

By Representative Brennan

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

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

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

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

1 authority who shall credit them to the funds of the authority  
2 for use of the purposes of this law. At any time after making  
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  
10 requirements of s. 11.02, Florida Statutes, and s. 10, Art.  
11 III of the State Constitution.~~In the event that over 50~~  
12 ~~percent of a taxable property is certified by the authority to~~  
13 ~~drain outside of the herein described district area, then the~~  
14 ~~authority shall notify the county auditor, property appraiser,~~  
15 ~~and tax collector that said property shall be deleted from the~~  
16 ~~tax rolls of said district and that any taxes previously~~  
17 ~~levied and collected on said property pursuant to the~~  
18 ~~provisions of this section shall be forthwith remitted to the~~  
19 ~~owner of said property.~~

20 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
21 law.

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