

By Senator Lee

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to municipal conversion of independent
3 special districts; amending s. 165.0615, F.S.; adding
4 a minimum population standard as a criteria that must
5 be met before qualified electors of an independent
6 special district commence a certain municipal
7 conversion proceeding; providing an effective date.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 165.0615, Florida
12 Statutes, is amended to read:

13 165.0615 Municipal conversion of independent special
14 districts upon elector-initiated and approved referendum.—

15 (1) The qualified electors of an independent special
16 district may commence a municipal conversion proceeding by
17 filing a petition with the governing body of the independent
18 special district proposed to be converted if the district meets
19 all of the following criteria:

20 (a) It was created by special act of the Legislature.

21 (b) It is designated as an improvement district and created
22 pursuant to chapter 298 or is designated as a stewardship
23 district and created pursuant to s. 189.031.

24 (c) Its governing board is elected.

25 (d) Its governing board agrees to the conversion.

26 (e) It provides at least four of the following municipal
27 services: water, sewer, solid waste, drainage, roads,
28 transportation, public works, fire and rescue, street lighting,
29 parks and recreation, or library or cultural facilities.

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30 (f) No portion of the district is located within the
31 jurisdictional limits of a municipality.

32 (g) It meets the minimum population standards specified in
33 s. 165.061(1)(b).

34 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.