

By Representatives Melvin, Peaden and Burroughs

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to North Bay Fire Control  
3           District, Okaloosa County; recreating and  
4           reenacting the North Bay Fire Control District  
5           as an independent fire control district  
6           operating pursuant to the terms of chapter 191,  
7           Florida Statutes; describing the boundaries of  
8           said district; establishing a governing body  
9           for the district; authorizing the district to  
10          levy up to 2 mills of ad valorem tax as  
11          previously approved by referendum vote;  
12          providing severability; providing an effective  
13          date.

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

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17           Section 1. The North Bay Fire Control District is  
18          recreated and reenacted to read:

19           Section 1. Creation and intent.--Upon this act  
20          becoming law, the North Bay Fire Control District, formerly  
21          known as the Seminole Fire District, shall be recreated as an  
22          independent fire control district which shall operate pursuant  
23          to this special act and the provisions of chapter 191, Florida  
24          Statutes, the Independent Special Fire Control District Act,  
25          as it may be amended from time to time, and all other general  
26          law applicable to independent special districts. It is the  
27          intent of this act to preserve all existing district authority  
28          as it may be modified pursuant to the provisions of chapter  
29          191, Florida Statutes, including the authority to annually  
30          assess and levy against the taxable property in the district a  
31          tax not to exceed 2 mills on the dollar of assessed valuation.

1           Section 2. Boundaries.--The following area in Okaloosa  
2 County shall be established as the independent fire control  
3 district known as the North Bay Fire Control District:

4           That land area lying in Township 1 South, Range  
5           22 West, bounded on the north by Rocky Bayou  
6           and Eglin Air Force Base Reservation, bounded  
7           on the west and south by Choctawhatchee Bay and  
8           bounded on the east by the Walton County line  
9           and Eglin Air Force Base Reservation.

10          Section 3. Taxing authority.--

11          (1) The board of fire commissioners is hereby  
12 authorized to levy and impose an ad valorem tax for fire  
13 protection services provided by the district in an amount not  
14 in excess of 2 mills on the dollar against the nonexempt  
15 assessed value of property in the district as previously  
16 approved by referendum vote of the electors of the district.

17          (2) The aforementioned ad valorem taxes shall be  
18 levied and imposed by the board of fire commissioners pursuant  
19 to the provisions of chapter 191, Florida Statutes, and shall  
20 be assessed, levied, and collected in the same manner as  
21 county taxes.

22          Section 4. Construction.--The provisions of this act  
23 shall be liberally construed in order to effectively carry out  
24 the purposes of this act in the interest of the public health,  
25 welfare, and safety of the citizens served by the district.

26          Section 2. It is declared to be the intent of the  
27 Legislature that if any section, subsection, sentence, clause,  
28 phrase, or portion of this act is for any reason held invalid  
29 or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction,  
30 such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and

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1 independent provision, and such holding shall not effect the  
2 validity of the remaining portions hereof.

3 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
4 law.

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