

By Representative Saunders

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to Collier County; providing  
3           that certain fire districts of the county may  
4           be governed by a three-member board; providing  
5           for a referendum vote; providing form of  
6           ballot; providing an effective date.

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

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10           Section 1. A fire and rescue district in Collier  
11 County, specifically the Big Corkscrew Island Fire Control and  
12 Rescue District, the East Naples Fire Control and Rescue  
13 District, the Golden Gate Fire Control and Rescue District,  
14 the North Naples Fire Control and Rescue District, and the  
15 Immokalee Fire Control and Rescue District, may, pursuant to  
16 the provisions of s. 191.005(1)(a), Florida Statutes, and this  
17 act, be governed by a three-member board if proposed by  
18 resolution of the governing board of a district adopted no  
19 later than 30 days from the passage of this act and approved  
20 by vote of the electors of the district in a referendum to be  
21 held at the same time as the first primary election in 1998.  
22 The ballot question shall read:

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24                   The governing board of the           District  
25                   proposes that the district continue to be  
26                   governed by a three-member governing board. If  
27                   approved by the electorate, the governing board  
28                   will have three members and           seats will be  
29                   open on the 1998 general election ballot. If  
30                   not approved, the governing board will have  
31                   five members and           seats will be on the 1998

1           general election ballot. Are you in favor of  
2           keeping the board a three-member board?

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4           Yes

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6           No

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8           Section 2. If a referendum proposing to keep the  
9           governing board at three members is approved by the voters,  
10           the candidates who qualified for the fourth and fifth seats on  
11           the board shall be refunded any qualifying fees paid, and no  
12           vote shall occur for the fourth and fifth seats at the general  
13           election. Elections held for the governing board after the  
14           1998 general election shall be in accordance with the terms of  
15           s. 191.005, Florida Statutes.

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

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