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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 Chapters 2000-422 and 2008-275, Laws of Florida, are repealed.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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All of sections 13 and 14, 24 and 25, Township 47 South,
Range 24 East; Lee County, Florida;

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

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

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

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

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

TOGETHER WITH:

Those areas described in section 1 of section 3 of chapter
2000-422, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 2008-275,
Laws of Florida, as described in subsection (1), lying to
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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effective date of this act.

Section 5. Referendum election. -

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

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

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

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

() YES.

() NO.

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

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

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

() YES.

() NO.

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

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

Section 9. This act shall take effect upon its approval by a majority vote of the qualified electors of the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District, Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District, and Iona-McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District each voting in a referendum election as 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.