by such entity to fund a loan program to 317 make loans to municipalities, or counties, or private entities 318 or a combination of municipalities, and counties, and private 319 entities with one another for capital projects to be identified 320 subsequent to the issuance of the bonds to fund such loan 321 programs is deemed to be a paramount public purpose. Any entity 322 so created may also issue bond anticipation notes, as provided by s. 215.431, in connection with the authorization, issuance, 323 324 and sale of such bonds. In addition, the governing body of such 325 legal entity may also authorize bonds to be issued and sold from

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time to time and may delegate, to such officer, official, or 326 327 agent of such legal entity as the governing body of such legal 328 entity may select, the power to determine the time; manner of 329 sale, public or private; maturities; rate or rates of interest, 330 which may be fixed or may vary at such time or times and in 331 accordance with a specified formula or method of determination; 332 and other terms and conditions as may be deemed appropriate by 333 the officer, official, or agent so designated by the governing 334 body of such legal entity. However, the amounts and maturities of such bonds and the interest rate or rates of such bonds shall 335 336 be within the limits prescribed by the governing body of such 337 legal entity and its resolution delegating to such officer, 338 official, or agent the power to authorize the issuance and sale 339 of such bonds. A local government self-insurance fund 340 established under this section may financially guarantee bonds 341 or bond anticipation notes issued or loans made under this 342 subsection. Bonds issued pursuant to this paragraph may be 343 validated as provided in chapter 75. The complaint in any action 344 to validate such bonds shall be filed only in the Circuit Court 345 for Leon County. The notice required to be published by s. 75.06 346 shall be published only in Leon County, and the complaint and 347 order of the circuit court shall be served only on the State Attorney of the Second Judicial Circuit and on the state 348 attorney of each circuit in each county where the public 349 350 agencies which were initially a party to the agreement are

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351 located. Notice of such proceedings shall be published in the 352 manner and the time required by s. 75.06 in Leon County and in 353 each county where the public agencies which were initially a 354 party to the agreement are located. Obligations of any county or 355 municipality pursuant to a loan agreement as described in this 356 paragraph may be validated as provided in chapter 75.

357 Section 4. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 163.31771,
358 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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163.31771 Accessory dwelling units.-

360 (3) <u>A</u> Upon a finding by a local government that there is a
361 shortage of affordable rentals within its jurisdiction, the
362 local government may adopt an ordinance to allow accessory
363 dwelling units in any area zoned for single-family residential
364 use.

(4) If the local government adopts an ordinance under this section, An application for a building permit to construct an accessory dwelling unit must include an affidavit from the applicant which attests that the unit will be rented at an affordable rate to an extremely-low-income, very-low-income, low-income, or moderate-income person or persons.

371 Section 5. Subsection (10) is added to section 163.31801,
372 Florida Statutes, to read:

373 163.31801 Impact fees; short title; intent; minimum 374 requirements; audits; challenges.-

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(10) In addition to the items that must be reported in the

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376 annual financial reports under s. 218.32, a county, 377 municipality, or special district must report all of the 378 following data on all impact fees charged: 379 The specific purpose of the impact fee, including the (a) 380 specific infrastructure needs to be met, including, but not 381 limited to, transportation, parks, water, sewer, and schools. 382 (b) The impact fee schedule policy describing the method of calculating impact fees, such as flat fees, tiered scales 383 based on number of bedrooms, or tiered scales based on square 384 385 footage. 386 (C) The amount assessed for each purpose and for each type 387 of dwelling. 388 The total amount of impact fees charged by type of (d) 389 dwelling. 390 (e) Each exception and waiver provided for construction or 391 development of housing that is affordable. 392 Section 6. Section 166.04151, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 393 394 166.04151 Affordable housing.-395 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a 396 municipality may adopt and maintain in effect any law, 397 ordinance, rule, or other measure that is adopted for the purpose of increasing the supply of affordable housing using 398 399 land use mechanisms such as inclusionary housing or linkage fee 400 ordinances.

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401 (2) An inclusionary housing ordinance may require a 402 developer to provide a specified number or percentage of 403 affordable housing units to be included in a development or 404 allow a developer to contribute to a housing fund or other 405 alternatives in lieu of building the affordable housing units. 406 (3) An affordable housing linkage fee ordinance may 407 require the payment of a flat or percentage-based fee, whether 408 calculated on the basis of the number of approved dwelling 409 units, the amount of approved square footage, or otherwise. 410 However, In exchange for a developer fulfilling the (4) 411 requirements of subsection (2) or, for residential or mixed-use 412 residential development, the requirements of subsection (3), a 413 municipality must provide incentives to fully offset all costs 414 to the developer of its affordable housing contribution or 415 linkage fee. Such incentives may include, but are not limited 416 to: Allowing the developer density or intensity bonus 417 (a) 418 incentives or more floor space than allowed under the current or 419 proposed future land use designation or zoning; 420 Reducing or waiving fees, such as impact fees or water (b) 421 and sewer charges; or 422 Granting other incentives. (C) 423 (5) (3) Subsection (2) does not apply in an area of 424 critical state concern, as designated by s. 380.0552 or chapter 28-36, Florida Administrative Code. 425

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426 Notwithstanding any other law or local ordinance or (6) 427 regulation to the contrary, the governing body of a municipality 428 may approve the development of housing that is affordable, as defined in s. 420.0004, on any parcel zoned for residential, 429 430 commercial, or industrial use. 431 Section 7. Subsection (4) of section 166.241, Florida 432 Statutes, is amended to read: 433 166.241 Fiscal years, budgets, and budget amendments.-By Beginning October 15, 2019, and each October 15 434 (4) 435 thereafter, the municipal budget officer shall electronically 436 submit the following information regarding the final budget and 437 the municipality's economic status to the Office of Economic and 438 Demographic Research in the format specified by the office: 439 (a) Government spending per resident, including, at a 440 minimum, the spending per resident for the previous 5 fiscal 441 years. 442 (b) Government debt per resident, including, at a minimum, 443 the debt per resident for the previous 5 fiscal years. 444 (c) Average municipal employee salary. 445 Median income within the municipality. (d) 446 (e) Number of special taxing districts wholly or partially 447 within the municipality. Percent of budget spent on salaries and benefits for 448 (f) municipal employees. 449 450 Annual municipal expenditures providing for the (q)

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451 financing, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, or 452 rehabilitation of housing that is affordable, as that term is 453 defined in s. 420.0004. The reported expenditures must indicate the source of such funds as "federal," "state," "local," or 454 455 "other," as applicable. This information must be included in the 456 submission due by October 15, 2020, and each annual submission 457 thereafter. 458 Section 8. Paragraph (h) of subsection (3) of section 459 320.77, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 320.77 License required of mobile home dealers.-460 461 (3) APPLICATION.-The application for such license shall be 462 in the form prescribed by the department and subject to such 463 rules as may be prescribed by it. The application shall be 464 verified by oath or affirmation and shall contain: 465 (h) Certification by the applicant: 466 That the location is a permanent one, not a tent or a 1. 467 temporary stand or other temporary quarters.; and, 468 2. Except in the case of a mobile home broker, that the 469 location affords sufficient unoccupied space to display store 470 all mobile homes offered and displayed for sale. A space to 471 display a manufactured home as a model home is sufficient to 472 satisfy this requirement.; and that The location must be is a suitable place in which the applicant can in good faith carry on 473 474 business and keep and maintain books, records, and files 475 necessary to conduct such business, which must will be available

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476 at all reasonable hours to inspection by the department or any 477 of its inspectors or other employees. 478 479 This paragraph does subsection shall not preclude a licensed 480 mobile home dealer from displaying and offering for sale mobile 481 homes in a mobile home park. 482 483 The department shall, if it deems necessary, cause an investigation to be made to ascertain if the facts set forth in 484 485 the application are true and shall not issue a license to the 486 applicant until it is satisfied that the facts set forth in the 487 application are true. Section 9. Paragraph (j) of subsection (3) of section 488 489 320.771, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 490 320.771 License required of recreational vehicle dealers.-491 APPLICATION.-The application for such license shall be (3) 492 in the form prescribed by the department and subject to such 493 rules as may be prescribed by it. The application shall be 494 verified by oath or affirmation and shall contain: 495 A statement that the applicant is insured under a (j) 496 garage liability insurance policy, which shall include, at a 497 minimum, \$25,000 combined single-limit liability coverage, including bodily injury and property damage protection, and 498 \$10,000 personal injury protection, if the applicant is to be 499 500 licensed as a dealer in, or intends to sell, recreational

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501 vehicles. However, a garage liability policy is not required for 502 the licensure of a mobile home dealer who sells only park 503 trailers. 504 505 The department shall, if it deems necessary, cause an 506 investigation to be made to ascertain if the facts set forth in 507 the application are true and shall not issue a license to the 508 applicant until it is satisfied that the facts set forth in the 509 application are true. Section 10. Subsection (2) of section 320.822, Florida 510 511 Statutes, is amended to read: 512 320.822 Definitions; ss. 320.822-320.862.-In construing 513 ss. 320.822-320.862, unless the context otherwise requires, the 514 following words or phrases have the following meanings: 515 "Code" means the appropriate standards found in: (2)The Federal Manufactured Housing Construction and 516 (a) 517 Safety Standards for single-family mobile homes, promulgated by 518 the Department of Housing and Urban Development; 519 The Uniform Standards Code approved by the American (b) 520 National Standards Institute, ANSI A-119.2 for recreational vehicles and ANSI A-119.5 for park trailers or the United States 521 522 Department of Housing and Urban Development standard for park trailers certified as meeting that standard; or 523 524 The Mobile and Manufactured Home Repair and Remodeling (C) 525 Code and the Used Recreational Vehicle Code.

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526 Section 11. Subsection (2) of section 320.8232, Florida 527 Statutes, is amended to read:

528 320.8232 Establishment of uniform standards for used 529 recreational vehicles and repair and remodeling code for mobile 530 homes.-

531 (2) The Mobile and Manufactured Home provisions of the Repair and Remodeling Code must be a uniform code, must shall 532 533 ensure safe and livable housing, and may shall not be more stringent than those standards required to be met in the 534 manufacture of mobile homes. Such code must provisions shall 535 536 include, but not be limited to, standards for structural 537 adequacy, plumbing, heating, electrical systems, and fire and life safety. All repairs and remodeling of mobile and 538 539 manufactured homes must be performed in accordance with 540 department rules.

541 Section 12. Subsection (9) of section 367.022, Florida 542 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (14) is added to that 543 section, to read:

544 367.022 Exemptions.—The following are not subject to 545 regulation by the commission as a utility nor are they subject 546 to the provisions of this chapter, except as expressly provided:

547 (9) Any person who resells water service to his or her
548 tenants or to individually metered residents for a fee that does
549 not exceed the actual purchase price of the water <u>and wastewater</u>
550 <u>service</u> plus the actual cost of meter reading and billing, not

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551	to exceed 9 percent of the actual cost of service.
552	(14) The owner of a mobile home park operating both as a
553	mobile home park and a mobile home subdivision, as those terms
554	are defined in s. 723.003, who provides service within the park
555	and subdivision to a combination of both tenants and lot owners,
556	provided that the service to tenants is without specific
557	compensation.
558	Section 13. Section 420.518, Florida Statutes, is created
559	to read:
560	420.518 Fraudulent or material misrepresentation
561	(1) An applicant or affiliate of an applicant may be
562	precluded from participation in any corporation program if the
563	applicant or affiliate of the applicant has:
564	(a) Made a material misrepresentation or engaged in
565	fraudulent actions in connection with any corporation program.
566	(b) Been convicted or found guilty of, or entered a plea
567	of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a
568	crime in any jurisdiction which directly relates to the
569	financing, construction, or management of affordable housing or
570	the fraudulent procurement of state or federal funds. The record
571	of a conviction certified or authenticated in such form as to be
572	admissible in evidence under the laws of the state shall be
573	admissible as prima facie evidence of such guilt.
574	(c) Been excluded from any federal funding program related
575	to the provision of housing.

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576 (d) Been excluded from any Florida procurement programs. Offered or given consideration, other than the 577 (e) 578 consideration to provide affordable housing, with respect to a 579 local contribution. 580 (f) Demonstrated a pattern of noncompliance and a failure 581 to correct any such noncompliance after notice from the 582 corporation in the construction, operation, or management of one 583 or more developments funded through a corporation program. 584 (2) Upon a determination by the board of directors of the 585 corporation that an applicant or affiliate of the applicant be 586 precluded from participation in any corporation program, the 587 board may issue an order taking any or all of the following 588 actions: 589 (a) Preclude such applicant or affiliate from applying for 590 funding from any corporation program for a specified period. The 591 period may be a specified period of time or permanent in nature. 592 With regard to establishing the duration, the board shall 593 consider the facts and circumstances, inclusive of the 594 compliance history of the applicant or affiliate of the 595 applicant, the type of action under subsection (1), and the 596 degree of harm to the corporation's programs that has been or 597 may be done. Revoke any funding previously awarded by the 598 (b) 599 corporation for any development for which construction or 600 rehabilitation has not commenced.

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601 Before any order issued under this section can be (3) 602 final, an administrative complaint must be served on the 603 applicant, affiliate of the applicant, or its registered agent 604 that provides notification of findings of the board, the intended action, and the opportunity to request a proceeding 605 606 pursuant to ss. 120.569 and 120.57. 607 (4) Any funding, allocation of federal housing credits, credit underwriting procedures, or application review for any 608 609 development for which construction or rehabilitation has not 610 commenced may be suspended by the corporation upon the service 611 of an administrative complaint on the applicant, affiliate of 612 the applicant, or its registered agent. The suspension shall be 613 effective from the date the administrative complaint is served 614 until an order issued by the corporation in regard to that 615 complaint becomes final. 616 Section 14. Paragraph (c) of subsection (6) of section 617 420.5087, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (10) is 618 added to that section, to read: 619 420.5087 State Apartment Incentive Loan Program.-There is hereby created the State Apartment Incentive Loan Program for 620 621 the purpose of providing first, second, or other subordinated 622 mortgage loans or loan guarantees to sponsors, including forprofit, nonprofit, and public entities, to provide housing 623 624 affordable to very-low-income persons. (6) On all state apartment incentive loans, except loans 625

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626 made to housing communities for the elderly to provide for 627 lifesafety, building preservation, health, sanitation, or 628 security-related repairs or improvements, the following 629 provisions shall apply:

(c) The corporation shall provide by rule for the
establishment of a review committee for the competitive
evaluation and selection of applications submitted in this
program, including, but not limited to, the following criteria:

634 1. Tenant income and demographic targeting objectives of635 the corporation.

636 2. Targeting objectives of the corporation which will
637 ensure an equitable distribution of loans between rural and
638 urban areas.

3. Sponsor's agreement to reserve the units for persons or
families who have incomes below 50 percent of the state or local
median income, whichever is higher, for a time period that
exceeds the minimum required by federal law or this part.

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4. Sponsor's agreement to reserve more than:

a. Twenty percent of the units in the project for persons
or families who have incomes that do not exceed 50 percent of
the state or local median income, whichever is higher; or

b. Forty percent of the units in the project for persons
or families who have incomes that do not exceed 60 percent of
the state or local median income, whichever is higher, without
requiring a greater amount of the loans as provided in this

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651	section.
652	5. Provision for tenant counseling.
653	6. Sponsor's agreement to accept rental assistance
654	certificates or vouchers as payment for rent.
655	7. Projects requiring the least amount of a state
656	apartment incentive loan compared to overall project cost,
657	except that the share of the loan attributable to units serving
658	extremely-low-income persons must be excluded from this
659	requirement.
660	8. Local government contributions and local government
661	comprehensive planning and activities that promote affordable
662	housing and policies that promote access to public
663	transportation, reduce the need for onsite parking, and expedite
664	permits for affordable housing projects.
665	9. Project feasibility.
666	10. Economic viability of the project.
667	11. Commitment of first mortgage financing.
668	12. Sponsor's prior experience. This criterion may not
669	require a sponsor to have prior experience with the corporation
670	to qualify for financing under the program.
671	13. Sponsor's ability to proceed with construction.
672	14. Projects that directly implement or assist welfare-to-
673	work transitioning.
674	15. Projects that reserve units for extremely-low-income
675	persons.

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Projects that include green building principles, 676 16. 677 storm-resistant construction, or other elements that reduce 678 long-term costs relating to maintenance, utilities, or 679 insurance. 680 17. Job-creation rate of the developer and general 681 contractor, as provided in s. 420.507(47). 682 (10) The corporation may prioritize a portion of the 683 program funds set aside under paragraph (3)(d) for persons with special needs as defined in s. 420.0004(13) to provide funding 684 685 for the development of newly constructed permanent rental 686 housing on a campus that provides housing for persons in foster 687 care or persons aging out of foster care pursuant to s. 688 409.1451. Such housing shall promote and facilitate access to 689 community-based supportive, educational, and employment services 690 and resources that assist persons aging out of foster care to 691 successfully transition to independent living and adulthood. The 692 corporation must consult with the Department of Children and 693 Families to create minimum criteria for such housing. Section 15. Section 420.5095, Florida Statutes, is amended 694 695 to read: 696 420.5095 Community Workforce Housing Loan Innovation Pilot 697 Program.-The Legislature finds and declares that recent rapid 698 (1)increases in the median purchase price of a home and the cost of 699 700 rental housing have far outstripped the increases in median

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income in the state, preventing essential services personnel from living in the communities where they serve and thereby creating the need for innovative solutions for the provision of housing opportunities for essential services personnel.

(2) The Community Workforce Housing Loan Innovation Pilot
Program is created to provide affordable rental and home
ownership community workforce housing for persons essential
services personnel affected by the high cost of housing, using
regulatory incentives and state and local funds to promote local
public-private partnerships and leverage government and private
resources.

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(3) For purposes of this section, the term:

713 "workforce housing" means housing affordable to (a) 714 natural persons or families whose total annual household income 715 does not exceed 80 140 percent of the area median income, 716 adjusted for household size, or 120 150 percent of area median 717 income, adjusted for household size, in areas of critical state concern designated under s. 380.05, for which the Legislature 718 719 has declared its intent to provide affordable housing, and areas 720 that were designated as areas of critical state concern for at 721 least 20 consecutive years before prior to removal of the 722 designation.

(b) "Public-private partnership" means any form of
 business entity that includes substantial involvement of at
 least one county, one municipality, or one public sector entity,

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726 such as a school district or other unit of local government in 727 which the project is to be located, and at least one private 728 sector for-profit or not-for-profit business or charitable 729 entity, and may be any form of business entity, including a 730 joint venture or contractual agreement.

(4) The Florida Housing Finance Corporation is authorized
to provide <u>loans under the</u> Community Workforce Housing
Innovation Pilot program loans to <u>applicants</u> an <u>applicant</u> for
construction or rehabilitation of workforce housing in eligible
areas. This funding is intended to be used with other public and
private sector resources.

737 (5) The corporation shall establish a loan application 738 process under s. 420.5087 by rule which includes selection 739 criteria, an application review process, and a funding process. 740 The corporation shall also establish an application review 741 committee that may include up to three private citizens 742 representing the areas of housing or real estate development, 743 banking, community planning, or other areas related to the 744 development or financing of workforce and affordable housing. 745 (a) The selection criteria and application review process 746 must include a procedure for curing errors in the loan 747 applications which do not make a substantial change to the 748 proposed project. (b) To achieve the goals of the pilot program, the 749

749 (b) To achieve the goals of the pilot program, the 750 application review committee may approve or reject loan

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751 applications or responses to questions raised during the review 752 of an application due to the insufficiency of information 753 provided. 754 (c) The application review committee shall make 755 recommendations concerning program participation and funding to 756 the corporation's board of directors. 757 (d) The board of directors shall approve or reject loan 758 applications, determine the tentative loan amount available to 759 each applicant, and rank all approved applications. 760 (e) The board of directors shall decide which approved 761 applicants will become program participants and determine the 762 maximum loan amount for each program participant. 763 (6) The corporation shall provide incentives for local 764 governments in eligible areas to use local affordable housing 765 funds, such as those from the State Housing Initiatives 766 Partnership Program, to assist in meeting the affordable housing 767 needs of persons eligible under this program. Local governments 768 are authorized to use State Housing Initiative Partnership 769 Program funds for persons or families whose total annual 770 household income does not exceed: 771 (a) One hundred and forty percent of the area median 772 income, adjusted for household size; or 773 (b) One hundred and fifty percent of the area median 774 income, adjusted for household size, in areas that were 775 designated as areas of critical state concern for at least 20

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776 consecutive years prior to the removal of the designation and in 777 areas of critical state concern, designated under s. 380.05, for 778 which the Legislature has declared its intent to provide 779 affordable housing.

780 (7) Funding shall be targeted to innovative projects in 781 areas where the disparity between the area median income and the 782 median sales price for a single-family home is greatest, and where population growth as a percentage rate of increase is 783 greatest. The corporation may also fund projects in areas where 784 785 innovative regulatory and financial incentives are made 786 available. The corporation shall fund at least one eligible 787 project in as many counties and regions of the state as is 788 practicable, consistent with program goals.

789 <u>(6) (8)</u> Projects <u>must be given</u> shall receive priority 790 consideration for funding <u>if</u> where:

791 (a) the local jurisdiction has adopted, or is committed to 792 adopting, appropriate regulatory incentives, or the local 793 jurisdiction or public private partnership has adopted or is 794 committed to adopting local contributions or financial 795 strategies, or other funding sources to promote the development 796 and ongoing financial viability of such projects. Local 797 incentives include such actions as expediting review of 798 development orders and permits, supporting development near 799 transportation hubs and major employment centers, and adopting 800 land development regulations designed to allow flexibility in

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801 densities, use of accessory units, mixed-use developments, and 802 flexible lot configurations. Financial strategies include such 803 actions as promoting employer-assisted housing programs, 804 providing tax increment financing, and providing land.

805 (b) Projects are innovative and include new construction 806 or rehabilitation; mixed-income housing; commercial and housing 807 mixed-use elements; innovative design; green building 808 principles; storm-resistant construction; or other elements that 809 reduce long-term costs relating to maintenance, utilities, or insurance and promote homeownership. The program funding may not 810 811 exceed the costs attributable to the portion of the project that 812 is set aside to provide housing for the targeted population.

813 (c) Projects that set aside at least 80 percent of units 814 for workforce housing and at least 50 percent for essential 815 services personnel and for projects that require the least 816 amount of program funding compared to the overall housing costs 817 for the project.

818 (9) Notwithstanding s. 163.3184(4)(b) (d), any local 819 government comprehensive plan amendment to implement a Community 820 Workforce Housing Innovation Pilot Program project found 821 consistent with this section shall be expedited as provided in 822 this subsection. At least 30 days prior to adopting a plan 823 amendment under this subsection, the local government shall 824 notify the state land planning agency of its intent to adopt 825 such an amendment, and the notice shall include its evaluation

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related to site suitability and availability of facilities and 826 827 services. The public notice of the hearing required by s. 828 163.3184(11)(b)2. shall include a statement that the local 829 government intends to use the expedited adoption process 830 authorized by this subsection. Such amendments shall require 831 only a single public hearing before the governing board, which 832 shall be an adoption hearing as described in s. 163.3184(4)(e). Any further proceedings shall be governed by s. 163.3184(5)-833 834 (13). 835 (10) The processing of approvals of development orders 836 development permits, as defined in s. 163.3164, for innovative 837 community workforce housing projects shall be expedited. 838 (7) (11) The corporation shall award loans with a 1 839 interest rates set at 1 to 3 percent interest rate for a term 840 that does not exceed 15 years, which may be made forgivable when 841 long-term affordability is provided and when at least 80 percent 842 of the units are set aside for workforce housing and at least 50 843 percent of the units are set aside for essential services 844 personnel. 845 (12) All eligible applications shall: 846 (a) For home ownership, limit the sales price of a 847 detached unit, townhome, or condominium unit to not more than 90 848 percent of the median sales price for that type of unit in that 849 county, or the statewide median sales price for that type of 850 unit, whichever is higher, and require that all eligible

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851 purchasers of home ownership units occupy the homes as their 852 primary residence. 853 (b) For rental units, restrict rents for all workforce 854 housing serving those with incomes at or below 120 percent of 855 area median income at the appropriate income level using the restricted rents for the federal low-income housing tax credit 856 857 program and, for workforce housing units serving those with 858 incomes above 120 percent of area median income, restrict rents 859 to those established by the corporation, not to exceed 30 860 percent of the maximum household income adjusted to unit size. 861 (c) Demonstrate that the applicant is a public-private 862 partnership in an agreement, contract, partnership agreement, 863 memorandum of understanding, or other written instrument signed 864 by all the project partners. 865 (d) Have grants, donations of land, or contributions from 866 the public-private partnership or other sources collectively 867 totaling at least 10 percent of the total development cost or \$2 868 million, whichever is less. Such grants, donations of land, or 869 contributions must be evidenced by a letter of commitment, 870 agreement, contract, deed, memorandum of understanding, or other 871 written instrument at the time of application. Grants, donations 872 of land, or contributions in excess of 10 percent of the 873 development cost shall increase the application score. 874 (c) Demonstrate how the applicant will use the regulatory 875 incentives and financial strategies outlined in subsection (8)

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876	from the local jurisdiction in which the proposed project is to
877	be located. The corporation may consult with the Department of
878	Economic Opportunity in evaluating the use of regulatory
879	incentives by applicants.
880	(f) Demonstrate that the applicant possesses title to or
881	site control of land and evidences availability of required
882	infrastructure.
883	(g) Demonstrate the applicant's affordable housing
884	development and management experience.
885	(h) Provide any research or facts available supporting the
886	demand and need for rental or home ownership workforce housing
887	for eligible persons in the market in which the project is
888	proposed.
889	(13) Projects may include manufactured housing constructed
890	after June 1994 and installed in accordance with mobile home
891	installation standards of the Department of Highway Safety and
892	Motor Vehicles.
893	(8) (14) The corporation may adopt rules pursuant to ss.
894	120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement this section.
895	(15) The corporation may use a maximum of 2 percent of the
896	annual program appropriation for administration and compliance
897	monitoring.
898	(16) The corporation shall review the success of the
899	Community Workforce Housing Innovation Pilot Program to
900	ascertain whether the projects financed by the program are
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901 useful in meeting the housing needs of eligible areas and shall 902 include its findings in the annual report required under s. 903 420.511(3).

904 Section 16. Section 420.531, Florida Statutes, is amended 905 to read:

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420.531 Affordable Housing Catalyst Program.-

907 (1) The corporation shall operate the Affordable Housing 908 Catalyst Program for the purpose of securing the expertise necessary to provide specialized technical support to local 909 governments and community-based organizations to implement the 910 911 HOME Investment Partnership Program, State Apartment Incentive 912 Loan Program, State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program, and 913 other affordable housing programs. To the maximum extent 914 feasible, the entity to provide the necessary expertise must be 915 recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a nonprofit tax-916 exempt organization. It must have as its primary mission the 917 provision of affordable housing training and technical assistance, an ability to provide training and technical 918 919 assistance statewide, and a proven track record of successfully 920 providing training and technical assistance under the Affordable 921 Housing Catalyst Program. The technical support shall, at a 922 minimum, include training relating to the following key elements of the partnership programs: 923

924 <u>(a)(1)</u> Formation of local and regional housing 925 partnerships as a means of bringing together resources to

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926 provide affordable housing. 927 Implementation of regulatory reforms to reduce the (b)(2) 928 risk and cost of developing affordable housing. 929 (c) (3) Implementation of affordable housing programs 930 included in local government comprehensive plans. 931 (d) (4) Compliance with requirements of federally funded 932 housing programs. 933 (2) In consultation with the corporation, the entity 934 providing statewide training and technical assistance shall 935 convene and administer biannual regional workshops for the 936 locally elected officials serving on affordable housing advisory committees as provided in s. 420.9076. The regional workshops 937 938 may be conducted through teleconferencing or other technological 939 means and must include processes and programming that facilitate 940 peer-to-peer identification and sharing of best affordable 941 housing practices among the locally elected officials. Annually, 942 calendar year reports summarizing the deliberations, actions, 943 and recommendations of each region, as well as the attendance 944 records of locally elected officials, must be compiled by the 945 entity providing statewide training and technical assistance for 946 the Affordable Housing Catalyst Program and must be submitted to 947 the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of 948 Representatives, and the corporation by March 31 of the 949 following year. 950 Section 17. Subsection (2) of section 420.9071, Florida Page 38 of 79

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951 Statutes, is amended to read:

952 420.9071 Definitions.—As used in ss. 420.907-420.9079, the 953 term:

954 (2)"Affordable" means that monthly rents or monthly 955 mortgage payments including taxes and insurance do not exceed 30 956 percent of that amount which represents the percentage of the 957 median annual gross income for the households as indicated in subsection (19), subsection (20), or subsection (28). However, 958 959 it is not the intent to limit an individual household's ability 960 to devote more than 30 percent of its income for housing, and 961 housing for which a household devotes more than 30 percent of 962 its income shall be deemed affordable if the first institutional 963 mortgage lender is satisfied that the household can afford 964 mortgage payments in excess of the 30 percent benchmark. The 965 term also includes housing provided by a not-for-profit 966 corporation that derives at least 75 percent of its annual 967 revenues from contracts or services provided to a state or 968 federal agency for low-income persons and low-income households; 969 that provides supportive housing for persons who suffer from 970 mental health issues, substance abuse, or domestic violence; and 971 that provides on-premises social and community support services 972 relating to job training, life skills training, alcohol and 973 substance abuse disorder, child care, and client case 974 management. 975 Section 18. Paragraph (j) is added to subsection (10) of

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976 section 420.9075, Florida Statutes, to read:

977 420.9075 Local housing assistance plans; partnerships.-978 (10)Each county or eligible municipality shall submit to 979 the corporation by September 15 of each year a report of its 980 affordable housing programs and accomplishments through June 30 981 immediately preceding submittal of the report. The report shall 982 be certified as accurate and complete by the local government's chief elected official or his or her designee. Transmittal of 983 the annual report by a county's or eligible municipality's chief 984 985 elected official, or his or her designee, certifies that the 986 local housing incentive strategies, or, if applicable, the local 987 housing incentive plan, have been implemented or are in the 988 process of being implemented pursuant to the adopted schedule 989 for implementation. The report must include, but is not limited 990 to:

(j) The number of affordable housing applications
 submitted, the number approved, and the number denied.

993 Section 19. Subsections (2) and (4) of section 420.9076, 994 Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (10) is added to 995 that section, to read:

996 420.9076 Adoption of affordable housing incentive 997 strategies; committees.-

998 (2) The governing board of a county or municipality shall
999 appoint the members of the affordable housing advisory
1000 committee. Pursuant to the terms of any interlocal agreement, a

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county and municipality may create and jointly appoint an 1001 advisory committee. The local action adopted pursuant to s. 1002 1003 420.9072 which creates the advisory committee and appoints the 1004 advisory committee members must name at least 8 but not more 1005 than 11 committee members and specify their terms. Effective 1006 October 1, 2020, the committee must consist of one locally 1007 elected official from each county or municipality participating 1008 in the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program and one 1009 representative from at least six of the categories below: 1010 A citizen who is actively engaged in the residential (a) home building industry in connection with affordable housing. 1011 1012 A citizen who is actively engaged in the banking or (b) mortgage banking industry in connection with affordable housing. 1013 1014 (C) A citizen who is a representative of those areas of 1015 labor actively engaged in home building in connection with affordable housing. 1016 1017 (d) A citizen who is actively engaged as an advocate for 1018 low-income persons in connection with affordable housing. 1019 A citizen who is actively engaged as a for-profit (e) 1020 provider of affordable housing. 1021 A citizen who is actively engaged as a not-for-profit (f) 1022 provider of affordable housing. A citizen who is actively engaged as a real estate 1023 (g) professional in connection with affordable housing. 1024 1025 (h) A citizen who actively serves on the local planning

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agency pursuant to s. 163.3174. If the local planning agency is comprised of the governing board of the county or municipality, the governing board may appoint a designee who is knowledgeable in the local planning process.

1030 (i) A citizen who resides within the jurisdiction of the1031 local governing body making the appointments.

1032 (j) A citizen who represents employers within the 1033 jurisdiction.

1034 (k) A citizen who represents essential services personnel,1035 as defined in the local housing assistance plan.

Annually Triennially, the advisory committee shall 1036 (4)1037 review the established policies and procedures, ordinances, land development regulations, and adopted local government 1038 1039 comprehensive plan of the appointing local government and shall 1040 recommend specific actions or initiatives to encourage or facilitate affordable housing while protecting the ability of 1041 1042 the property to appreciate in value. The recommendations may 1043 include the modification or repeal of existing policies, 1044 procedures, ordinances, regulations, or plan provisions; the 1045 creation of exceptions applicable to affordable housing; or the 1046 adoption of new policies, procedures, regulations, ordinances, or plan provisions, including recommendations to amend the local 1047 government comprehensive plan and corresponding regulations, 1048 ordinances, and other policies. At a minimum, each advisory 1049 committee shall submit an annual a report to the local governing 1050

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1051 body <u>and to the entity providing statewide training and</u> 1052 <u>technical assistance for the Affordable Housing Catalyst Program</u> 1053 <u>which that</u> includes recommendations on, and triennially 1054 <u>thereafter evaluates</u> the implementation of, affordable housing 1055 incentives in the following areas:

(a) The processing of approvals of development orders or
permits for affordable housing projects is expedited to a
greater degree than other projects, as provided in s.
163.3177(6)(f)3.

1060 (b) <u>All allowable fee waivers provided</u> The modification of 1061 impact-fee requirements, including reduction or waiver of fees 1062 and alternative methods of fee payment for <u>the development or</u> 1063 <u>construction of</u> affordable housing.

1064 (c) The allowance of flexibility in densities for 1065 affordable housing.

1066 (d) The reservation of infrastructure capacity for housing 1067 for very-low-income persons, low-income persons, and moderate-1068 income persons.

1069 (e) The allowance of Affordable accessory residential
1070 units in residential zoning districts.

1071 (f) The reduction of parking and setback requirements for 1072 affordable housing.

1073 (g) The allowance of flexible lot configurations,
1074 including zero-lot-line configurations for affordable housing.
1075 (h) The modification of street requirements for affordable

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1076 housing.

1077 (i) The establishment of a process by which a local
1078 government considers, before adoption, policies, procedures,
1079 ordinances, regulations, or plan provisions that increase the
1080 cost of housing.

1081 (j) The preparation of a printed inventory of locally1082 owned public lands suitable for affordable housing.

1083 (k) The support of development near transportation hubs1084 and major employment centers and mixed-use developments.

1086 The advisory committee recommendations may also include other 1087 affordable housing incentives identified by the advisory 1088 committee. Local governments that receive the minimum allocation 1089 under the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program shall 1090 perform <u>an</u> the initial review but may elect to not perform the 1091 annual triennial review.

1092 (10) The locally elected official serving on an advisory 1093 committee, or a locally elected designee, must attend biannual 1094 regional workshops convened and administered under the 1095 Affordable Housing Catalyst Program as provided in s. 1096 420.531(2). If the locally elected official or a locally elected 1097 designee fails to attend three consecutive regional workshops,

1098 the corporation may withhold funds pending the person's

1099 attendance at the next regularly scheduled biannual meeting.

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Section 20. Subsection (18) of section 553.791, Florida

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Statutes, is amended to read:

1102 553.791 Alternative plans review and inspection.-1103 Each local building code enforcement agency may audit (18)1104 the performance of building code inspection services by private 1105 providers operating within the local jurisdiction. However, the 1106 same private provider may not be audited more than four times in 1107 a month calendar year unless the local building official 1108 determines a condition of a building constitutes an immediate 1109 threat to public safety and welfare. Work on a building or 1110 structure may proceed after inspection and approval by a private provider if the provider has given notice of the inspection 1111 1112 pursuant to subsection (9) and, subsequent to such inspection 1113 and approval, the work shall not be delayed for completion of an 1114 inspection audit by the local building code enforcement agency.

Section 21. Subsection (4) of section 723.011, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

1117 723.011 Disclosure prior to rental of a mobile home lot; 1118 prospectus, filing, approval.-

(4) With regard to a tenancy in existence on the effective date of this chapter, the prospectus or offering circular offered by the mobile home park owner <u>must</u> shall contain the same terms and conditions as rental agreements offered to all other mobile home owners residing in the park on the effective date of this act, excepting only rent variations based upon lot location and size, and may shall not require any mobile home

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1126 owner to install any permanent improvements, except that the 1127 mobile home owner may be required to install permanent 1128 improvements to the mobile home as disclosed in the prospectus. 1129 Section 22. Subsection (5) of section 723.012, Florida 1130 Statutes, is amended to read: 1131 723.012 Prospectus or offering circular.-The prospectus or 1132 offering circular, which is required to be provided by s. 1133 723.011, must contain the following information: 1134 (5) A description of the recreational and other common 1135 facilities, if any, that will be used by the mobile home owners, including, but not limited to: 1136 1137 (a) The number of buildings and each room thereof and its 1138 intended purposes, location, approximate floor area, and 1139 capacity in numbers of people. Each swimming pool, as to its general location, 1140 (b) approximate size and depths, and approximate deck size and 1141 1142 capacity and whether heated. 1143 All other facilities and permanent improvements that (C) 1144 which will serve the mobile home owners. A general description of the items of personal 1145 (d) 1146 property available for use by the mobile home owners. 1147 A general description of the days and hours that (e) facilities will be available for use. 1148 1149 (f) A statement as to whether all improvements are 1150 complete and, if not, their estimated completion dates.

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1152	If a mobile home park owner intends to include additional
1153	property and mobile home lots and to increase the number of lots
1154	that will use the shared facilities of the park, the mobile home
1155	park owner must amend the prospectus to disclose such additions.
1156	If the number of mobile home lots in the park increases by more
1157	than 15 percent of the total number of lots in the original
1158	prospectus, the mobile home park owner must reasonably offset
1159	the impact of the additional lots by increasing the shared
1160	facilities. The amendment to the prospectus must include a
1161	reasonable timeframe for providing the required additional
1162	shared facilities. The costs and expenses necessary to increase
1163	the shared facilities may not be passed on or passed through to
1164	the existing mobile home owners.
1165	Section 23. Section 723.023, Florida Statutes, is amended
1166	to read:
1167	723.023 Mobile home owner's general obligationsA mobile
1168	home owner shall at all times:
1169	(1) At all times comply with all obligations imposed on
1170	mobile home owners by applicable provisions of building,
1171	housing, and health codes, including compliance with all
1172	building permits and construction requirements for construction
1173	on the mobile home and lot. The home owner is responsible for
1174	all fines imposed by the local government for noncompliance with
1175	any local codes.
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1176 At all times keep the mobile home lot that which he or (2)1177 she occupies clean, neat, and sanitary, and maintained in 1178 compliance with all local codes. 1179 At all times comply with properly promulgated park (3) 1180 rules and regulations and require other persons on the premises 1181 with his or her consent to comply with such rules and to conduct 1182 themselves, and other persons on the premises with his or her 1183 consent, in a manner that does not unreasonably disturb other 1184 residents of the park or constitute a breach of the peace. 1185 (4) Receive written approval from the mobile home park owner before making any exterior modification or addition to the 1186 1187 home. (5) When vacating the premises, remove any debris and 1188 1189 other property of any kind which is left on the mobile home lot. 1190 Section 24. Subsection (5) of section 723.031, Florida 1191 Statutes, is amended to read: 1192 723.031 Mobile home lot rental agreements.-1193 The rental agreement must shall contain the lot rental (5) 1194 amount and services included. An increase in lot rental amount 1195 upon expiration of the term of the lot rental agreement must 1196 shall be in accordance with ss. 723.033 and 723.037 or s. 1197 723.059(4), whichever is applicable; τ provided that, pursuant to s. 723.059(4), the amount of the lot rental increase is 1198 disclosed and agreed to by the purchaser, in writing. An 1199 1200 increase in lot rental amount shall not be arbitrary or

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1201 discriminatory between similarly situated tenants in the park. A 1202 lot rental amount may not be increased during the term of the 1203 lot rental agreement, except:

(a) When the manner of the increase is disclosed in a lot
rental agreement with a term exceeding 12 months and which
provides for such increases not more frequently than annually.

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(b) For pass-through charges as defined in s. 723.003.

1208 That a charge may not be collected which results in (C) 1209 payment of money for sums previously collected as part of the 1210 lot rental amount. The provisions hereof notwithstanding, the 1211 mobile home park owner may pass on, at any time during the term 1212 of the lot rental agreement, ad valorem property taxes, non-ad 1213 valorem assessments, and utility charges, or increases of 1214 either, provided that the ad valorem property taxes, non-ad 1215 valorem assessments, and utility charges are not otherwise being collected in the remainder of the lot rental amount and provided 1216 1217 further that the passing on of such ad valorem taxes, non-ad 1218 valorem assessments, or utility charges, or increases of either, 1219 was disclosed prior to tenancy, was being passed on as a matter 1220 of custom between the mobile home park owner and the mobile home 1221 owner, or such passing on was authorized by law. A park owner is deemed to have disclosed the passing on of ad valorem property 1222 1223 taxes and non-ad valorem assessments if ad valorem property 1224 taxes or non-ad valorem assessments were disclosed as a separate 1225 charge or a factor for increasing the lot rental amount in the

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1226 prospectus or rental agreement. Such ad valorem taxes, non-ad 1227 valorem assessments, and utility charges shall be a part of the 1228 lot rental amount as defined by this chapter. The term "non-ad 1229 valorem assessments" has the same meaning as provided in s. 1230 197.3632(1)(d). Other provisions of this chapter 1231 notwithstanding, pass-on charges may be passed on only within 1 1232 year of the date a mobile home park owner remits payment of the 1233 charge. A mobile home park owner is prohibited from passing on 1234 any fine, interest, fee, or increase in a charge resulting from 1235 a park owner's payment of the charge after the date such charges become delinquent. A mobile home park owner is prohibited from 1236 1237 charging or collecting from the mobile home owners any sum for 1238 ad valorem taxes or non-ad valorem tax charges in an amount in 1239 excess of the sums remitted by the park owner to the tax 1240 collector. Nothing herein shall prohibit a park owner and a 1241 homeowner from mutually agreeing to an alternative manner of 1242 payment to the park owner of the charges.

(d) If a notice of increase in lot rental amount is not given 90 days before the renewal date of the rental agreement, the rental agreement must remain under the same terms until a 90-day notice of increase in lot rental amount is given. The notice may provide for a rental term shorter than 1 year in order to maintain the same renewal date.

1249 Section 25. Subsection (1) and paragraph (a) of subsection 1250 (4) of section 723.037, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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1251 723.037 Lot rental increases; reduction in services or 1252 utilities; change in rules and regulations; mediation.-1253 A park owner shall give written notice to each (1)1254 affected mobile home owner and the board of directors of the 1255 homeowners' association, if one has been formed, at least 90 1256 days before any increase in lot rental amount or reduction in 1257 services or utilities provided by the park owner or change in 1258 rules and regulations. The park owner may give notice of all 1259 increases in lot rental amount for multiple anniversary dates in 1260 the same 90-day notice. The notice must shall identify all other 1261 affected homeowners, which may be by lot number, name, group, or 1262 phase. If the affected homeowners are not identified by name, 1263 the park owner shall make the names and addresses available upon 1264 request. However, this requirement does not authorize the 1265 release of the names, addresses, or other private information 1266 about the homeowners to the association or any other person for any other purpose. The home owner's right to the 90-day notice 1267 1268 may not be waived or precluded by a home owner, or the 1269 homeowners' committee, in an agreement with the park owner. 1270 Rules adopted as a result of restrictions imposed by 1271 governmental entities and required to protect the public health, 1272 safety, and welfare may be enforced prior to the expiration of the 90-day period but are not otherwise exempt from the 1273 1274 requirements of this chapter. Pass-through charges must be 1275 separately listed as to the amount of the charge, the name of

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1276 the governmental entity mandating the capital improvement, and the nature or type of the pass-through charge being levied. 1277 1278 Notices of increase in the lot rental amount due to a pass-1279 through charge must shall state the additional payment and 1280 starting and ending dates of each pass-through charge. The 1281 homeowners' association shall have no standing to challenge the 1282 increase in lot rental amount, reduction in services or 1283 utilities, or change of rules and regulations unless a majority 1284 of the affected homeowners agree, in writing, to such 1285 representation.

(4) (a) A committee, not to exceed five in number, 1286 1287 designated by a majority of the affected mobile home owners or 1288 by the board of directors of the homeowners' association, if 1289 applicable, and the park owner shall meet, at a mutually 1290 convenient time and place no later than 60 days before the 1291 effective date of the change to discuss the reasons for the 1292 increase in lot rental amount, reduction in services or 1293 utilities, or change in rules and regulations. The negotiating 1294 committee shall make a written request for a meeting with the 1295 park owner or subdivision developer to discuss those matters 1296 addressed in the 90-day notice, and may include in the request a 1297 listing of any other issue, with supporting documentation, that 1298 the committee intends to raise and discuss at the meeting. The committee shall address all lot rental amount increases that are 1299 specified in the notice of lot rental amount increase, 1300

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1301	regardless of the effective date of the increase.
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1303	This subsection is not intended to be enforced by civil or
1304	administrative action. Rather, the meetings and discussions are
1305	intended to be in the nature of settlement discussions prior to
1306	the parties proceeding to mediation of any dispute.
1307	Section 26. Subsections (5) and (6) are added to section
1308	723.041, Florida Statutes, to read:
1309	723.041 Entrance fees; refunds; exit fees prohibited;
1310	replacement homes
1311	(5) A mobile home park that is damaged or destroyed due to
1312	wind, water, or other natural force may be rebuilt on the same
1313	site with the same density as was approved, permitted, and built
1314	before the park was damaged or destroyed.
1315	(6) This section does not limit the regulation of the
1316	uniform firesafety standards established under s. 633.206, but
1317	supersedes any other density, separation, setback, or lot size
1318	regulation adopted after initial permitting and construction of
1319	the mobile home park.
1320	Section 27. Section 723.042, Florida Statutes, is amended
1321	to read:
1322	723.042 Provision of improvements.— <u>A</u> No person <u>may not</u>
1323	shall be required by a mobile home park owner or developer, as a
1324	condition of residence in the mobile home park, to provide any
1325	improvement unless the requirement is disclosed pursuant to <u>s.</u>
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1326 723.012(7) s. 723.011 prior to occupancy in the mobile home 1327 park.

1328 Section 28. Section 723.059, Florida Statutes, is amended 1329 to read:

1330 723.059 Rights of Purchaser of a mobile home within a
1331 mobile home park.-

1332 (1)The purchaser of a mobile home within a mobile home 1333 park may become a tenant of the park if such purchaser would 1334 otherwise qualify with the requirements of entry into the park under the park rules and regulations, subject to the approval of 1335 the park owner, but such approval may not be unreasonably 1336 1337 withheld. The purchaser of the mobile home may cancel or rescind 1338 the contract for purchase of the mobile home if the purchaser's 1339 tenancy has not been approved by the park owner 5 days before 1340 the closing of the purchase.

1341 (2) Properly promulgated rules may provide for the
1342 screening of any prospective purchaser to determine whether or
1343 not such purchaser is qualified to become a tenant of the park.

(3) The purchaser of a mobile home who <u>intends to become</u>
becomes a resident of the mobile home park in accordance with
this section has the right to assume the remainder of the term
of any rental agreement then in effect between the mobile home
park owner and the seller and <u>may assume the seller's</u>
prospectus. However, nothing herein shall prohibit a mobile home
park owner from offering the purchaser of a mobile home any

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1351 <u>approved prospectus</u> shall be entitled to rely on the terms and 1352 conditions of the prospectus or offering circular as delivered 1353 to the initial recipient.

1354 However, nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit (4) 1355 a mobile home park owner from increasing the rental amount to be 1356 paid by the purchaser upon the expiration of the assumed rental 1357 agreement in an amount deemed appropriate by the mobile home 1358 park owner, so long as such increase is disclosed to the 1359 purchaser prior to his or her occupancy and is imposed in a 1360 manner consistent with the purchaser's initial offering circular 1361 or prospectus and this act.

(5) Lifetime leases and the renewal provisions in automatically renewable leases, both those existing and those entered into after July 1, 1986, are not assumable unless otherwise provided in the mobile home lot rental agreement or unless the transferee is the home owner's spouse. The right to an assumption of the lease by a spouse may be exercised only one time during the term of that lease.

Section 29. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section 723.061, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (5) is added to that section, to read:

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723.061 Eviction; grounds, proceedings.-

1373 (1) A mobile home park owner may evict a mobile home
1374 owner, a mobile home tenant, a mobile home occupant, or a mobile
1375 home only on one or more of the following grounds:

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1376 Change in use of the land comprising the mobile home (d) park, or the portion thereof from which mobile homes are to be 1377 1378 evicted, from mobile home lot rentals to some other use, if: 1379 The park owner gives written notice to the homeowners' 1. 1380 association formed and operating under ss. 723.075-723.079 of 1381 its right to purchase the mobile home park, if the land 1382 comprising the mobile home park is changing use from mobile home 1383 lot rentals to a different use, at the price and under the terms 1384 and conditions set forth in the written notice. The notice shall be delivered to the officers of the 1385 a. 1386 homeowners' association by United States mail. Within 45 days 1387 after the date of mailing of the notice, the homeowners' 1388 association may execute and deliver a contract to the park owner 1389 to purchase the mobile home park at the price and under the 1390 terms and conditions set forth in the notice. If the contract between the park owner and the homeowners' association is not 1391 1392 executed and delivered to the park owner within the 45-day 1393 period, the park owner is under no further obligation to the 1394 homeowners' association except as provided in sub-subparagraph 1395 b. 1396 If the park owner elects to offer or sell the mobile b. 1397 home park at a price lower than the price specified in her or his initial notice to the officers of the homeowners' 1398 association, the homeowners' association has an additional 10 1399

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days to meet the revised price, terms, and conditions of the

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1401 park owner by executing and delivering a revised contract to the 1402 park owner.

c. The park owner is not obligated under this subparagraph or s. 723.071 to give any other notice to, or to further negotiate with, the homeowners' association for the sale of the mobile home park to the homeowners' association after 6 months after the date of the mailing of the initial notice under subsubparagraph a.

1409 2. The park owner gives the affected mobile home owners and tenants at least 6 months' notice of the eviction due to the 1410 projected change in use and of their need to secure other 1411 1412 accommodations. Within 20 days after giving an eviction notice to a mobile home owner, the park owner must provide the division 1413 1414 with a copy of the notice. The division must provide the 1415 executive director of the Florida Mobile Home Relocation 1416 Corporation with a copy of the notice.

1417 a. The notice of eviction due to a change in use of the 1418 land must include in a font no smaller than the body of the 1419 notice the following statement:

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YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION FROM THE FLORIDA MOBILE HOME
RELOCATION TRUST FUND, ADMINISTERED BY THE FLORIDA MOBILE HOME
RELOCATION CORPORATION (FMHRC). FMHRC CONTACT INFORMATION IS
AVAILABLE FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION.

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1426 1427 The park owner may not give a notice of increase in lot b. 1428 rental amount within 90 days before giving notice of a change in 1429 use. 1430 (5) A park owner who accepts payment of any portion of the lot rental amount with actual knowledge of noncompliance after 1431 1432 notice and termination of the rental agreement due to a 1433 violation under paragraph (1)(b), paragraph (1)(c), or paragraph 1434 (1) (e) does not waive the right to terminate the rental 1435 agreement or the right to bring a civil action for the noncompliance, but not for any subsequent or continuing 1436 1437 noncompliance. Any rent so received must be accounted for at the 1438 final hearing. 1439 Section 30. Subsection (1) of section 723.076, Florida 1440 Statutes, is amended to read: 1441 723.076 Incorporation; notification of park owner.-1442 Upon receipt of its certificate of incorporation, the (1)1443 homeowners' association shall notify the park owner in writing 1444 of such incorporation and shall advise the park owner of the names and addresses of the officers of the homeowners' 1445 1446 association by personal delivery upon the park owner's representative as designated in the prospectus or by certified 1447 mail, return receipt requested. Thereafter, the homeowners' 1448 association shall notify the park owner in writing by certified 1449 1450 mail, return receipt requested, of any change of names and

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1451 addresses of its president or registered agent. Upon election or 1452 appointment of new officers or board members, the homeowners' 1453 association shall notify the park owner in writing by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the names and addresses of 1454 1455 the new officers or board members. 1456 Section 31. Paragraphs (b) through (e) of subsection (2) 1457 of section 723.078, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph 1458 (i) of that subsection is reenacted, to read: 1459 723.078 Bylaws of homeowners' associations.-1460 (2)The bylaws shall provide and, if they do not, shall be deemed to include, the following provisions: 1461 1462 (b) Quorum; voting requirements; proxies.-1463 Unless otherwise provided in the bylaws, 30 percent of 1. 1464 the total membership is required to constitute a quorum. Decisions shall be made by a majority of members represented at 1465 a meeting at which a quorum is present. 1466 1467 2.a. A member may not vote by general proxy but may vote 1468 by limited proxies substantially conforming to a limited proxy 1469 form adopted by the division. Limited proxies and general 1470 proxies may be used to establish a quorum. Limited proxies may 1471 be used for votes taken to amend the articles of incorporation or bylaws pursuant to this section, and any other matters for 1472 which this chapter requires or permits a vote of members. $A_{\overline{I}}$ 1473 except that no proxy, limited or general, may not be used in the 1474 1475 election of board members in general elections or elections to

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1476 fill vacancies caused by recall, resignation, or otherwise. 1477 Board members must be elected by written ballot or by voting in 1478 person. If a mobile home or subdivision lot is owned jointly, 1479 the owners of the mobile home or subdivision lot must be counted 1480 as one for the purpose of determining the number of votes 1481 required for a majority. Only one vote per mobile home or 1482 subdivision lot shall be counted. Any number greater than 50 1483 percent of the total number of votes constitutes a majority. 1484 Notwithstanding this section, members may vote in person at member meetings or by secret ballot, including absentee ballots, 1485 1486 as defined by the division.

1487 b. Elections shall be decided by a plurality of the 1488 ballots cast. There is no quorum requirement; however, at least 20 percent of the eligible voters must cast a ballot in order to 1489 have a valid election. A member may not allow any other person 1490 1491 to cast his or her ballot, and any ballots improperly cast are 1492 invalid. An election is not required unless there are more 1493 candidates nominated than vacancies that exist on the board. 1494 c. Each member or other eligible person who desires to be 1495 a candidate for the board of directors shall appear on the

1496 ballot in alphabetical order by surname. A ballot may not

1497 indicate if any of the candidates are incumbent on the board.

1498 <u>All ballots must be uniform in appearance. Write-in candidates</u>

1499 and more than one vote per candidate per ballot are not allowed.

A ballot may not provide a space for the signature of, or any

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1501	other means of identifying, a voter. If a ballot contains more
1501	votes than vacancies or fewer votes than vacancies, the ballot
1503	is invalid unless otherwise stated in the bylaws.
1504	d. An impartial committee shall be responsible for
1505	overseeing the election process and complying with all ballot
1506	requirements. For purposes of this section, the term "impartial
1507	committee" means a committee whose members do not include any of
1508	the following people or their spouses:
1509	(I) Current board members.
1510	(II) Current association officers.
1511	(III) Candidates for the association or board.
1512	e. The association bylaws shall provide a method for
1513	determining the winner of an election in which two or more
1514	candidates for the same position receive the same number of
1515	votes.
1516	f. The division shall adopt procedural rules to govern
1517	elections, including, but not limited to, rules for providing
1518	notice by electronic transmission and rules for maintaining the
1519	secrecy of ballots.
1520	3. A proxy is effective only for the specific meeting for
1521	which originally given and any lawfully adjourned meetings
1522	thereof. In no event shall any proxy be valid for a period
1523	longer than 90 days after the date of the first meeting for
1524	which it was given. Every proxy shall be revocable at any time
1525	at the pleasure of the member executing it.
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1526 4. A member of the board of directors or a committee may 1527 submit in writing his or her agreement or disagreement with any 1528 action taken at a meeting that the member did not attend. This 1529 agreement or disagreement may not be used as a vote for or 1530 against the action taken and may not be used for the purposes of 1531 creating a quorum.

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(c) Board of directors' and committee meetings.-

1533 Meetings of the board of directors and meetings of its 1. 1534 committees at which a quorum is present shall be open to all 1535 members. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the 1536 requirement that board meetings and committee meetings be open 1537 to the members does not apply to meetings between the park owner and the board of directors or any of the board's committees, 1538 1539 board or committee meetings held for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, or meetings between the board or a committee 1540 1541 and the association's attorney, with respect to potential or 1542 pending litigation, when where the meeting is held for the 1543 purpose of seeking or rendering legal advice, and when where the 1544 contents of the discussion would otherwise be governed by the 1545 attorney-client privilege. Notice of all meetings open to 1546 members shall be posted in a conspicuous place upon the park 1547 property at least 48 hours in advance, except in an emergency. Notice of any meeting in which dues assessments against members 1548 are to be considered for any reason shall specifically contain a 1549 1550 statement that dues assessments will be considered and the

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1551 nature of such dues assessments.

1552 2. A board or committee member's participation in a 1553 meeting via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar 1554 real-time telephonic, electronic, or video communication counts 1555 toward a quorum, and such member may vote as if physically 1556 present. A speaker shall be used so that the conversation of 1557 those board or committee members attending by telephone may be 1558 heard by the board or committee members attending in person, as 1559 well as by members present at a meeting.

1560 3. Members of the board of directors may use e-mail as a 1561 means of communication but may not cast a vote on an association 1562 matter via e-mail.

1563 4. The right to attend meetings of the board of directors 1564 and its committees includes the right to speak at such meetings 1565 with reference to all designated agenda items. The association 1566 may adopt reasonable written rules governing the frequency, 1567 duration, and manner of members' statements. Any item not 1568 included on the notice may be taken up on an emergency basis by 1569 at least a majority plus one of the members of the board. Such 1570 emergency action shall be noticed and ratified at the next 1571 regular meeting of the board. Any member may tape record or 1572 videotape meetings of the board of directors and its committees, 1573 except meetings between the board of directors or its appointed 1574 homeowners' committee and the park owner. The division shall 1575 adopt reasonable rules governing the tape recording and

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1576 videotaping of the meeting.

1577 Except as provided in paragraph (i), a vacancy 5. 1578 occurring on the board of directors may be filled by the 1579 affirmative vote of the majority of the remaining directors, 1580 even though the remaining directors constitute less than a 1581 quorum; by the sole remaining director; if the vacancy is not so 1582 filled or if no director remains, by the members; or, on the 1583 application of any person, by the circuit court of the county in 1584 which the registered office of the corporation is located.

1585 6. The term of a director elected or appointed to fill a 1586 vacancy expires at the next annual meeting at which directors 1587 are elected. A directorship to be filled by reason of an 1588 increase in the number of directors may be filled by the board 1589 of directors, but only for the term of office continuing until 1590 the next election of directors by the members.

1591 7. A vacancy that will occur at a specific later date, by 1592 reason of a resignation effective at a later date, may be filled 1593 before the vacancy occurs. However, the new director may not 1594 take office until the vacancy occurs.

1595 8.a. The officers and directors of the association have a 1596 fiduciary relationship to the members.

b. A director and committee member shall discharge his or her duties in good faith, with the care an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances, and in a manner he or she reasonably believes to

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1601 be in the best interests of the corporation.

9. In discharging his or her duties, a director may rely on information, opinions, reports, or statements, including financial statements and other financial data, if prepared or presented by:

a. One or more officers or employees of the corporation
who the director reasonably believes to be reliable and
competent in the matters presented;

b. Legal counsel, public accountants, or other persons as
to matters the director reasonably believes are within the
persons' professional or expert competence; or

1612 c. A committee of the board of directors of which he or 1613 she is not a member if the director reasonably believes the 1614 committee merits confidence.

1615 10. A director is not acting in good faith if he or she
1616 has knowledge concerning the matter in question that makes
1617 reliance otherwise permitted by subparagraph 9. unwarranted.

1618 11. A director is not liable for any action taken as a 1619 director, or any failure to take any action, if he or she 1620 performed the duties of his or her office in compliance with 1621 this section.

(d) Member meetings.-Members shall meet at least once each calendar year, and the meeting shall be the annual meeting. All members of the board of directors shall be elected at the annual meeting unless the bylaws provide for staggered election terms

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1626 or for their election at another meeting. The bylaws shall not 1627 restrict any member desiring to be a candidate for board 1628 membership from being nominated from the floor. All nominations 1629 from the floor must be made at a duly noticed meeting of the 1630 members held at least 27 $\frac{30}{30}$ days before the annual meeting. The 1631 bylaws shall provide the method for calling the meetings of the 1632 members, including annual meetings. The method shall provide at 1633 least 14 days' written notice to each member in advance of the 1634 meeting and require the posting in a conspicuous place on the 1635 park property of a notice of the meeting at least 14 days prior to the meeting. The right to receive written notice of 1636 1637 membership meetings may be waived in writing by a member. Unless 1638 waived, the notice of the annual meeting shall be mailed, hand 1639 delivered, or electronically transmitted to each member, and shall constitute notice. Unless otherwise stated in the bylaws, 1640 an officer of the association shall provide an affidavit 1641 1642 affirming that the notices were mailed, or hand delivered, or 1643 provided by electronic transmission in accordance with the 1644 provisions of this section to each member at the address last furnished to the corporation. These meeting requirements do not 1645 1646 prevent members from waiving notice of meetings or from acting 1647 by written agreement without meetings, if allowed by the bylaws. Minutes of meetings.-1648 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the minutes 1649 1. 1650 of board or committee meetings that are closed to members are

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1651 privileged and confidential and are not available for inspection 1652 or photocopying.

1653 <u>2.</u> Minutes of all meetings of members of an association 1654 <u>and meetings open to members of</u> the board of directors, and a 1655 committee <u>of the board</u> must be maintained in written form and 1656 approved by the members, board, or committee, as applicable. A 1657 vote or abstention from voting on each matter voted upon for 1658 each director present at a board meeting must be recorded in the 1659 minutes.

1660 <u>3.2.</u> All approved minutes of <u>open</u> meetings of members, 1661 committees, and the board of directors shall be kept in a 1662 businesslike manner and shall be available for inspection by 1663 members, or their authorized representatives, and board members 1664 at reasonable times. The association shall retain these minutes 1665 <u>within this state</u> for <u>a period of</u> at least <u>5</u> 7 years.

1666 (i) Recall of board members.-Any member of the board of 1667 directors may be recalled and removed from office with or 1668 without cause by the vote of or agreement in writing by a 1669 majority of all members. A special meeting of the members to 1670 recall a member or members of the board of directors may be 1671 called by 10 percent of the members giving notice of the meeting 1672 as required for a meeting of members, and the notice shall state 1673 the purpose of the meeting. Electronic transmission may not be used as a method of giving notice of a meeting called in whole 1674 1675 or in part for this purpose.

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1676 If the recall is approved by a majority of all members 1. by a vote at a meeting, the recall is effective as provided in 1677 1678 this paragraph. The board shall duly notice and hold a board 1679 meeting within 5 full business days after the adjournment of the 1680 member meeting to recall one or more board members. At the 1681 meeting, the board shall either certify the recall, in which 1682 case such member or members shall be recalled effective 1683 immediately and shall turn over to the board within 5 full 1684 business days any and all records and property of the 1685 association in their possession, or shall proceed under 1686 subparagraph 3.

1687 2. If the proposed recall is by an agreement in writing by 1688 a majority of all members, the agreement in writing or a copy 1689 thereof shall be served on the association by certified mail or 1690 by personal service in the manner authorized by chapter 48 and 1691 the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure. The board of directors 1692 shall duly notice and hold a meeting of the board within 5 full 1693 business days after receipt of the agreement in writing. At the 1694 meeting, the board shall either certify the written agreement to 1695 recall members of the board, in which case such members shall be 1696 recalled effective immediately and shall turn over to the board, 1697 within 5 full business days, any and all records and property of the association in their possession, or shall proceed as 1698 described in subparagraph 3. 1699

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3. If the board determines not to certify the written

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1701 agreement to recall members of the board, or does not certify 1702 the recall by a vote at a meeting, the board shall, within 5 1703 full business days after the board meeting, file with the 1704 division a petition for binding arbitration pursuant to the 1705 procedures of s. 723.1255. For purposes of this paragraph, the 1706 members who voted at the meeting or who executed the agreement 1707 in writing shall constitute one party under the petition for 1708 arbitration. If the arbitrator certifies the recall of a member 1709 of the board, the recall shall be effective upon mailing of the 1710 final order of arbitration to the association. If the association fails to comply with the order of the arbitrator, 1711 1712 the division may take action under s. 723.006. A member so 1713 recalled shall deliver to the board any and all records and 1714 property of the association in the member's possession within 5 1715 full business days after the effective date of the recall.

4. If the board fails to duly notice and hold a board meeting within 5 full business days after service of an agreement in writing or within 5 full business days after the adjournment of the members' recall meeting, the recall shall be deemed effective and the board members so recalled shall immediately turn over to the board all records and property of the association.

5. If the board fails to duly notice and hold the required meeting or fails to file the required petition, the member's representative may file a petition pursuant to s. 723.1255

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1726 challenging the board's failure to act. The petition must be 1727 filed within 60 days after expiration of the applicable 5-full-1728 business-day period. The review of a petition under this 1729 subparagraph is limited to the sufficiency of service on the 1730 board and the facial validity of the written agreement or 1731 ballots filed.

1732 6. If a vacancy occurs on the board as a result of a 1733 recall and less than a majority of the board members are 1734 removed, the vacancy may be filled by the affirmative vote of a 1735 majority of the remaining directors, notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter. If vacancies occur on the board as a 1736 1737 result of a recall and a majority or more of the board members 1738 are removed, the vacancies shall be filled in accordance with 1739 procedural rules to be adopted by the division, which rules need 1740 not be consistent with this chapter. The rules must provide procedures governing the conduct of the recall election as well 1741 as the operation of the association during the period after a 1742 1743 recall but before the recall election.

1744 7. A board member who has been recalled may file a 1745 petition pursuant to s. 723.1255 challenging the validity of the 1746 recall. The petition must be filed within 60 days after the 1747 recall is deemed certified. The association and the member's 1748 representative shall be named as the respondents.

1749 8. The division may not accept for filing a recall 1750 petition, whether or not filed pursuant to this subsection, and

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1751 regardless of whether the recall was certified, when there are 1752 60 or fewer days until the scheduled reelection of the board 1753 member sought to be recalled or when 60 or fewer days have not 1754 elapsed since the election of the board member sought to be 1755 recalled.

Section 32. Paragraphs (d) and (f) through (i) of subsection (4) and subsection (5) of section 723.079, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

723.079 Powers and duties of homeowners' association.-

1760 (4) The association shall maintain the following items,
1761 when applicable, which constitute the official records of the
1762 association:

1763 (d) The approved minutes of all meetings of the members <u>of</u> 1764 <u>an association and meetings open for members of</u>, the board of 1765 directors, and committees of the board, which minutes must be 1766 retained within <u>this the</u> state for at least <u>5</u> 7 years.

(f) All of the association's insurance policies or copies
thereof, which must be retained within this state for at least 5
7 years after the expiration date of the policy.

(g) A copy of all contracts or agreements to which the association is a party, including, without limitation, any written agreements with the park owner, lease, or other agreements or contracts under which the association or its members has any obligation or responsibility, which must be retained within this state for at least 5 7 years after the

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1776 expiration date of the contract or agreement. 1777 The financial and accounting records of the (h) 1778 association, kept according to good accounting practices. All 1779 financial and accounting records must be maintained within this 1780 state for a period of at least 5 7 years. The financial and 1781 accounting records must include: 1782 1. Accurate, itemized, and detailed records of all 1783 receipts and expenditures. 1784 A current account and a periodic statement of the 2. 1785 account for each member, designating the name and current 1786 address of each member who is obligated to pay dues or 1787 assessments, the due date and amount of each assessment or other 1788 charge against the member, the date and amount of each payment 1789 on the account, and the balance due. 1790 3. All tax returns, financial statements, and financial 1791 reports of the association. 1792 4. Any other records that identify, measure, record, or 1793 communicate financial information. 1794 (i) All other written records of the association not 1795 specifically included in the foregoing which are related to the 1796 operation of the association must be retained within this state 1797 for at least 5 years or at least 5 years after the expiration 1798 date, as applicable. The official records shall be maintained within the 1799 (5)1800 state for at least 7 years and shall be made available to a

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1801 member for inspection or photocopying within 20 10 business days after receipt by the board or its designee of a written request 1802 1803 submitted by certified mail, return receipt requested. The 1804 requirements of this subsection are satisfied by having a copy 1805 of the official records available for inspection or copying in 1806 the park or, at the option of the association, by making the 1807 records available to a member electronically via the Internet or 1808 by allowing the records to be viewed in electronic format on a 1809 computer screen and printed upon request. If the association has 1810 a photocopy machine available where the records are maintained, it must provide a member with copies on request during the 1811 1812 inspection if the entire request is no more than 25 pages. An 1813 association shall allow a member or his or her authorized 1814 representative to use a portable device, including a smartphone, 1815 tablet, portable scanner, or any other technology capable of scanning or taking photographs, to make an electronic copy of 1816 1817 the official records in lieu of the association's providing the 1818 member or his or her authorized representative with a copy of 1819 such records. The association may not charge a fee to a member 1820 or his or her authorized representative for the use of a 1821 portable device.

(a) The failure of an association to provide access to the
records within <u>20</u> 10 business days after receipt of a written
request submitted by certified mail, return receipt requested,
creates a rebuttable presumption that the association willfully

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1826 failed to comply with this subsection.

1827 A member who is denied access to official records is (b) 1828 entitled to the actual damages or minimum damages for the 1829 association's willful failure to comply with this subsection in 1830 the amount of. The minimum damages are to be \$10 per calendar day up to 10 days, not to exceed \$100. The calculation for 1831 1832 damages begins to begin on the 21st 11th business day after 1833 receipt of the written request, submitted by certified mail, 1834 return receipt requested.

(c) <u>A dispute between a member and an association</u>
regarding inspecting or photocopying official records must be
submitted to mandatory binding arbitration with the division,
and the arbitration must be conducted pursuant to s. 723.1255
and procedural rules adopted by the division.

1840 The association may adopt reasonable written rules (d) governing the frequency, time, location, notice, records to be 1841 1842 inspected, and manner of inspections, but may not require a 1843 member to demonstrate a proper purpose for the inspection, state 1844 a reason for the inspection, or limit a member's right to 1845 inspect records to less than 1 business day per month. The 1846 association may impose fees to cover the costs of providing copies of the official records, including the costs of copying 1847 and for personnel to retrieve and copy the records if the time 1848 spent retrieving and copying the records exceeds 30 minutes and 1849 1850 if the personnel costs do not exceed \$20 per hour. Personnel

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1851 costs may not be charged for records requests that result in the 1852 copying of 25 or fewer pages. The association may charge up to 1853 25 cents per page for copies made on the association's 1854 photocopier. If the association does not have a photocopy 1855 machine available where the records are kept, or if the records 1856 requested to be copied exceed 25 pages in length, the 1857 association may have copies made by an outside duplicating 1858 service and may charge the actual cost of copying, as supported 1859 by the vendor invoice. The association shall maintain an 1860 adequate number of copies of the recorded governing documents, to ensure their availability to members and prospective members. 1861 1862 Notwithstanding this paragraph, the following records are not 1863 accessible to members or home owners:

1864 1. A record protected by the lawyer-client privilege as 1865 described in s. 90.502 and a record protected by the workproduct privilege, including, but not limited to, a record 1866 1867 prepared by an association attorney or prepared at the 1868 attorney's express direction which reflects a mental impression, 1869 conclusion, litigation strategy, or legal theory of the attorney 1870 or the association and which was prepared exclusively for civil 1871 or criminal litigation, for adversarial administrative 1872 proceedings, or in anticipation of such litigation or 1873 proceedings until the conclusion of the litigation or proceedings. 1874

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2. E-mail addresses, telephone numbers, facsimile numbers,

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1876 emergency contact information, any addresses for a home owner 1877 other than as provided for association notice requirements, and 1878 other personal identifying information of any person, excluding 1879 the person's name, lot designation, mailing address, and 1880 property address. Notwithstanding the restrictions in this 1881 subparagraph, an association may print and distribute to home 1882 owners a directory containing the name, park address, and 1883 telephone number of each home owner. However, a home owner may 1884 exclude his or her telephone number from the directory by so 1885 requesting in writing to the association. The association is not liable for the disclosure of information that is protected under 1886 1887 this subparagraph if the information is included in an official 1888 record of the association and is voluntarily provided by a home 1889 owner and not requested by the association.

1890 3. An electronic security measure that is used by the1891 association to safeguard data, including passwords.

4. The software and operating system used by the association which allows the manipulation of data, even if the home owner owns a copy of the same software used by the association. The data is part of the official records of the association.

1897Section 33.Section 723.1255, Florida Statutes, is amended1898to read:

1899723.1255 Alternative resolution of recall, election, and1900inspection and photocopying of official records disputes.-

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1901 (1) A dispute between a mobile home owner and a 1902 homeowners' association regarding the election and recall of 1903 officers or directors under s. 723.078(2)(b) or regarding the 1904 inspection and photocopying of official records under s. 1905 723.079(5) must be submitted to mandatory binding arbitration 1906 with the division. The arbitration shall be conducted in 1907 accordance with this section and the procedural rules adopted by the division. 1908 1909 Each party shall be responsible for paying its own (2) 1910 attorney fees, expert and investigator fees, and associated 1911 costs. The cost of the arbitrators shall be divided equally 1912 between the parties regardless of the outcome. 1913 The division shall adopt procedural rules to govern (3) 1914 mandatory binding arbitration proceedings The Division of 1915 Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation shall adopt 1916 1917 rules of procedure to govern binding recall arbitration 1918 proceedings. 1919 Section 34. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment 1920 made by this act to section 420.5087, Florida Statutes, in a 1921 reference thereto, paragraph (i) of subsection (22) of section 1922 420.507, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read: 1923 420.507 Powers of the corporation.-The corporation shall have all the powers necessary or convenient to carry out and 1924 1925 effectuate the purposes and provisions of this part, including

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1926 the following powers which are in addition to all other powers 1927 granted by other provisions of this part:

1928 (22) To develop and administer the State Apartment
1929 Incentive Loan Program. In developing and administering that
1930 program, the corporation may:

(i) Establish, by rule, the procedure for competitively evaluating and selecting all applications for funding based on the criteria set forth in s. 420.5087(6)(c), determining actual loan amounts, making and servicing loans, and exercising the powers authorized in this subsection.

1936 Section 35. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment 1937 made by this act to section 420.5095, Florida Statutes, in a 1938 reference thereto, subsection (2) of section 193.018, Florida 1939 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

1940 193.018 Land owned by a community land trust used to 1941 provide affordable housing; assessment; structural improvements, 1942 condominium parcels, and cooperative parcels.-

1943 (2) A community land trust may convey structural 1944 improvements, condominium parcels, or cooperative parcels, that 1945 are located on specific parcels of land that are identified by a 1946 legal description contained in and subject to a ground lease 1947 having a term of at least 99 years, for the purpose of providing affordable housing to natural persons or families who meet the 1948 extremely-low-income, very-low-income, low-income, or moderate-1949 income limits specified in s. 420.0004, or the income limits for 1950

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workforce housing, as defined in s. 420.5095(3). A community land trust shall retain a preemptive option to purchase any structural improvements, condominium parcels, or cooperative parcels on the land at a price determined by a formula specified in the ground lease which is designed to ensure that the structural improvements, condominium parcels, or cooperative parcels remain affordable.

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Section 36. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

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