

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to county boundary lines; amending s.  
 3           7.43, F.S.; incorporating a portion of St. Lucie  
 4           County into Martin County; revising the legal  
 5           description of Martin County; amending s. 7.59, F.S.;  
 6           revising the legal description of St. Lucie County, to  
 7           conform; transferring roads; providing for transition  
 8           pursuant to an interlocal agreement; providing  
 9           requirements for such agreement; providing for Martin  
 10          County to compensate St. Lucie County for certain loss  
 11          of revenue; providing effective dates, including an  
 12          effective date contingent on approval at a referendum.

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

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 16           Section 1. Section 7.43, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
 17           read:

18           7.43 Martin County.—The boundary lines of Martin County  
 19           are as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of township  
 20           thirty-eight south, range thirty-seven east; thence east,  
 21           concurrent with the south boundary line of St. Lucie County, to  
 22           the southwest corner of section thirty-one, township thirty-  
 23           seven south, range forty-one east; thence north on the west line  
 24           of said section thirty-one and section thirty, township thirty-  
 25           seven south, range forty-one east, 6,459 feet to a point lying  
 26           within the water body of the north fork of the St. Lucie River;  
 27           thence departing said line within the north fork of the St.  
 28           Lucie River a bearing direction of 41 degrees north, 4 minutes

29 west, a distance of 6,155 feet, more or less, to a point lying  
 30 within the water body of the north fork of the St. Lucie River;  
 31 thence departing said point a bearing direction of 45 degrees  
 32 north, 16 minutes east, a distance of 2,355 feet, more or less,  
 33 to a point intersecting with the south shore of the north fork  
 34 of the St. Lucie River and the west edge of the Howard Creek as  
 35 concurrent with the City of Port St. Lucie municipal boundary  
 36 limits; thence departing said intersecting shore and edge lines  
 37 following along the City of Port St. Lucie municipal boundary  
 38 line north along the west edge of Howard Creek to the south line  
 39 of the northeast quarter of section twenty-four, township  
 40 thirty-seven south, range forty east; thence east along said  
 41 south line of the northeast quarter to the intersection of the  
 42 east 924.15 feet of section twenty-four, township thirty-seven  
 43 south, range forty east; thence north along said east 924.15-  
 44 foot line of section twenty-four, township thirty-seven south,  
 45 range forty east, to the intersection of the north line of the  
 46 south 508.15 feet of the northeast quarter of section twenty-  
 47 four, township thirty-seven south, range forty east; thence east  
 48 along said south 508.15-foot line of the northeast quarter of  
 49 said section twenty-four, township thirty-seven south, range  
 50 forty east, to an intersection with the west line of township  
 51 thirty-seven south, range forty-one east, also being the  
 52 existing Martin County boundary line; thence north concurrent  
 53 with the Martin County boundary line, along the west line of  
 54 sections nineteen and eighteen, township thirty-seven south,  
 55 range forty-one east, ~~other sections~~ to the northwest corner of  
 56 section eighteen, township thirty-seven south, range forty-one

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57 east; thence east on the north line of said section eighteen and  
58 other sections to the waters of the Atlantic Ocean; thence  
59 easterly to the eastern boundary of the State of Florida; thence  
60 southward along the coast, including the waters of the Atlantic  
61 Ocean within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the  
62 south line of section twenty, township forty south, range forty-  
63 three east, produced easterly; thence west on the south line of  
64 said section twenty, and other sections, to the southwest corner  
65 of section twenty-two, township forty south, range forty-two  
66 east; thence south on the east line of section twenty-eight,  
67 township forty south, range forty-two east, to the southeast  
68 corner of said section twenty-eight; thence west on the south  
69 line of said section twenty-eight and other sections to the east  
70 shore of Lake Okeechobee; thence continue west in a straight  
71 course to the northeast corner of section thirty-six, township  
72 forty south, range thirty-four east, being the southwest corner  
73 of section thirty, township forty south, range thirty-five east;  
74 thence northeasterly in a straight course to the line of normal  
75 water level on the boundary of Lake Okeechobee at its  
76 intersection with the line dividing ranges thirty-six and  
77 thirty-seven east, township thirty-eight south; thence north on  
78 said range line to the place of beginning.

79 Section 2. Section 7.59, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
80 read:

81 7.59 St. Lucie County.—The boundary lines of St. Lucie  
82 County are as follows: Beginning on the eastern boundary of the  
83 State of Florida at a point where the north section line of  
84 section thirteen, township thirty-seven south, range forty-one

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85 east, produced easterly, would intersect the same; thence  
86 westerly on the north line of said section and other sections to  
87 the northwest corner of section eighteen, township thirty-seven  
88 south, range forty-one east; thence south along the range line  
89 between ranges forty east and forty-one east which is concurrent  
90 with the St. Lucie County and Martin County boundary lines to  
91 the intersection with the north line of the south 508.15 feet of  
92 the northeast quarter of section twenty-four, township thirty-  
93 seven south, range forty east; thence west along the south  
94 508.15-foot line of the northeast quarter of section twenty-  
95 four, township thirty-seven south, range forty east and  
96 concurrent with the municipal boundary line of the City of Port  
97 St. Lucie to the intersection of the east 924.15-foot line of  
98 section twenty-four, township thirty-seven south, range forty  
99 east; thence south along the east 924.15-foot line of section  
100 twenty-four, township thirty-seven south, range forty east and  
101 continuing along the municipal boundary line of the City of Port  
102 St. Lucie, to the intersection of the south line of the  
103 northeast quarter of section twenty-four, township thirty-seven  
104 south, range forty east; thence west along the south line of the  
105 northeast quarter of section twenty-four, township thirty-seven  
106 south, range forty east to the intersection with the west edge  
107 of Howard Creek; thence southerly and along with the west edge  
108 of Howard Creek being concurrent with the municipal boundary  
109 line of the City of Port St. Lucie to the intersection of the  
110 south shore of the north fork of the St. Lucie River and the  
111 west edge of Howard Creek as concurrent with the City of Port  
112 St. Lucie municipal boundary; thence departing said south shore

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113 of the north fork of the St. Lucie River and the municipal  
 114 boundary line of the City of Port St. Lucie, south 45 degrees,  
 115 16 minutes west, 2,355 feet more or less, to a point within the  
 116 body of water of the north fork of the St. Lucie River; thence  
 117 departing said point south 41 degrees, 4 minutes east, 6,155  
 118 feet more or less to a point located in the body of the north  
 119 fork of the St. Lucie River which intersects with the west line  
 120 of section thirty, township thirty-seven south, range forty-one  
 121 east; thence south 6,459 feet along the west line of sections  
 122 thirty and thirty-one, township thirty-seven south, range forty-  
 123 one east, to the intersection with ~~on the range line between~~  
 124 ~~ranges forty and forty-one east,~~ to the township line between  
 125 townships thirty-seven and thirty-eight south; also being the  
 126 southwest corner of section thirty-one, township thirty-seven,  
 127 range forty-one east; thence west on the said township line to  
 128 the range line dividing ranges thirty-six and thirty-seven east;  
 129 thence north on said range line, concurrent with the east  
 130 boundary of Okeechobee County, to the northwest corner of  
 131 township thirty-four south, range thirty-seven east; thence east  
 132 on the township line dividing townships thirty-three and thirty-  
 133 four south, to the Atlantic Ocean; thence continuing easterly to  
 134 the eastern boundary of the State of Florida; thence southerly  
 135 along said east boundary, including the waters of the Atlantic  
 136 Ocean within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the  
 137 place of beginning.

138 Section 3. All public roads, and the public rights-of-way  
 139 associated therewith, lying within the limits of the lands being  
 140 incorporated into Martin County as described in sections 1 and 2

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141 are transferred from the jurisdiction of St. Lucie County to the  
142 jurisdiction of Martin County on the effective date of the  
143 change in county boundaries pursuant to this act.

144 Section 4. The governing bodies of St. Lucie County and  
145 Martin County must enter into an interlocal agreement by October  
146 1, 2014, which addresses infrastructure improvement projects and  
147 includes a financially feasible plan for transitioning county  
148 services, buildings, infrastructure, waterways, and employees.  
149 The interlocal agreement must include a gradual transfer of  
150 income generated from the area being incorporated into Martin  
151 County from St. Lucie County, to be completed by October 1,  
152 2024. Such transfer must have minimal fiscal impact on St. Lucie  
153 County. For purposes of this section, the term "minimal fiscal  
154 impact" means that the loss of gross aggregate taxes that would  
155 have been collected by St. Lucie County minus the gross  
156 aggregate cost of services that would have been provided to the  
157 residents of the area being incorporated does not result in a  
158 loss of revenue to St. Lucie County greater than 10 percent of  
159 the revenue that would have been received by St. Lucie County.  
160 Compensation paid by Martin County must be agreed upon for the  
161 value of the infrastructure transferred minus depreciation with  
162 the loss to St. Lucie County not to exceed 10 percent.

163 Section 5. This act shall take effect only upon its  
164 approval by a majority vote of those qualified electors residing  
165 in the area being transferred from St. Lucie County to Martin  
166 County as described in section 1 voting in a referendum to be  
167 held by the Board of County Commissioners and conducted by the  
168 Supervisor of Elections of St. Lucie County in conjunction with

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169 | the next general, special, or other election to be held in St.  
170 | Lucie County, in accordance with the provisions of law relating  
171 | to elections currently in force, except that this section shall  
172 | take effect upon becoming a law.