An act relating to the Matlacha and Pine Island Fire Control District, Lee County; repealing ss. 12, 13, 14, and 15 of ch. 63-1558, Laws of Florida, as amended, relating to emergency ambulance service, annual assessments therefor, adoption of fees or service charges, and requirement of a referendum election in order to dissolve the district; creating new ss. 12 and 13 of ch. 63-1558, Laws of Florida, as amended; providing for emergency medical rescue response services; providing for the levying of taxes to support same; renumbering subsequent sections of ch. 63-1558, Laws of Florida, as amended; providing for a referendum; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Sections 12, 13, and 14 of chapter 63-1558,
Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 79-501, Laws of
Florida, are hereby repealed, and remaining sections are
renumbered accordingly.

 Section 2. Section 12 of chapter 63-1558, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 79-501, Laws of Florida, is created to read:

Section 12. The Fire Control Board of the Matlacha and Pine Island Fire Control District shall have the right, power, and authority to employ such personnel as deemed necessary for the proper function and operation of the Fire Department for the establishment and maintenance of emergency medical and

 rescue response services, and for the acquisition and maintenance of rescue, medical, and other emergency equipment, subject to the provisions of chapter 401, Florida Statutes, and any certificate of public convenience and necessity or its equivalent issued thereunder.

Section 3. Section 6 of chapter 63-1558, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 6. Upon the receipt of such estimate and certificate of posting, the Board of County Commissioners shall cause the same to be recorded in the minutes of the County Commissioners' meeting meetings, and at the time of making and fixing the rate of annual taxation for county purposes, said Board of County Commissioners shall fix and cause to be levied on all property of said district, real and personal, a millage sufficient to meet the requirements of such estimate so made by said Fire Control Board, provided, however, 3 two (2)mills is the maximum that can be levied in any one year.

Section 4. The provisions of section 3 of this act shall take effect only upon its approval by a majority vote of those qualified electors of Lee County residing within the district and voting in a referendum election to be called by the Board of County Commissioners and to be held in accordance with the provisions of general election laws. The costs of such an election are to be paid by the Matlacha and Pine Island Fire Control District.

Section 5. Except as otherwise provided herein, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.