

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to Citrus County Mosquito
3 Control District; codifying the district
4 charter; re-creating the district as an
5 independent special district; providing for a
6 board of commissioners; providing for
7 elections; providing boundaries; providing for
8 construction; providing for repeal of special
9 acts; providing for severability; providing an
10 effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Chapter 61-1997, Laws of Florida, as
15 amended, is codified, reenacted, amended, and repealed as
16 herein provided.

17 Section 2. The Citrus County Mosquito Control District
18 is re-created and reenacted to read:

19 Section 1. Creation and intent.--Upon this act
20 becoming law, the creation of Citrus County Mosquito Control
21 District as an independent special district pursuant to
22 chapter 390, Florida Statutes, (1951) shall be ratified and
23 confirmed. It is further the intent of the Legislature in
24 enacting this law to provide a single, codified, comprehensive
25 special act charter for the district in accordance with
26 section 189.429, Florida Statutes. The district shall operate
27 pursuant to this special act and the provisions of chapter
28 388, Florida Statutes, as it may be amended from time to time,
29 and all other general laws applicable to independent special
30 districts. It is the intent of this act to preserve all
31 existing district authority as it may be modified pursuant to

1 the provisions of chapter 388, Florida Statutes, this act, and
2 applicable general laws.

3 Section 2. Minimum charter requirements.--In
4 accordance with section 189.404(3), Florida Statutes, the
5 following subsections shall constitute the charter of Citrus
6 County Mosquito Control District:

7 (a) The district is organized and exists for all
8 purposes set forth in this act and chapter 388, Florida
9 Statutes, as they may be amended from time to time.

10 (b) The powers, functions, and duties of the district
11 regarding ad valorem taxation, bond issuance, other
12 revenue-raising capabilities, budget preparation and approval,
13 liens and foreclosure of liens, use of tax deeds and tax
14 certificates as appropriate for non-ad valorem assessments,
15 and contractual agreements shall be as set forth in chapters
16 170, 189, 197, and 388, Florida Statutes, this act, or any
17 other applicable general or special law, as they may be
18 amended from time to time.

19 (c) The district was created by the petition process
20 formerly contained in chapter 390, Florida Statutes (1951).

21 (d) The district's charter may be amended only by
22 special act of the Legislature.

23 (e) In accordance with chapter 388.101, Florida
24 Statutes, the district is governed by a three-member board.
25 The membership and organization of the board shall be as set
26 forth in this act and chapter 388, Florida Statutes, as they
27 may be amended from time to time.

28 (f) The compensation of board members shall be
29 governed by this act and chapter 388, Florida Statutes, as
30 they may be amended from time to time.

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1 (g) The administrative duties of the board of
2 commissioners shall be as set forth in this act and chapter
3 388, Florida Statutes, as they may be amended from time to
4 time.

5 (h) Requirements for financial disclosure, meeting
6 notices, reporting, public records maintenance, and per diem
7 expenses for officers and employees shall be as set forth in
8 chapters 112, 189, 286, and 388, Florida Statutes, as they may
9 be amended from time to time.

10 (i) The procedures and requirements governing the
11 issuance of bonds, notes, and other evidence of indebtedness
12 by the district shall be as set forth in chapters 189 and 388,
13 Florida Statutes, and applicable general laws, as they may be
14 amended from time to time.

15 (j) The procedures for conducting district elections
16 and for qualification of electors shall be pursuant to
17 chapters 189 and 388, Florida Statutes, and applicable general
18 laws as they may be amended from time to time.

19 (k) The district may be financed by any method
20 established in this act, chapters 189 and 388, Florida
21 Statutes, or any applicable general laws, as they may be
22 amended from time to time.

23 (l) In accordance with section 388.221, Florida
24 Statutes, the district may continue to levy upon all of the
25 personal and real taxable property in the district a special
26 tax not exceeding 10 mills on the dollar during each year as
27 maintenance tax.

28 (m) The method for collecting non-ad valorem
29 assessments, fees, service charges, or state matching funds
30 shall be as set forth in chapters 170, 197, and 388, Florida
31 Statutes, as they may be amended from time to time.

1 (n) The district's planning requirements shall be as
2 set forth in chapters 189 and 388, Florida Statutes, as they
3 may be amended from time to time.

4 (o) The district's geographic boundary limitations
5 shall be the same as those established for Citrus County in
6 section 7.09, Florida Statutes:

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8 The boundary lines of Citrus County are as
9 follows: Beginning at a point in the thread or
10 center of the Withlacoochee River on the
11 section line dividing sections twelve and
12 thirteen, township twenty-one south, range
13 twenty east; thence on said line west to the
14 southwest corner of section nine, township
15 twenty-one south, range nineteen east; thence
16 north on said section line to township line
17 dividing townships twenty and twenty-one south;
18 thence west on said township line to the Gulf
19 of Mexico; thence north along said gulf,
20 including all islands along said gulf coast,
21 and including the waters of said gulf within
22 the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to
23 the most southern outlet of the Withlacoochee
24 River at its mouth, leaving out all the islands
25 in the mouth of said river; thence easterly
26 along the thread of said river to the point of
27 beginning, including all the lands and islands
28 which said river line may enclose.

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30 Section 3. Chapter 59-693, Laws of Florida, Chapter
31 61-1997, Laws of Florida, and chapter 63-1221, Laws of

1 Florida, are hereby repealed 10 days after the effective date
2 of this act.

3 Section 4. The provisions of this act shall be
4 liberally construed in order to effectively carry out the
5 purposes of this act in the interest of the public health,
6 welfare, and safety of the citizens served by the district.

7 Section 5. It is declared to be the intent of the
8 Legislature that if any section, subsection, sentence, clause,
9 phrase, or portion of this act is for any reason held invalid
10 or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction,
11 such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and
12 independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the
13 validity of the remaining portions hereof.

14 Section 6. In the event of a conflict of the
15 provisions of this act with the provisions of any other act,
16 the provisions of this act shall control to the extent of such
17 conflict.

18 Section 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
19 law.

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