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An act relating to the East County Water Control District in Hendry and Lee Counties; amending Chapter 2000-423, Laws of Florida, as amended; authorizing the Board of Commissioners to exercise additional special powers relating to public improvements and community facilities and their funding; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 7 of Chapter 2000-423, Laws of Florida, as previously amended, is further amended by addition of the following subsections:

(4) Street lighting and sidewalk facilities.--The power to finance, fund, plan, establish, design, acquire, install, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, operate and maintain at the District's discretion: (a) street lights and associated facilities and appurtenances thereto, including electrical utilities required for their operation and (b) sidewalk facilities, which complement or are situated within or adjacent to public road rights-of-way.

(5) In order for the District to initially commence the assessment and subsequent levy or multiple year levies of non-ad valorem assessments in order to fund, on a per project basis, the acquisition, installation, construction or maintenance of improvements and facilities described in Section 7(4) hereof, the District for each such project shall have first: (a) concluded the selection between and complied with the applicable implementation provisions of either: (i) sections 190.021(2) through (10) and 190.022, Florida Statutes or (ii) sections

24 298.225 and 298.301, Florida Statutes and (b) obtained approval from a majority of the  
25 qualified electors who will be benefited and obligated to pay such subsequently levied non-  
26 ad valorem assessments with the process by which such approval is demonstrated to be  
27 determined by the Board of Commissioners.

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29 Section 2. This Act shall be liberally construed to promote the purpose for which it is  
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32 Section 3. This Act shall take effect upon becoming a law.