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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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