An act relating to Pinellas County; amending chapter 75-491, Laws of Florida, as amended; providing that property not receiving any benefits from the Pinellas Park Water Management District may be removed from the district by amendment to its charter; removing provisions which provide a method for deletion of taxable property from the district's tax rolls if over 50 percent of the property drains outside the district; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 7 of chapter 75-491, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapters 78-597 and 90-448, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

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Section 7. Independent special district taxation. The Pinellas Park Water Management District shall be deemed an independent special district and is authorized to levy ad valorem tax on the taxable real property in the district at a rate sufficient to produce an amount that may be necessary for the purposes of this act (not to exceed 3 mills) provided such millage limit is approved by a vote of the electors who are not wholly exempt from taxation. Property taxes determined and levied under this section shall be certified by the authority to the county auditor, extended, assessed and collected in like manner as provided by law for regular property taxes for the county or municipalities. The proceeds under this section shall be remitted by the tax collector to the treasurer of the

authority who shall credit them to the funds of the authority for use of the purposes of this law. At any time after making 2 3 a tax levy under this section and certifying the same to the 4 county, the authority may issue tax anticipation notes of 5 indebtedness in anticipation of the collection of such taxes. 6 If property in the district is not receiving or will not 7 receive any benefit from the district's works or activities, 8 such property may be removed from the district by amendment to 9 section 5 of the district's enabling act, pursuant to the requirements of s. 11.02, Florida Statutes, and s. 10, Art. 10 III of the State Constitution. In the event that over 50 11 12 percent of a taxable property is certified by the authority to drain outside of the herein described district area, then the 13 authority shall notify the county auditor, property appraiser, 14 15 and tax collector that said property shall be deleted from the tax rolls of said district and that any taxes previously 16 17 levied and collected on said property pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be forthwith remitted to the 18 19 owner of said property. 20 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a 21 law. 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 2

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