

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. The fire and rescue districts in Collier
11 County, the Big Corkscrew Island Fire Control and Rescue
12 District, the East Naples Fire Control and Rescue District,
13 the Golden Gate Fire Control and Rescue District, the North
14 Naples Fire Control and Rescue District, and the Immokalee
15 Fire Control and Rescue District, may, pursuant to the
16 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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