

**STORAGE NAME:** h0423.ca

**DATE:** February 25, 1997

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE ON  
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS  
BILL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT - LOCAL LEGISLATION**

**BILL #:** HB 423

**RELATING TO:** Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District, Lee County

**SPONSOR(S):** Representative Livingston

**COMPANION BILL(S):** SB 740 (i)

**ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:**

- (1) COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
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**I. SUMMARY:**

This bill authorizes the Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District (District) to provide advanced life support (ALS) to residents of the District, subject to the statutory provisions governing medical telecommunications and transportation.

The Economic Impact Statement indicates that current ad valorem taxes and impact fees will fund the necessary equipment and supplies. This cost to the District of providing ALS service is estimated to be \$136,550 for fiscal year 1997-1998.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

The Iona McGregor Fire District was created by the 1975 Legislature by special act. It is an independent special district providing fire services and basic life support services to its residents. The District is approximately 42 square miles serving a population of approximately 45,000. The District employs 64 persons and answered 3,500 calls last year. The average response time is 3 minutes. The District's current millage is 1.67 of assessed valuation. The District's cap is 1.95 mills of assessed valuation.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill authorizes the Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District (District) to provide advanced life support (ALS) to residents of the District, subject to the statutory provisions governing medical telecommunications and transportation.

C. LAWS OF FLORIDA/FLORIDA STATUTES AFFECTED:

Chapter 75-421, Laws of Florida, as subsequently amended by special acts.

D. APPLICATION OF PRINCIPLES:

1. Less Government:

a. Does the bill create, increase or reduce, either directly or indirectly:

(1) any authority to make rules or adjudicate disputes?

No.

(2) any new responsibilities, obligations or work for other governmental or private organizations or individuals?

No.

(3) any entitlement to a government service or benefit?

No.

b. If an agency or program is eliminated or reduced:

Not applicable.

(1) what responsibilities, costs and powers are passed on to another program, agency, level of government, or private entity?

(2) what is the cost of such responsibility at the new level/agency?

(3) how is the new agency accountable to the people governed?

2. Lower Taxes:

a. Does the bill increase anyone's taxes?

No.

b. Does the bill require or authorize an increase in any fees?

No.

c. Does the bill reduce total taxes, both rates and revenues?

No.

d. Does the bill reduce total fees, both rates and revenues?

No.

e. Does the bill authorize any fee or tax increase by any local government?

No.

3. Personal Responsibility:

Not applicable.

a. Does the bill reduce or eliminate an entitlement to government services or subsidy?

b. Do the beneficiaries of the legislation directly pay any portion of the cost of implementation and operation?

4. Individual Freedom:

Not applicable.

a. Does the bill increase the allowable options of individuals or private organizations/associations to conduct their own affairs?

- b. Does the bill prohibit, or create new government interference with, any presently lawful activity?

5. Family Empowerment:

Not applicable.

- a. If the bill purports to provide services to families or children:

- (1) Who evaluates the family's needs?

- (2) Who makes the decisions?

- (3) Are private alternatives permitted?

- (4) Are families required to participate in a program?

- (5) Are families penalized for not participating in a program?

- b. Does the bill directly affect the legal rights and obligations between family members?

- c. If the bill creates or changes a program providing services to families or children, in which of the following does the bill vest control of the program, either through direct participation or appointment authority:

- (1) parents and guardians?

- (2) service providers?

- (3) government employees/agencies?

E. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

Section 1 -- Authorizes the Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District to provide ALS service to residents of the District, subject to approvals required by general law.

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Section 2 -- Provides for an effective date of upon becoming law.

III. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes  No

IF YES, WHEN? January 17, 1997

WHERE? Ft. Myers, Lee County, FL

B. REFERENDUM(S) REQUIRED? Yes  No

IF YES, WHEN?

C. LOCAL BILL CERTIFICATION FILED? Yes, attached  No

D. ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FILED? Yes, attached  No

IV. COMMENTS:

None.

V. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

None.

VI. SIGNATURES:

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