A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Cities of Port Richey and New Port Richey, Pasco County; abolishing the City of Port Richey; annexing the lands comprising that city into the City of New Port Richey and providing for the City of New Port Richey to assume the assets and liabilities of the City of Port Richey; providing for a referendum; providing effective dates.

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

 Section 1. The City of Port Richey, created by chapter 11034, Laws of Florida, 1925, as amended by chapter 21505, Laws of Florida, 1941, and by chapters 61-2716, 61-2717, 61-2718, 61-2719, 67-1954, and 67-1955, Laws of Florida, is abolished, and the lands comprising the City of Port Richey are annexed into the City of New Port Richey.

Section 2. The City of New Port Richey shall assume all assets and liabilities of the City of Port Richey.

Section 3. This act, except for this section, which shall take effect July 1, 1997, shall take effect January 1, 1998, but only if sections 1 and 2 of this act are approved by a majority vote of those electors who reside in the City of New Port Richey who vote in a referendum to be held on September 9, 1997, and by a majority vote of those electors who reside in the City of Port Richey who vote in a referendum to be held on September 9, 1997. The referendum shall be conducted by the Supervisor of Elections of Pasco County throughout the territory comprising both cities and paid for

by the City of New Port Richey. The following statement shall be placed on the ballot: Shall the City of Port Richey be incorporated into the City of New Port Richey, and the assets and liabilities of the City of Port Richey be assumed by the City of New Port Richey effective January 1, 1998? \_\_YES NO