

By Senator Williams

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See HB

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Cedar Key Water and  
3           Sewer District in Levy County; codifying laws  
4           governing the independent special district;  
5           establishing revised district boundaries;  
6           revising the elections procedure for district  
7           commissioners; revising the name of the  
8           district; repealing chapters 63-1569, 75-426,  
9           76-416, 80-531, and 87-528, Laws of Florida;  
10          providing an effective date.

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

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14           Section 1. (a) This act codifies provisions of  
15 previously adopted local acts, chapter 63-1569, Laws of  
16 Florida, as amended by chapters 75-426, 76-416, 80-531, and  
17 87-528, Laws of Florida, affecting the public body corporate  
18 and political subdivision known as the Cedar Key Special Water  
19 and Sewerage District; adopts amendments thereto; and repeals  
20 all previously adopted local acts. Said body corporate and  
21 political subdivision shall remain an independent special  
22 district established by the Legislature of the State of  
23 Florida for the purpose of providing potable water and  
24 wastewater treatment services to the district boundary area  
25 described below. Said special independent district shall  
26 henceforth be known as the Cedar Key Water and Sewer District.  
27 All previous references to the Cedar Key Special Water and  
28 Sewerage District shall hereafter be deemed to refer to the  
29 Cedar Key Water and Sewer District [hereafter "District"].

30           (b) District boundaries shall be as provided and  
31 incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein.

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The boundaries of the Cedar Key Water and Sewer District shall be as follows:

For a point of reference, commence at the point of intersection of the centerline of Florida State Road No. 24 (a 100 foot Right-of-Way) with the Easterly line of Section 3, Township 15 South, Range 13 East and run South 55 degrees 38 minutes 34 seconds West, along said centerline, a distance of 435.62 feet to a point of curvature in said line; continue thence Southwesterly along said centerline and along the arc of a curve, concave Southeasterly and having a radius of 11,459.16 feet, a chord distance of 332.29 feet to a point referenced as Point "A", the bearing of the aforementioned chord being South 54 degrees 48 minutes 44 seconds West; run thence South 36 degrees 38 minutes 46 seconds East, a distance of 50.00 feet to a point in the Southeasterly Right-of-Way line of said State Road No. 24 for the Point of Beginning. From the Point of Beginning thus described, continue South 36 degrees 38 minutes 46 seconds East, a distance of 420.00 feet to a point; run thence South 53 degrees 27 minutes 24 seconds West, a distance of 210.00 feet to a point; run thence North 36 degrees 38 minutes 46 seconds West, a distance of 420.00 feet to a point in the Southeasterly Right-of-Way line of said Florida State Road

1        No. 24; thence run Southwesterly along said  
2        Right-of-Way line to the intersection of said  
3        line with the East line of the West half of the  
4        Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of  
5        Section 16, Township 15 South, Range 13 East;  
6        thence run South to the Southeast corner of the  
7        Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of  
8        the Northwest Quarter of said Section 16;  
9        thence run West to the West line of said  
10       Section 16; thence run South to the Northeast  
11       corner of the Southeast Quarter of the  
12       Southeast Quarter of Section 17, Township 15  
13       South, Range 13 East,; thence run Westerly to  
14       the East Right-of-Way line of State Road No.  
15       24; thence run Southerly along the said  
16       Right-of-Way line of State Road No. 24 to the  
17       North line of Section 20, Township 15 South,  
18       Range 13 East; thence run Easterly along the  
19       North line of Sections 20, 21, 22, and 23, to  
20       the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter  
21       of the Southwest Quarter of Section 14,  
22       Township 15 South, Range 13 East; thence run  
23       Southerly three and one-half miles to a point  
24       that is East of the Southern most point of the  
25       Island of Atsena Otie Key; thence run West a  
26       distance of six and one-quarter miles; thence  
27       run North a distance of three and one-quarter  
28       miles to the Northwest corner of Section 23,  
29       Township 15 South, Range 12 East; thence run  
30       Easterly along the North line of Sections 23  
31       and 24 of Township 15 South Range 12 East, and

1        the North line of Sections 19 and 20, Township  
2        15 South, Range 13 East, to the West  
3        Right-of-Way line of State Road No. 24; thence  
4        run North and Northeasterly along said  
5        Right-of-Way line of State Road No. 24 to a  
6        point due West of the Westerly Right-of-Way  
7        line of Old State Road 24 and the Easterly  
8        Right-of-Way of State Road 24; thence run due  
9        East to the said intersection of the Westerly  
10       Right-of-Way line of Old State Road 24 and the  
11       Easterly Right-of-Way of State Road 24; thence  
12       run Northerly along the West Right-of-Way line  
13       of Old State road 24 to the East Right-of-Way  
14       line of State Road 24; thence run Northerly to  
15       the intersection of said line with the  
16       centerline of Levy County Road No. 347; thence  
17       run Northeast along the centerline of County  
18       Road No. 347 to the South line of Section 9, in  
19       Township 15 South, Range 13 East; thence  
20       continue North 18 degrees 24 minutes 19 seconds  
21       East, along the said centerline a distance of  
22       221.24 feet to an intersection with a curve  
23       concave to the Northeast, having a radius of  
24       5,729.58 feet and a central angle of 03 degrees  
25       46 minutes 23 seconds; thence run Northeasterly  
26       along the arc of said curve a distance of  
27       377.50 feet to the point of tangent of said  
28       seconds West; run thence South 36 degrees 38  
29       minutes 46 seconds East, a distance of 50.00  
30       feet to a point in the Southeasterly  
31       Right-of-Way line of said State Road No. 24 for

1        the Point of Beginning. From the Point of  
2        Beginning thus described, continue South 36  
3        degrees 38 minutes 46 seconds East a distance  
4        of 420.00 feet to a point; run thence South 53  
5        degrees 27 minutes 24 seconds West, a distance  
6        of 210.00 feet to a point; run thence North 36  
7        degrees 38 minutes 46 seconds West, a distance  
8        of 420.00 feet to a point in the Southeasterly  
9        Right-of-Way line of said Florida State Road  
10       No. 24; thence run Southwesterly along said  
11       Right-of-Way line to the intersection of said  
12       line with the East Right-of-Way line of Old  
13       State Road 24; thence run Southerly to the East  
14       Right-of-Way line of State Road No. 24; thence  
15       run Southerly along the said Right-of-Way line  
16       of State Road No. 24 to the North line of  
17       Section 20, Township 15 South, Range 13 East;  
18       thence run Easterly along the curve; thence run  
19       North 22 degrees 10 minutes 42 seconds East  
20       along the said centerline a distance of  
21       2,127.25 feet; thence run North 67 degrees 49  
22       minutes 18 seconds West perpendicular to the  
23       said centerline a distance of 50 feet to an  
24       intersection with the West Right-of-Way line of  
25       said County Road No. 347; thence run South 22  
26       degrees 10 minutes 42 seconds West along the  
27       said West Right-of-Way line a distance of 50  
28       feet; thence run North 67 degrees 49 minutes 18  
29       seconds West perpendicular to said West  
30       Right-of-Way feet a distance of 105.82 feet;  
31       thence run North 22 degrees 10 minutes 42

1       seconds East parallel to said County Road No.  
2       347, a distance of 100 feet; thence run South  
3       67 degrees 49 minutes 18 seconds East  
4       perpendicular to the West Right-of-Way line a  
5       distance of 105.82 feet to the intersection  
6       with the West Right-of-Way line of County Road  
7       No. 347; thence run Southwesterly along said  
8       West Right-of-Way line to the intersection of  
9       said westerly line of County Road No. 347 to  
10       the intersection of said line with the  
11       centerline of State Road No. 24; thence run  
12       Northeasterly along the centerline of State  
13       Road No. 24 to Point "A" as referenced herein  
14       above; thence run South 36 degrees 38 minutes  
15       46 seconds East to the Point of Beginning.

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17       Together with the following described parcels  
18       of land:

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20       Parcel A: (96/227)

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22       That part of the Southwest Quarter of Section  
23       9, Township 15 South, Range 13 East,  
24       particularly as follows, to-wit:

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26       Commence at the Southwest corner of Section 9  
27       Township 15 South 13 East for a point of  
28       reference; thence run South 89 degrees 32  
29       minutes 55 seconds East along the South line of  
30       said Section 9 a distance of 291.56 feet to an  
31       intersection with the centerline of County Road

1           No. 347; thence run North 18 degrees 24 minutes  
2           19 seconds East along the said centerline a  
3           distance of 221.24 feet to an intersection with  
4           a curve concave to the Northeast, having a  
5           radius of 5,729.58 feet and a central angle of  
6           03 degrees 46 minutes 23 seconds; thence run  
7           Northeasterly along the arc of said curve a  
8           distance of 377.50 feet to the point of tangent  
9           of said curve; thence run North 22 degrees 10  
10           minutes 42 seconds East along the said  
11           centerline a distance of 2,127.25 feet; thence  
12           run North 67 degrees 49 minutes 18 seconds West  
13           perpendicular to the said centerline a distance  
14           of 50 feet to an intersection with the West  
15           Right-of-Way line of said County Road No. 347  
16           to establish the Point of Beginning; from said  
17           Point of Beginning, thence run South 22 degrees  
18           10 minutes 42 seconds West along the said West  
19           Right-of-Way line a distance of 50 feet; thence  
20           run North 67 degrees 49 minutes 18 seconds West  
21           perpendicular to said west Right-of-Way line a  
22           distance of 105.82 feet; thence run North 22  
23           degrees 10 minutes 42 seconds East parallel to  
24           said County Road No. 347 a distance of 100  
25           feet; thence run South 67 degrees 49 minutes 18  
26           seconds East perpendicular to the said West  
27           Right-of-Way line a distance of 105.82 feet to  
28           an intersection with the West Right-of-Way line  
29           of said County Road No. 347; thence run South  
30           22 degrees 10 minutes 42 seconds West along the  
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1        said West Right-of-Way line a distance of 50  
2        feet to the Point of Beginning.  
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4        Parcel B: (96/232)  
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6        Begin at the Northeast corner of Section 17,  
7        Township 15 South, Range 13 East and thence run  
8        West along the North line of said Section 17 a  
9        distance of 660 feet; thence run South 660  
10       feet; thence run East 660 feet to a point in  
11       the East line of said Section 17; thence run  
12       North 660 feet to the Point of Beginning.  
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14       and (109/617)  
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16       That part-of the Northeast Quarter of the  
17       Northeast Quarter of Section 17, Township 15  
18       South, Range 13 East, being more particularly  
19       described as follows, to-wit:  
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21       Commence at the Northeast corner of said  
22       Section 17 for a point of reference; thence run  
23       South\_00 degrees 29 minutes 38 seconds West  
24       along the East line of said Northeast Quarter  
25       of the Northeast Quarter of Section 17 a  
26       distance of 580.51 feet to a concrete monument  
27       on the North Right-of-Way line of a 66.00 foot  
28       road; thence run North 72 degrees 00 minutes 22  
29       seconds West along the North line of said 66.00  
30       foot road a distance of 228.38 feet to a  
31       concrete monument; thence run North 83 degrees

1           03 minutes 22 seconds West along the North line  
2           of said 66.00 foot road to a concrete monument  
3           set on said North Right-of-Way line a distance  
4           of 444.99 feet to establish the Point of  
5           Beginning. From said Point of Beginning, run  
6           North 00 degrees 29 minutes 38 seconds East  
7           parallel with the East line of said Northeast  
8           Quarter of the Northeast Quarter a distance of  
9           461.94 feet; thence run North 89 degrees 30  
10           minutes 20 seconds West along the North line of  
11           said Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter  
12           a distance of 320 feet; thence run  
13           Southeasterly a distance of 500 feet, more or  
14           less, to a point in the North Right-of-Way line  
15           of said 66.00 foot road, which point is South  
16           83 degrees 03 minutes 22 seconds East a  
17           distance of 110 feet from the Point of  
18           Beginning; thence run South 83 degrees 03  
19           minutes 22 seconds East along the North line of  
20           said 66.00 foot road a distance of 110 feet to  
21           the Point of Beginning,

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23           and (109/619)

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25           Together with a perpetual easement and  
26           right-of-way for road, passageway, and public  
27           utilities on, over, and along that certain  
28           strip, piece, and parcel of land 66.00 feet  
29           wide situate and being in the County of Levy,  
30           State of Florida, particularly described as  
31           follows, to-wit:

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2       That part of the Northeast Quarter of the  
3       Northeast Quarter of Section 17, Township 15  
4       South, Range 13 East, further described as:  
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6       Commence at the Northeast corner of said  
7       Section 17 for a point of reference; thence run  
8       South 00 degrees 29 minutes 38 seconds West  
9       along the East line of said Northeast Quarter  
10       of the Northeast Quarter of Section 17 a  
11       distance of 580.51 feet to a concrete monument  
12       on the North Right-of-Way line of a 66.00 foot  
13       road for the Point of Beginning. From said  
14       Point of Beginning continue South 00 degrees 29  
15       minutes 38 seconds West along the East line of  
16       said Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter  
17       of Section 17, a distance of 69.20 feet to a  
18       concrete monument set on the South Right-of-Way  
19       line of said 66.00 foot road; thence run North  
20       72 degrees 00 minutes 22 seconds West along the  
21       South line of said 66.00 foot road a distance  
22       of 242.81 feet to a concrete monument; thence  
23       run North 83 degrees 03 minutes 22 seconds West  
24       along the South Right-of-Way line of said 66.00  
25       foot road a distance of 55.77 feet to a  
26       concrete monument at the Northwesterly corner  
27       of the Central Florida Electric Co-Operative,  
28       Inc., Sub-station property; thence continue  
29       North 83 degrees 03 minutes 22 seconds West  
30       along the South Right-of-Way line of said 66.00  
31       foot road a distance of 375.38 feet, to a

1       concrete monument; thence run North 00 degrees  
2       29 minutes 38 seconds East parallel to the East  
3       line of said Northeast Quarter of the Northeast  
4       Quarter of Section 17, a distance of 66.42 feet  
5       to a concrete monument set in the North line of  
6       said 66.00 foot road; thence run South 83  
7       degrees 03 minutes 22 seconds East a distance  
8       of 444.99 feet to a concrete monument in the  
9       North Right-of-Way line of said 66.00 foot  
10       road; thence run South 72 degrees 00 minutes 22  
11       seconds East along the North Right-of-Way line  
12       a distance of 228.38 feet to a concrete  
13       monument on the East line of said Northeast  
14       Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said  
15       Section 17 to the Point of Beginning,

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17       Parcel C: (96/229)

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19       A strip of land 20 feet wide described as that  
20       part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest  
21       Quarter of Section 16, Township 15 South, Range  
22       13 East, in Levy County, Florida, being 20.00  
23       feet in width and lying 10.00 feet on each side  
24       of the following described centerline, to-wit:

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26       Commence at the Northwest corner of said  
27       Section 16 in Township 15 South, Range 13 East  
28       for a point of reference and thence run South  
29       00 degrees 29 minutes 38 seconds West along the  
30       West line of said Section 16 a distance of  
31       419.60 feet to establish the Point of

1 Beginning; from the said Point of Beginning  
2 thence run North 89 degrees 26 minutes 19  
3 seconds East a distance of 103.96 feet to an  
4 intersection with the Westerly Right-of-Way  
5 line of State Road No. 347 and the point of  
6 termination of the above described centerline.

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10 A strip of land 40.00 feet wide described as  
11 that part of the Northwest Quarter of the  
12 Northwest Quarter of Section 16, Township 15  
13 South, Range 13 East in Levy County, Florida,  
14 being 40.00 feet in width and lying 20.00 feet  
15 on each side of the following described  
16 centerline, to-wit:

17  
18 Commence at the Northwest corner of said  
19 Section 16 in Township 15 South, Range 13 East  
20 for a point of reference and thence run South  
21 00 degrees 29 minutes 38 seconds West along the  
22 West line of said Section 16 a distance of  
23 591.00 feet to establish the Point of  
24 Beginning; from said Point of Beginning, thence  
25 run South 88 degrees 34 minutes 22 seconds East  
26 a distance of 47.68 feet to an intersection  
27 with the Westerly Right-of-Way line of State  
28 Road No. 347 and the point of termination of  
29 the above described centerline.

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31 all lying and being in Levy County, Florida.

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2       (c) The District may continue to provide potable water  
3 service to those properties presently being served in Sections  
4 16 and 17 of Township 15 South, Range 13 East.

5       Section 2. (a) The governing body of the District  
6 shall be a board of commissioners, hereafter referred to as  
7 "Board," consisting of five commissioners, each of whom shall  
8 be a qualified voter in the District.

9       (b) All elections shall be held at the same time and  
10 place as the municipal election of the City of Cedar Key.  
11 There shall be a separate ballot and the ballot shall be  
12 canvassed separately from those of the city election and shall  
13 be certified to this Board.

14       (c) Commissioners shall be elected for a period of 2  
15 years commencing at noon on the day after their election.  
16 Following each election, the Board shall select one member as  
17 chair to serve during his or her term of office. The Board  
18 shall also designate one member as Board secretary.  
19 Disbursement of the funds of the District shall be made only  
20 upon orders authorized by the Board, signed by the chair and  
21 countersigned by the Board secretary or other Board member in  
22 the absence of the Board secretary.

23       (d) The Board shall appoint an administrative  
24 secretary, who shall be custodian of the official proceedings,  
25 records, and funds of the District and shall furnish bond for  
26 the performance of his or her duties and for the accounting  
27 for the funds of the District.

28       (e) All candidates for commissioner shall run by  
29 groups and shall qualify by filing the petition with the  
30 administrative secretary of this Board during the same period  
31 provided by the City of Cedar Key for city commission

1 candidates. The administrative secretary of this Board shall  
2 be responsible for preparing the ballot and supervising the  
3 election of commissioners in holding elections.

4 (f) In case of a vacancy in the membership of the  
5 Board, the remaining four members shall appoint a qualified  
6 person to serve until the next election.

7 Section 3. (a) The District, acting by and through  
8 its Board, shall have the powers of a public body corporate  
9 and political subdivision, including the power to:

10 (1) Levy ad valorem taxes on all of the taxable  
11 property in said District, as hereinafter provided.

12 (2) Sue and be sued.

13 (3) Contract and be contracted with.

14 (4) Adopt and use a common seal, and to alter same.

15 (5) Acquire by either or both construction or  
16 purchase, to own in its corporate name, and to lease and  
17 convey such real and personal property as the Board may deem  
18 proper or expedient.

19 (6) Appoint and employ a superintendent and other  
20 employees as the Board may deem advisable.

21 (b) Specifically, the Board shall have the power to:

22 (1) Acquire by either or both purchase or construction  
23 and to improve, extend, enlarge, reconstruct, own, operate,  
24 manage, and control a public water supply and distribution  
25 system and a sewage system for the purpose of supplying water  
26 in the District for public, domestic, industrial, and fire  
27 protection purposes, and for purpose of disposing of sewage;

28 (2) Fix and collect rates and charges for the services  
29 and facilities furnished by any such water supply and  
30 distribution system and any sewage system and to fix and  
31 collect charges for making connections with either system.



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Secretary of the Board

Section 4. The Board shall have power in the name of the District to acquire any property, real or personal, deemed necessary for carrying out the provisions of this act through the exercise of the right of eminent domain. The procedure in acquiring said property shall be in accordance with the provisions of chapters 73 and 74, Florida Statutes, which are hereby expressly made applicable to eminent domain proceedings instituted by the District.

Section 5. (a) The District acting by and through the Board is hereby authorized by resolution at one time or from time to time to issue bonds of the District to an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$3 million, which amount shall include revenue-producing certificates issued by the District, for the purpose of paying all or any part of the cost of the sewage system and said water supply and distribution system.

(b) Such bonds and revenue-producing certificates shall bear interest at such rate or rates not exceeding 7 percent per annum as may be prescribed by resolution and shall mature at such time or times not exceeding 50 years from their date or dates as may be determined by the Board. The bonds and revenue-producing certificates may be made redeemable before maturity at the option of the Board upon terms and conditions as may be fixed by the Board prior to the issuance of the bonds or revenue-producing certificates.

(c) The Board shall determine the form of the bonds and revenue-producing certificates, including interest coupons to be attached thereto and the manner of execution thereof, and shall fix the denomination or denominations of the bonds

1 or revenue-producing certificates and the place or places of  
2 payment of principal and interest, which may be at any bank or  
3 trust company within or without the state.

4 (d) All bonds issued under the provisions of this act  
5 shall be general obligations of the District and shall have  
6 all of the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments  
7 under the negotiable instruments law of the state.

8 (e) The Board may sell such bonds or revenue-producing  
9 certificates in a manner, at a time or times, and for a price  
10 or prices as it may determine to be for the best interest of  
11 the District and, in the resolution or resolutions providing  
12 for the issuance of any such bonds or revenue-producing  
13 certificates, provisions may be made for the custody and  
14 application of the proceeds therefrom as may be deemed  
15 necessary or advantageous for safeguarding of the proceeds.

16 Section 6. No bonds shall be issued by the District  
17 under the provisions of this act unless such issuance has been  
18 approved at an election as required by s. 12, Art. VII of the  
19 State Constitution. Such election shall be called, noticed,  
20 and conducted and the results thereof determined and declared  
21 in the manner required by s. 100.201, Florida Statutes, except  
22 as herein otherwise specifically provided.

23 Section 7. (a) At or prior to the issuance of any  
24 bonds under this act, provision shall be made in and by a  
25 resolution or resolutions adopted by the Board for the levy  
26 each year throughout the life of the bonds of a tax on all of  
27 the taxable real and personal property in the District  
28 sufficient in amount to pay the interest of the bonds as it  
29 becomes due and to create a sinking fund to pay the principal  
30 thereof at or before maturity.

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1           (b) The revenues received each year in excess of the  
2 amount required to pay the current expenses of administration,  
3 operation, maintenance, renewals, and replacements of said  
4 water supply and distribution system and sewage system shall  
5 be used to pay such interest and principal, and only such  
6 portion or amount of the annual tax as would otherwise be  
7 required shall be levied and collected.

8           (c) A certified copy of the resolution or resolutions  
9 making provisions for the levy of taxes as set forth above  
10 shall be filed with the Board of County Commissioners of Levy  
11 County and with the Comptroller of the state. It shall be the  
12 duty of the board of county commissioners to order the  
13 assessment and collection of the taxes so provided to be  
14 assessed, levied, and collected in each year at the rate of  
15 taxation required to produce the amounts provided for each  
16 respective year and to be included in the warrant of the  
17 county tax assessor and attached to the assessment roll of  
18 taxes for each year, respectively.

19           (d) It shall be the duty of the county tax assessor to  
20 assess and of the county tax collector to collect, said taxes  
21 accordingly. The tax collector shall collect such tax in the  
22 same manner and with the same penalties as provided for county  
23 taxes and remit the same to the administrative secretary of  
24 the Board within the time and in the manner prescribed by law  
25 for county taxes.

26           (e) It is the duty of the Department of Revenue to  
27 assess and levy said annual tax at the rate required of all  
28 the railroad lines and property and all telegraph and  
29 telephone lines and property located in the District, and the  
30 taxes shall be so assessed and levied as are county taxes upon  
31 such property, and such taxes when collected shall be remitted

1 to the administrative secretary of the Board within the same  
2 time and in the manner prescribed by law for county taxes.

3 (f) Thereafter, whenever the Board of the District has  
4 net revenues available and set apart for the payment of  
5 interest and principal, it shall, on or before the next  
6 succeeding September 1, file with the board of county  
7 commissioners and also with the Department of Revenue a  
8 certification of the amount available and set apart. The  
9 certification shall operate to abate and reduce the rate and  
10 amount of taxes otherwise provided to be levied and collected  
11 during the next year under the provisions of this act.

12 Section 8. In like manner as provided above, the Board  
13 is hereby further authorized each year to cause to be levied  
14 and collected an annual tax on all of the taxable real and  
15 personal property in the District at a rate not to exceed 3  
16 mills per annum, the proceeds of which shall be used and  
17 applied to the payment of the cost of administration of the  
18 Board.

19 Section 9. All ad valorem taxes authorized above shall  
20 be entered on the assessment rolls for real and personal  
21 property in the District, and the proceeds thus received by  
22 the administrative secretary of the Board shall be used only  
23 for the purpose or purposes as herein authorized and provided  
24 to be levied.

25 Section 10. All work done by the District in the  
26 construction, reconstruction, improvement, or enlargement of  
27 the water supply and distribution system or sewage system  
28 involving the expenditures of more than \$1,000, except for the  
29 purchase of the chemicals and supplies for water and sewage  
30 treatment for which the consideration involved does not exceed  
31 \$1,500, shall be done by contract entered into following

1 advertisement for bids received on a stated date pursuant to  
2 notice for sealed bids published at least once each week for 2  
3 consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation among  
4 contractors in the state. All such contracts shall be secured  
5 by a performance bond in an amount not less than 80 percent of  
6 the contract price, furnished by a surety company or companies  
7 authorized to do business in the state.

8 Section 11. The Board is authorized and empowered to,  
9 by resolution, provide and require that:

10 (a) All water used within the District by a user,  
11 except that used for lawn sprinkling, agricultural irrigation,  
12 or industrial use, shall be obtained from and through the  
13 District and its water distribution system, provided the water  
14 furnished by the District through its water distribution  
15 system is of a quality to meet the requirements of the Florida  
16 Department of Health for a public supply.

17 (b) All sewage originating within the District, except  
18 separately treated industrial waste, shall be disposed of  
19 through the District sewage system and not otherwise.

20 (c) The violation of user requirements set by  
21 resolution is a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable  
22 as provided in s. 775.082, Florida Statutes.

23 Section 12. Any person who is a resident within the  
24 District and who is now or shall hereafter become or be a  
25 qualified elector within Levy County, shall be deemed and  
26 held, for all purposes of this act, to be a qualified elector  
27 of the District.

28 Section 13. Nothing in this act shall be construed as  
29 restricting the power of the Legislature to hereafter amend  
30 this act so as to enlarge the boundaries of the District or to  
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1 increase the aggregate principal amount of bonds which may be  
2 issued by the District.

3           Section 14. Inasmuch as the works and facilities  
4 provided for in this act are for a public purpose essential  
5 for the health and welfare of the inhabitants of the District  
6 and for the growth and development thereof, the District shall  
7 not be required to pay any taxes or assessments upon any of  
8 its properties, nor the income therefrom.

9           Section 15. The provisions of this act are declared to  
10 be severable and, if any provision is held unconstitutional or  
11 invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such  
12 constitutionality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any  
13 of the remaining provisions.

14           Section 16. Upon taking effect, this act shall  
15 supersede and repeal chapters 63-1569, 75-426, 76-416, 80-531,  
16 and 87-528, Laws of Florida.

17           Section 17. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
18 law.

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