By the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Comprehensive Planning, Local and Military Affairs; and Senator Casas

302-2120-99
A bill to be entitled
An act creating Hialeah County; creating s.
7.275, F.S.; describing the boundaries of the
county; amending s. 7.13, F.S.; revising the
boundaries of Dade County; providing for
Hialeah County to assume certain assets and
liabilities of Dade County; providing for an
election for officers of Hialeah County;
providing for a referendum; providing a
declaration of an important state interest;
providing an effective date.
Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of florida:
Section l. Section $7.275, ~ F l o r i d a ~ S t a t u t e s, ~ i s ~ c r e a t e d ~$

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northwest quarter of Section 21; thence run northwardly along
the east line of the west half of the northwest quarter of the
southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 21 to a
point of intersection with the south line of the northwest
quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 21, such point of
intersection being the northeast corner of the west half of
the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of the
northwest quarter of Section 21; thence run eastwardly along
the south line of the northwest quarter of Section 21 to a
point, such point being the southeast corner of the southwest
quarter of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of
Section 21; thence run northwardly along the east line of the
southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of the northwest
quarter of Section 21 to a point, such point being the
northeast corner of the southwest quarter of the northwest
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westwardly along the north line of the southwest quarter of
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half of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of the
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the east line of the west half of the northwest quarter of the
northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 21 to a
point, such point being the northeast corner of the west half
of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of the
northwest quarter of Section 21; thence run eastwardly along
the north line of Section 21, such line also being the south
line of Section 16, Township 53 South, Range 41 East, to a
point, such point being the southeast corner of the west half
of the southwest quarter of Section 16; thence run northwardly
along the east line of the west half of the southwest quarter
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of Section 16 to a point, such point being the northeast
corner of the south half of the south half of the northwest
quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 16; thence run
westwardly along the north line of the south half of the south
half of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of
Section 16 to a point, such point being the northwest corner
of the south half of the south half of the northwest quarter
of the southwest quarter of Section 16 ; thence run northwardly
along the west line of Sections 16 and 9, Township 53 South,
Range 41 East, such line also being the east line of Sections
17 and 8, Township 53 South, Range 41 East, to a point, such
point being the point of intersection of the easterly
extension of the north line of East 28 th Street, such line
also being the south line of Block 84 B of the Amended Plat of
the Amended Plat of Thirteenth Addition to Hialeah according
to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 34, at page 26,
of the Public Records of Dade County, Florida, with the east
line of Section 8; thence run westwardly along the south line
of Block 84 B to a Lot 29 of Block 84 B ; thence run
northwardly along the east lines of Lots 29 and 2 of Block 84
B and lots 29 and 2, Block 77 B, and the northerly extensions
thereof, of the Amended Plat of the Amended Plat of Thirteenth
Addition to Hialeah, to a point, such point being a point of
intersection of the east lines of Lots 29 and 2, Block 84 B
and Lots 29 and 2, Block 77 B and the northerly extensions
thereof, with a line 30 feet northerly of, and parallel with,
the north line of Block 77 B ; thence run eastwardly along that
line, which lies 30 feet northerly of, and parallel with, the
north line of Block 77 B, to a point, such point being a point
of intersection of that line, which lies 30 feet northerly of,
and parallel with, the north line of Block 77 B , with the
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distance of 703.48 feet to a point that is 140.00 feet East
of, as measured at right angles to, the West line of Section
30; thence run South 13 degrees, 21 minutes, 53 seconds West
for a distance of 136.01 feet to a point that is 100.00 feet
East of, as measured at right angles to, the West line of
Section 30; thence run South 86 degrees, }59\mathrm{ minutes, 59
seconds West for a distance of 100.01 feet to a point on the
west line of Section 30, such West line of Section 30 also
being the east line of Section 25, Township 52 South, Range 40
East; thence run North 3 degrees, 44 minutes, 17 seconds West
along the west line of Section 30 a distance of 559.34 feet to
the northwest corner of Section 30; thence continue
northwardly along the east line of Section 25 to the northeast
corner of Section 25; thence run westwardly along the north
line of Sections 25, 26, 27, and 28, Township 52 South, Range
40 East, to the northwest corner of Section 28; thence run
southwardly along the west line of Section 28 to the southwest
corner of Section 28; thence run eastwardly along the south
line of Section 28 to the Southeast corner of Section 28, such
southeast corner of such Section 28 also being the northwest
corner of Section 34, Township 52 South, Range 40 East; thence
run southwardly along the west line of Section 34 to the
southwest corner of Section 34; thence run eastwardly along
the south line of Section 34 to the southeast corner of
Section 34, such southeast corner of Section 34 also being the
northwest corner of Section 2, Township 53 South, Range 40
East; thence run southwardly along the west line of Sections 2
and 11, Township 53 South, Range 40 East, to a point, such
point being a point of intersection of the west line of
Section 11 with the center line of a waterway known as the
Miami Canal; thence run southeastwardly along the center line
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of the Miami Canal through Sections 11, 12, and 13, Township
53 South, Range 40 East, and through Sections 18, 19, 20, and
29, Township 53 South, Range 41 East, to a point, such point
being a point of intersection of the center line of the Miami
Canal west half of the northeast quarter of the northeast
quarter of Section 29; thence run north along the east line of
the west half of the northeast quarter of the northeast
quarter of Section 29 to a point, such point being the
northeast corner of the west half of the northeast quarter of
the northeast quarter of Section 29; thence run eastwardly
along the north line of Section 29, such north line of Section
29 also being the south line of Section 20, Township 53 South,
Range 41 East, to a point }660\mathrm{ feet westerly of the southeast
corner of Section 20, as measured along the south line of
Section 20; thence run northwardly along a line 660 feet
westerly of, and parallel with, the east line of Section 20,
for a distance of }660\mathrm{ feet to a point; thence run eastwardly
along a line northerly of, and parallel with, the south line
of Section 20, for a distance of }660\mathrm{ feet to the Point of
Beginning; less the parcel of land legally described as
follows:
    Commence at a Point of Beginning, such Point of
Beginning being the northeast corner of the south half of the
south half of Section 36, Township 52 South, Range 40 East;
thence run westwardly along the north line of the south half
of the south half of Section 36 to the southwest corner of the
east half of the west half of the northeast quarter of the
southwest quarter of Section 36; thence run northwardly along
the west line of the east half of the west half of the
northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 36 to
the northwest corner of the east half of the west half of the
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northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 36 ;
thence run eastwardly along the north line of the southwest
quarter of Section 36 to a point, such point being the center
point of Section 36; thence run along the south line of the
northeast quarter of Section 36 at a bearing of South 87
degrees, 44 minutes, 10 seconds East, a distance of 1,565.04
feet to a point; thence run North 0 degrees, 1 minute, 8
seconds East, a distance of 999.33 feet to a point of
curvature; thence continue in a northerly and northeasterly
direction along the arc of a circle to the right, with a
radius of 490.69 feet, a central angle of 30 degrees, 17
minutes, 5 seconds, for an arc distance of 259.36 feet to a
point; thence run South 87 degrees, 45 minutes, 26 seconds
East along a line for a distance of $1,010.75$ feet to a point
on the east line of Section 36 ; thence run southwardly along
the east line of Section 36 a distance of $2,570.41$ feet, more
or less, to the Point of Beginning.
Section 2. Section 7.13, Florida Statutes, is amended
to read:
7.13 Dade County.--
(1) The boundary lines of Dade County are as follows:
Beginning at the southwest corner of township fifty-one south,
range thirty-five east; thence east following the south line
of township fifty-one south, across ranges thirty-five,
thirty-six, thirty-seven, thirty-eight, thirty-nine and forty
east, to the southwest corner of township fifty-one south,
range forty-one east; thence north on the range line dividing
ranges forty and forty-one east to the northwest corner of
section thirty-one, township fifty-one south, range forty-one
east; thence east on the north boundary of said section
thirty-one and other sections to the waters of the Atlantic

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Ocean; thence easterly to the eastern boundary of the State of Florida; thence southward along the coast, including the waters of the Atlantic Ocean and the gulf stream within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to a point on the reefs of Florida immediately opposite the mouth of Broad Creek (a stream separating Cayo Lago from Old Rhodes Key); thence in a direct line through the middle of said stream to a point east of Mud Point, said point being located on the east line of the west one half of section seven, township fifty-nine south, range forty east, at a distance of two thousand three hundred feet, more or less, south of the northeast corner of the west one half of said section seven being a point on the existing Dade County boundary line as established by s. 7.13; thence run southerly along the east line of the west one half of said section seven, township fifty-nine south, range forty east, to a point two thousand feet, more or less, north of the south line of said section seven; thence run westerly along a line parallel to the south line of said section seven, through the open water midway between two islands lying in the west one half of said section seven to a point on the west line of section seven, township fifty-nine south, range forty east; thence run southerly for a distance of two thousand feet, more or less, to the southwest corner of said section seven; thence run southerly along the west line of section eighteen, township fifty-nine south, range forty east, to the southwest corner of said section eighteen; thence run in a southwesterly direction along a straight line to the southwest corner of section twenty-four, township fifty-nine south, range thirty-nine east; thence run southerly along the east line of section twenty-six, township fifty-nine south, range thirty-nine east, to the southeast corner of said section 8

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twenty-six; thence run southerly along the east line of section thirty-five, township fifty-nine south, range thirty-nine east, to a point of intersection with a line drawn parallel with the north line of said section thirty-five and through the open water midway between Main and Short Key; thence run westerly along a line parallel to the north line of said section thirty-five, through the open water midway between Main and Short Key to a point on the west line of section thirty-five and a point on the east line of section thirty-four, township fifty-nine south, range thirty-nine east; thence run southwesterly in a straight line to the southwest corner of the southeast quarter of said section thirty-four and the northeast corner of the northwest quarter of section three, township sixty south, range thirty-nine east; thence run southerly along the east line of the northwest quarter of said section three to the southeast corner of the northwest quarter of said section three; thence run westerly along the south line of the northwest quarter of said section three to the southwest corner of the northwest quarter of said section three; thence run westerly to a point on the northerly bank of Manatee Creek at the easterly mouth of said Manatee Creek; thence run westerly meandering the northerly bank of Manatee Creek to the intersection thereof with the west right-of-way line of United States Highway No. 1, said right-of-way line being the east boundary of the Everglades National Park and said north bank of Manatee Creek being the southerly line of the mainland of the state of Florida and the existing boundary line between Dade County and Monroe County; thence along the mainland to the range line between ranges thirty-four and thirty-five east, thence due north on said range line to place of beginning. However, the 9

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boundary lines of Dade County shall not include the following: Begin at the northwest corner of section thirty-five, township fifty-one south, range forty-two east, Dade County, Florida; thence, southerly following the west line of section thirty-five, township fifty-one south, range forty-two east to the intersection with a line which is two hundred and thirty feet south of and parallel to the north line of section thirty-five, township fifty-one south, range forty-two east; thence, easterly following the line which is two hundred and thirty feet south of and parallel to the north line of section thirty-five, township fifty-one south, range forty-two east, to the intersection with the west boundary line of the Town of Golden Beach; thence, northerly following the west boundary line of the Town of Golden Beach to the intersection with the north line of section thirty-five, township fifty-one south, range forty-two east; thence, westerly following the north line of section thirty-five, township fifty-one south, range forty-two east to the point of beginning.
(2) The following area is excluded from Dade County: Beginning at the southeast corner of Section 20, Township 53 South, Range 41 East, run 660 feet northwardly along the east line of Section 20 to a point, such point being the Point of Beginning. From the Point of Beginning run northwardly along the east line of Section 20 , such east line of Section 20 also being the west line of Section 21, Township 53 South, Range 41 East, to the southwest corner of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 21 ; thence run eastwardly along the south line of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 21 to the southeast corner of the west half of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of the northwest 10

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point, such point being the northeast corner of the west half
of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of the
northwest quarter of Section 21; thence run eastwardly along
the north line of Section 21, such line also being the south
line of Section 16, Township 53 South, Range 41 East, to a
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of the southwest quarter of Section 16; thence run northwardly
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corner of the south half of the south half of the northwest
quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 16; thence run
westwardly along the north line of the south half of the south
half of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of
Section 16 to a point, such point being the northwest corner
of the south half of the south half of the northwest quarter
of the southwest quarter of Section 16 ; thence run northwardly
along the west line of Sections 16 and 9, Township 53 South,
Range 41 East, such line also being the east line of Sections
17 and 8, Township 53 South, Range 41 East, to a point, such
point being the point of intersection of the easterly
extension of the north line of East 28 th Street, such line
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to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 34, at page 26,
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northwardly along the east lines of Lots 29 and 2 of Block 84
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thereof, of the Amended Plat of the Amended Plat of Thirteenth
Addition to Hialeah, to a point, such point being a point of
intersection of the east lines of Lots 29 and 2, Block 84 B
and Lots 29 and 2, Block 77 B and the northerly extensions
thereof, with a line 30 feet northerly of, and parallel with,
the north line of Block 77 B ; thence run eastwardly along that
line, which lies 30 feet northerly of, and parallel with, the
north line of Block 77 B, to a point, such point being a point
of intersection of that line, which lies 30 feet northerly of,
and parallel with, the north line of Block 77 B , with the
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thence run South 13 degrees, 21 minutes, 53 seconds West for a
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of, as measured at right angles to, the West line of Section
30; thence run South 86 degrees, }59\mathrm{ minutes, }59\mathrm{ seconds West
for a distance of 100.01 feet to a point on the west line of
Section 30 such west line of Section 30 also being the east
line of Section 25, Township 52 South, Range 40 East; thence
run North 3 degrees, 44 minutes, 17 seconds West along the
west line of Section 30 a distance of 559.34 feet to the
northwest corner of Section 30; thence continue northwardly
along the east line of Section 25 to the northeast corner of
Section 25; thence run westwardly along the north line of
Sections 25, 26, 27, and 28, Township 52 South, Range 40 East,
to the northwest corner of Section 28; thence run southwardly
along the west line of Section 28 to the southwest corner of
Section 28; thence run eastwardly along the south line of
Section 28 to the Southeast corner of Section 28, such
southeast corner of Section 28 also being the northwest corner
of Section 34, Township 52 South, Range 40 East; thence run
southwardly along the west line of Section 34 to the southwest
corner of Section 34; thence run eastwardly along the south
line of Section 34 to the southeast corner of Section 34, such
southeast corner of Section 34 also being the northwest corner
of Section 2, Township 53 South, Range 40 East; thence run
southwardly along the west line of Sections 2 and 11, Township
53 South, Range 40 East, to a point, such point being a point
of intersection of the west line of Section 11 with the center
line of a waterway known as the Miami Canal; thence run
southeastwardly along the center line of the Miami Canal
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through Sections 11, 12, and 13, Township 53 South, Range 40
East, and through Sections 18, 19, 20, and 29, Township 53
South, Range 41 East, to a point, such point being a point of
intersection of the center line of the Miami Canal west half
of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section
29; thence run north along the east line of the west half of
the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 29
to a point, such point being the northeast corner of the west
half of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of
Section 29; thence run eastwardly along the north line of
Section 29, such north line of Section 29 also being the south
line of Section 20, Township 53 South, Range 41 East, to a
point 660 feet westerly of the southeast corner of Section 20,
as measured along the south line of Section 20; thence run
northwardly along a line }660\mathrm{ feet westerly of, and parallel
with, the east line of Section 20, for a distance of 660 feet
to a point; thence run eastwardly along a line northerly of,
and parallel with, the south line of Section 20, for a
distance of }660\mathrm{ feet to the Point of Beginning. However, the
following parcel of land is included in Dade County:
    Commence at a Point of Beginning, such Point of
Beginning being the northeast corner of the south half of the
south half of Section 36, Township 52 South, Range 40 East;
thence run westwardly along the north line of the south half
of the south half of Section 36 to the southwest corner of the
east half of the west half of the northeast quarter of the
southwest quarter of Section 36; thence run northwardly along
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northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 36 to
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thence run eastwardly along the north line of the southwest
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degrees, 44 minutes, 10 seconds East, a distance of 1,565.04
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point; thence run South }87\mathrm{ degrees, 45 minutes, 26 seconds
East along a line for a distance of 1,010.75 feet to a point
on the east line of Section 36; thence run southwardly along
the east line of Section 36 a distance of 2,570.41 feet, more
or less, to the Point of Beginning.
    Section 3. All real property the title to which is
vested in Dade County and which is located within the area
comprising Hialeah County is transferred to Hialeah County on
the effective date of this act. Personal property the title to
which is vested in Dade County is transferred to Hialeah
County on the effective date of this act in an amount equal to
the proportion which the assessed value of taxable property in
the area comprising Hialeah County bears to the assessed value
of taxable property in Dade County as of the previous January
1. Hialeah County shall assume responsibility for the
obligations of Dade County which exist on the effective date
of this act in an amount equal to the proportion which the
assessed value of taxable property in the area comprising
Hialeah County bears to the assessed value of taxable property
in Dade County as of the previous January 1.
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            Section 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
    the Board of County Commissioners of Dade County shall call
    and hold special elections that coincide with the 2000 primary
    and general elections at which officers for Hialeah County
    shall be selected. The Board of County Commissioners of
    Hialeah County shall reimburse Dade County for any costs of
    conducting the election required by this section which are in
    excess of the costs that would otherwise be incurred. Electors
    of the area comprising Hialeah County are eligible to vote in
    such elections.
    Section 5. The creation of a responsive and locally
    determined form of government for our citizens is an important
    hallmark of a free country and, therefore, pursuant to section
    18, Article VII of the State Constitution, the Legislature
    determines and declares that the provisions of this act
    fulfill an important state interest.
            Section 6. This act shall take effect only upon the
    approval by a majority vote of those qualified electors
    residing within the proposed Hialeah County boundaries as
    described in section 1, voting in a referendum election to be
    called by the Miami-Dade County Commission and to be held on
    September 1, 1999, in accordance with the provisions of law
    relating to elections currently in force.
    STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
        COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
        CS/SB 88
    The Committee Substitute for CS/SB 88 incorporates an
    important state interest clause to bring the bill into
    compliance with s. 18, Art. VII, State Constitution, on
    unfunded legislative mandates
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