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Drafting

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to Lee County; repealing chapters 2000-422 and 2008-275, Laws of Florida; amending chapter 98-464, Laws of Florida; revising boundaries of the Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District; amending chapter 2000-384, Laws of Florida; revising boundaries of the Iona-McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District; providing an exception to general law; providing for the distribution of assets and liabilities of the Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District; requiring a referendum; providing ballot questions; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Chapters 2000-422 and 2008-275, Laws of Florida, are repealed.

Section 2. Section 3 of chapter 98-464, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 3. Creation.—There is established the Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District, an independent special district, hereinafter referred to as the district, which shall include the following described lands:

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26 All of sections 13 and 14, 24 and 25, Township 47 South,
 27 Range 24 East; Lee County, Florida;

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 29 Sections 13 through 36 inclusive, Township 47 South, Range
 30 25 East, Lee County, Florida;

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 32 All of Township 47 South, Range 26 East; Lee County,
 33 Florida;

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 35 All of Township 48, Range 26 East, located in Lee County,
 36 Florida;

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 38 All of Sections 2, 11 and 12, Township 47 South, Range 24
 39 East, Lee County, Florida;

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 41 Sections 1 through 4, Township 48 South, Range 25 East in
 42 Lee County, Florida.

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 44 TOGETHER WITH:

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 46 Those areas described in section 1 of section 3 of chapter
 47 2000-422, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 2008-275,
 48 Laws of Florida, as described in subsection (1), lying to
 49 the south and west of Matanzas Pass Channel.

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51 (1) All that part of Lee County that is located and
 52 situated within San Carlos Island; Estero Island; Easterly One-
 53 Half (1/2) of Section 13, Township 46 South, Range 23 East;
 54 Section 18, Township 46 South, Range 24 East; and section 7,
 55 Township 46 South, Range 24 East except that part which is
 56 located and situated north of the old railroad grade.

57 Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 2 of section 3 of
 58 chapter 2000-384, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

59 (3) The lands to be included within the district are the
 60 following described lands in Lee County:

61 In Township 45 South, Range 24 East, the unincorporated
 62 portions of Section 2 and 3, all of Sections 9 and 10, the west
 63 half (1/2) of the northwest quarter (1/4) and the west half (
 64 1/2) of the southwest quarter (1/4) of Section 11, all of
 65 Sections 15 and 16, the east half (1/2) of Section 17, all of
 66 sections 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and in
 67 Township 46 South, Range 24 East, that portion of Section 2
 68 lying west of the waters of Hendry Creek, all of sections 3, 4,
 69 5, 6, the north half (1/2) of 7, all of sections 8, 9, 10,
 70 those portions of sections 11 and 14 lying west of the waters of
 71 Hendry Creek, all of sections 15, 16, 17, 22, that portion of
 72 Section 23 lying west of the waters of Hendry Creek, and in
 73 Township 45 South, Range 23 East, the south half (1/2) of
 74 Section 25, the south half (1/2) of Section 27, the southeast
 75 quarter (1/4) of Section 28, all of sections 33, 34, 35, 36,

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76 | and in Township 46 South, Range 23 East, all of Sections 1, 2,
 77 | 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, and 12 less and except the southeast quarter (
 78 | 1/4) thereof, the west half (1/2) of 13, and the east half (
 79 | 1/2) of 14 ~~less and except that portion located within the~~
 80 | ~~territorial limits, of the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control~~
 81 | ~~District, and~~ less and except that portion of all the above
 82 | described lands located within the municipal boundaries of the
 83 | City of Fort Myers.

84 | TOGETHER WITH:

85 | Those areas described in section 1 of section 3 of chapter
 86 | 2000-422, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 2008-275, Laws
 87 | of Florida, as described in paragraph (a), lying to the north
 88 | and east of Matanzas Pass Channel.

89 | (a) All that part of Lee County that is located and
 90 | situated within San Carlos Island; Estero Island; Easterly One-
 91 | Half (1/2) of Section 13, Township 46 South, Range 23 East;
 92 | Section 18, Township 46 South, Range 24 East; and section 7,
 93 | Township 46 South, Range 24 East except that part which is
 94 | located and situated north of the old railroad grade.

95 | Section 4. Notwithstanding section 189.076, Florida
 96 | Statutes, all assets and liabilities of the Fort Myers Beach
 97 | Fire Control District shall be distributed to the Bonita Springs
 98 | Fire Control and Rescue District and Iona-McGregor Fire
 99 | Protection and Rescue Service District subject to an interlocal
 100 | agreement which must be finalized within 90 days of the

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101 effective date of this act.

102 Section 5. Referendum election. -

103 (1) A special referendum election called for by this act
 104 shall be held on November 5, 2024, the 2024 general election.

105 (2) The referendum election shall be conducted by the
 106 Supervisor of Elections of Lee County in accordance with the
 107 Florida Election Code.

108 Section 6. A referendum question shall be placed on the
 109 ballot of the qualified electors of the Fort Myers Beach Fire
 110 Control District in substantially the following form:

111 Shall Chapter 2024- , Laws of Florida, dissolving the
 112 Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District, annexing the areas
 113 presently therein to the Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue
 114 District and Iona-McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service
 115 District, and distributing the assets and liabilities of the
 116 Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District to those districts,
 117 become effective?

118 () YES.

119 () NO.

120 Section 7. A referendum question shall be placed on the
 121 ballot of the qualified electors of the Bonita Springs Fire
 122 Control and Rescue District in substantially the following form:

123 Shall Chapter 2024- , Laws of Florida, dissolving the
 124 Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District, annexing the areas
 125 presently therein to the Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue

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126 | District and Iona-McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service
 127 | District, and distributing the assets and liabilities of the
 128 | Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District to those districts,
 129 | become effective?

130 | () YES.

131 | () NO.

132 | Section 8. A referendum question shall be placed on the
 133 | ballot of the qualified electors of the Iona-McGregor Fire
 134 | Protection and Rescue Service District in substantially the
 135 | following form:

136 | Shall Chapter 2024- , Laws of Florida, dissolving the
 137 | Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District, annexing the areas
 138 | presently therein to the Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue
 139 | District and Iona-McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service
 140 | District, and distributing the assets and liabilities of the
 141 | Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District to those districts,
 142 | become effective?

144 | Section 9. This act shall take effect upon its approval by
 145 | a majority vote of the qualified electors of the Fort Myers
 146 | Beach Fire Control District, Bonita Springs Fire Control and
 147 | Rescue District, and Iona-McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue
 148 | Service District each voting in a referendum election as
 149 | specified by section 6, 7, and 8 of this act, except that this

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150 | section and sections 5, 6, 7, and 8 shall take effect upon
151 | becoming a law.