

**STORAGE NAME:** h1093  
**DATE:** March 17, 1999

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE ON  
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS  
ANALYSIS - LOCAL LEGISLATION**

**BILL #:** HB 1093  
**RELATING TO:** Plantation Acres Improvement District  
**SPONSOR(S):** Representative Wasserman Schultz  
**COMPANION BILL(S):** None

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

- (1) COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
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I. SUMMARY:

The bill increases the compensation of each supervisor of the Plantation Acres Improvement District from \$100 per month to \$300 per month. The bill renders this section of the law gender neutral.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

**Brief Description**

The Plantation Acres Improvement District is an independent special district located primarily within, the City of Plantation, Broward County, Florida. The District extends between Hiatus Road and Flamingo Road, and between the North New River Canal and N.W. 28th Court. The District covers approximately 2,048 acres of property or approximately 34 square miles. Most of the area is comprised of one acre or larger single family estates, but it also includes some one-half acre and one-third acre developments, multi-family developments, schools, churches, parks, and commercial developments.

**Brief History**

The District was created in 1963, as the Dixie Drainage District under chapter 298, F.S. The purpose of the Dixie Drainage District was to provide the planning and basic facilities for the drainage of the raw acreage and estate type development that was expected to follow. In 1982, the Plantation Acres Improvement District was formed under chapter 82-274, L.O.F. as the successor to the Dixie Drainage District. The migration from a drainage district to an improvement district was deemed necessary due to the complexity and rapid rate of development in the District. As an improvement district, the authority, powers, and duties were expanded.

**Duties and Responsibilities**

At the present time, the duties and responsibilities of the District include complete storm water management through planning, construction, permitting, maintenance and operation. Moreover, development codes, criteria, and guidelines, have been created to cope with the rapid development of the area. The board of supervisors is the governing body of the District. There are five elected board members. The board meets once a month, and each supervisor is entitled to be compensated \$100 per month for his or her services. The supervisors have not had a pay increase since the district was created in 1982.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

The bill amends section 9 of chapter 82-274, L.O.F., as amended, to increase the compensation of each supervisor to the Plantation Acres Improvement District from \$100 per month to \$300 per month. The bill renders this section of the law gender neutral.

C. LAWS OF FLORIDA/FLORIDA STATUTES AFFECTED:

Chapter 82-274, L.O.F., as amended.

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:

An agency or program is not eliminated or reduced.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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:

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

No.

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

No.

4. Individual Freedom:

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

No.

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

No.

5. Family Empowerment:

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

The bill does not purport to provide services to families and children.

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

Not applicable.

- (2) Who makes the decisions?

Not applicable.

- (3) Are private alternatives permitted?

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

No.

- 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:

The bill does not create or change a program providing services to families and children.

- (1) parents and guardians?

Not applicable.

- (2) service providers?

Not applicable.

- (3) government employees/agencies?

Not applicable.

E. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

**Section 1** -- Amends section 9 to render the section gender neutral; increases compensation each supervisor is entitled to receive from \$100 per month to \$300 per month.

**Section 2** -- Provides that the act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

III. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes  No

IF YES, WHEN? January 31, 1999

WHERE? The Miami Herald

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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