1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to Navarre Beach Fire Rescue District,
3	Santa Rosa County; providing a short title; creating
4	an independent special district to provide fire
5	control, fire prevention, emergency medical, rescue
6	response, and public safety services; providing for
7	district boundaries, a governing board and the
8	election, organization, and operation of such board;
9	authorizing the district to levy non-ad valorem
10	assessments; providing requirements for such
11	assessments; providing for amendment only by special
12	act; providing severability; requiring a referendum;
13	providing an effective date.
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15	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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17	Section 1. Short titleThis act may be cited as the
18	"Navarre Beach Fire Rescue District Act," hereinafter referred
19	to as the "charter."
20	Section 2. Formation; boundariesFor the purpose of
21	providing fire control, fire prevention, emergency medical,
22	rescue response, and public safety services pursuant to chapter
23	191, Florida Statutes, an independent special district is
24	created, incorporated, and established pursuant to chapters 189
25	and 191, Florida Statutes, to be known as the Navarre Beach Fire
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26	Rescue District, hereinafter referred to as the "district," in
27	Santa Rosa County and shall embrace and include the territory
28	described as follows:
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30	That portion of Santa Rosa County including all of
31	sections 36-25-27, 31-25-26, 32-25-26, 33-25-26 and
32	28-25-26, and also including the southern half of the
33	Navarre Beach Causeway.
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35	Section 3. IntentThe purposes of this act are to provide
36	the following:
37	(1) Standards, direction, and procedures concerning the
38	operation and governance of the district.
39	(2) A financing authority of the district without
40	hampering the efficiency and effectiveness of currently
41	authorized and implemented methods and procedures of raising
42	revenues.
43	(3) Improved communication and coordination between the
44	district and other local governments with respect to short-range
45	and long-range planning to meet the demands for service delivery
46	while maintaining fiscal responsibility.
47	(4) Uniform procedures for electing members of the Board
48	of Commissioners of the Navarre Beach Fire Rescue District to
49	ensure greater accountability to the public.
50	Section 4. Board of commissioners; membership, officers,
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51	and meetingsThe business affairs of the district shall be
52	conducted and administered, under chapter 191, Florida Statutes,
53	by the Board of Commissioners of the Navarre Beach Fire Rescue
54	District, which is established as a board of five commissioners,
55	elected, organized, and operating under chapter 191, Florida
56	Statutes.
57	Section 5. <u>BoundariesThe boundaries of the district may</u>
58	be modified, extended, or enlarged upon approval or ratification
59	by the Legislature.
60	Section 6. Procedures for the levy and collection of non-
61	ad valorem assessments
62	(1) The district may provide for the levy of non-ad
63	valorem assessments under this act on the lands and real estate
64	benefited by the exercise of the powers authorized by this act,
65	or any part thereof, for all or any part of the cost thereof. In
66	addition to the provisions set forth under this act, the
67	district shall also be entitled to exercise all other rights and
68	powers regarding the levy and collection of additional non-ad
69	valorem assessments as provided for under chapter 191, Florida
70	Statutes.
71	(2) The initial non-ad valorem assessments may be levied
72	up to the following maximum amounts:
73	(a) \$500 for residential properties.
74	(b) \$63 for vacant land.
75	(c) \$0.41 per square foot for commercial properties.
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76 (3) Future assessment increases shall be limited by 77 chapter 191.009, Florida Statutes. 78 Section 7. Amendment of charter.-This charter may be 79 amended only by special act of the Legislature. 80 Section 8. Severability.-If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be 81 invalid, the invalidity shall not a ffect other provisions or 82 applications of this act which can be given effect without the 83 84 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions 85 of this act are severable. Section 9. Referendum.-On or before December 31, 2022, the 86 87 Supervisor of Elections of Santa Rosa County shall conduct a referendum of the qualified electors of the district on the 88 89 question of whether the district shall be created by special act 90 of the Legislature under chapter 191, Florida Statutes. The 91 referendum question shall be posed as follows: 92 93 Shall an independent special district be created to 94 provide fire, rescue, and emergency medical services to the Navarre Beach community, to operate pursuant to 95 chapter 191, Florida Statutes, including an initial 96 97 non-ad valorem assessment not to exceed \$500 for 98 residential properties, \$63 for vacant land, and \$0.41 99 per square foot for commercial properties. Future 100 assessment increases shall be limited by chapter Page 4 of 5

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101	191.009, Florida Statutes.		
102	Section 10. This act shall take effect only upon its		
103	approval by a majority vote of those qualified electors residing		
104	within the district voting in a referendum no later than		
105	December 31, 2022, except that this section and section 9 shall		
106	take effect upon becoming a law.		

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