

By Representative Livingston

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to Lee County; amending chapter  
3           76-414, Laws of Florida, as amended;  
4           authorizing the district to establish and  
5           maintain emergency medical services and acquire  
6           and maintain rescue, medical, and other  
7           emergency equipment; amending the date the  
8           board elects its officers; increasing the  
9           minimum rate of ad valorem taxes that may be  
10          levied to provide funds for the district;  
11          providing for a referendum; reporting the  
12          actions of the board and accounting of its  
13          funds in accordance with chapter 189, Laws of  
14          Florida; providing an effective date.

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

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18           Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 3 of chapter  
19           76-414, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 91-398, Laws of  
20           Florida, is amended to read:

21           Section 3. (4) The board may employ such personnel as  
22           it deems necessary for the proper function and operation of  
23           the a fire and rescue department and establish and maintain  
24           emergency medical services and acquire and maintain rescue,  
25           medical, and other emergency equipment pursuant to the  
26           provisions of chapter 401, Florida Statutes, and any  
27           certificate of public convenience and necessity or its  
28           equivalent issued thereunder.

29           Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 4 of chapter  
30           76-414, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

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1           Section 4. (1) The commissioners, immediately upon  
2 their appointment as herein provided, or within 10 days  
3 thereafter and annually in January ~~November~~, shall organize by  
4 electing from their number, a chairman, vice-chairman, a  
5 secretary and a treasurer. However, the same member may be  
6 both secretary and treasurer.

7           Section 3. Section 5 of chapter 76-414, Laws of  
8 Florida, as amended by chapter 87-422, Laws of Florida, is  
9 amended to read:

10           Section 5. (1) The board shall have the right, power,  
11 and authority to levy millage tax against the taxable real  
12 estate within the district to provide funds for the purpose of  
13 this district.

14           (2) The tax rate shall be fixed by a resolution of the  
15 board following public hearings of the proposed budget as  
16 provided in section 6. However, the tax shall not exceed  
17 ~~\$3.00~~~~\$2.50~~ per 1,000 of net taxable assessed valuation.

18           (3) It is the legislative intent that this act will  
19 authorize the Lee County property appraiser and the Lee County  
20 tax collector to take all appropriate action to comply with  
21 the intent and purpose of this act.

22           Section 4. Section 3 of this act shall take effect  
23 only upon its approval by a majority vote of those qualified  
24 electors of the Bayshore Fire Protection and Rescue Service  
25 District voting in a referendum election to be called by the  
26 Board of Commissioners of Bayshore Fire Protection and Rescue  
27 Service District and to be held in conjunction with a primary  
28 or general election, in accordance with the provisions of law  
29 relating to elections currently in force.

30           Section 5. Subsection (4) of section 11 of chapter  
31 76-414, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

1           Section 11. (4) The board shall, in accordance with  
2 the provisions of chapter 189, Laws of Florida ~~on or before~~  
3 ~~November 1~~, make an annual report of its actions and  
4 accounting of its funds as of September 30 and shall file said  
5 report in the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court of Lee  
6 County, whose duty it shall be to receive and file said report  
7 and hold and keep the same as a public record.

8           Section 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
9 law.

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