

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Pasco County Mosquito Control
 3 District, Pasco County; amending chapter 2005-322,
 4 Laws of Florida; providing applicability of laws on
 5 term limits for independent special district board
 6 members; providing for geographical subdistricts;
 7 requiring the Pasco County Board of County
 8 Commissioners to draw geographical subdistricts
 9 subject to certain requirements; providing
 10 qualifications for district board candidates and
 11 members; removing obsolete language; providing an
 12 effective date.

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

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 16 **Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 1 of section 2 of**
 17 **chapter 2005-322, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:**

18 Section 1. Minimum charter requirements.—In accordance
 19 with section 189.404(3), Florida Statutes, the following
 20 subsections shall comprise the minimum required charter
 21 provisions for Pasco County Mosquito Control District:

22 (5) In accordance with section 388.101(1), Florida
 23 Statutes, the district is governed by a three-member board, and
 24 section 189.0312, Florida Statutes, as may be amended, applies
 25 to this subsection, except that a member of the board may not

26 serve for more than two 4-year terms. Notwithstanding section
27 388.101, Florida Statutes, the following apply, beginning with
28 the November 2026 election:

29 (a) The office of each member of the board is designated
30 as being a seat on the board, distinguished from each of the
31 other seats by a numeral 1, 2, or 3, which represents designated
32 geographical subdistricts.

33 (b) The Pasco County Board of County Commissioners shall
34 be responsible for drawing the boundaries of the geographical
35 subdistricts after providing notice and public hearing as
36 provided in general law. The geographical subdistricts shall
37 consist of contiguous and compact territories, nearly equal in
38 population as is practicable, and shall use existing political
39 and geographical boundaries. The Pasco County Board of County
40 Commissioners shall draw initial geographical subdistricts by
41 January 1, 2026, and following the completion of a decennial
42 census thereafter.

43 (c) Candidates for the board must qualify as directed by
44 chapter 99, Florida Statutes. Each candidate must designate, at
45 the time he or she qualifies, the seat on the board for which he
46 or she qualifies. Each candidate must reside in the designated
47 subdistrict, and only electors of the subdistrict are authorized
48 to vote for the member of that subdistrict. The name of each
49 candidate who qualifies must be included on the ballot in a way
50 that clearly indicates the seat for which he or she is a

51 candidate. The candidate for each seat who receives the most
52 votes shall be elected to the board.

53 (d) Each member shall be elected for a term of 4 years and
54 serve until the member's successor assumes office.

55 (e) For the length of their terms of office, members of
56 the board must remain residents and electors of the subdistrict
57 from which they are elected to represent ~~By resolution dated~~
58 ~~March 8, 1993, the board elected to stagger the members' terms~~
59 ~~of office pursuant to section 388.101(3), Florida Statutes.~~
60 ~~Therefore, upon this act becoming law, one board member shall be~~
61 ~~elected in the 2006 general election and two board members in~~
62 ~~the 2008 general election. Thereafter, each election shall be~~
63 ~~for a term of 4 years.~~ The membership and organization of the
64 board shall be as set forth in this act and chapter 388, Florida
65 Statutes.

66 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.