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An act relating to Escambia County; amending chapter 92-248, Laws of Florida; providing for partisan election of members of the Escambia County Utilities Authority; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 4 of chapter 92-248, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 4. Governing body.--

(b) The members initially appointed shall serve their terms until their successors shall be duly elected under the provisions of this subsection. Successors to members shall be elected by a majority of their electors in partisan ~~nonpartisan~~ elections utilizing the primary and general election system provided for in chapter 100, Florida Statutes. Candidates shall qualify for nomination to such offices in the manner provided in chapter 99, Florida Statutes, for the qualification of candidates for the office of county commissioner, and shall qualify with the Supervisor of Elections of Escambia County.

(1) The successors of the members of the board and council appointed to the governing body of the authority, and the successor of the fifth member appointed by the board, shall be elected, in the primary and general elections held in 1984, by districts under the district plan of the board. Each such successor shall be an elector of the district from which he is elected and shall be elected by the qualified electors of that respective district. There shall be no successor for

1 the sixth member appointed by the council and the seventh
2 member appointed by the six other appointed members, and the
3 terms of such appointed members shall expire upon the
4 commencement of the terms of the members elected pursuant to
5 this paragraph.

6 (2) The first successors elected for Districts Two and
7 Four at the general election held in 1984 shall be elected to
8 a 2-year term. The first successors elected for Districts
9 One, Three, and Five at the general election held in 1984
10 shall serve for a 4-year term. Thereafter, each member shall
11 be elected for a term of 4 years. Upon the expiration of a
12 term of office, a new successor to the office shall be elected
13 as designated in this paragraph; however, upon the occasion of
14 a vacancy for any elected office which vacancy occurs prior to
15 the expiration of the then present term of that office, a
16 successor shall be appointed by the Governor and the successor
17 shall be a resident of the district in which the vacancy
18 occurred. Upon the occasion of a vacancy for any reason in
19 the term of office of a member of the initial governing body
20 of the authority which vacancy occurs prior to his replacement
21 by election, a successor shall be appointed in the same manner
22 as the initial appointment was made. Any person appointed to
23 fill a vacancy shall be appointed to serve only for the
24 unexpired term and until a successor is duly elected.

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

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