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2 An act relating to Broward County; providing  
3 for extending the corporate limits of the City  
4 of Fort Lauderdale; providing for annexation of  
5 the unincorporated area known as Melrose Park;  
6 providing for an election; providing for an  
7 effective date of annexation; providing for an  
8 interlocal agreement; providing legislative  
9 intent; providing for a continuation of certain  
10 Broward County regulations; providing for the  
11 transfer of public roads and rights-of-way;  
12 providing an effective date.  
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14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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16 Section 1. The legal description of the Melrose Park  
17 Area is as follows:

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19 That portion of Section 7, Township 50 South,  
20 Range 42 East, Broward County, Florida,  
21 described as follows:

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23 Beginning at a point on the boundary of the  
24 City of Plantation established by Chapter  
25 68-101, Laws of Florida, being the Southeast  
26 corner of Lot 34, Block 11, MELROSE PARK  
27 Section 7, as recorded in Plat Book 39, Page  
28 35, Public Records of Broward County, Florida;  
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1           thence continuing along the said boundary of  
2           the City of Plantation, the following 10  
3           courses and distances;  
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5           thence Northerly along the East lines of Lots  
6           34 through 24, and the Northerly extension  
7           thereof, and the East lines of Lots 12 through  
8           1, Block 6, and the Northerly extension  
9           thereof, and the East line of Lot 9, Block 1,  
10          to a point 50 ft. North of the Northeast corner  
11          of Lot 9, Block 1, all in the said MELROSE PARK  
12          Section 7;  
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14          thence Easterly 133.75 ft. along the North  
15          right-of-way line of a canal as shown by said  
16          MELROSE PARK Section 7;  
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18          thence Northerly along the East line of Tract  
19          1, as shown by said MELROSE PARK Section 7, 425  
20          ft. to the Northeast corner of said Tract 1;  
21  
22          thence Northerly 70 ft. more or less to the  
23          Southeast corner of Tract 3, according to  
24          MELROSE PARK Section 8, as recorded in Plat  
25          Book 39, Page 36, of the Public Records of  
26          Broward County, Florida;  
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28          thence Northerly along the East line of said  
29          Tract 3 to a point of intersection with the  
30          Westerly extension of the South line of Lot 1,  
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1           Block 4, according to the said MELROSE PARK  
2           Section 8;  
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4           thence Easterly along the South line of said  
5           Lot 1, Block 4, and the Westerly extension  
6           thereof according to said MELROSE PARK Section  
7           8, to the Southeast corner of said Lot 1, Block  
8           4;  
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10           thence Northerly along the East line of said  
11           Lot 1, Block 4, and the Northerly extension  
12           thereof to the North right-of-way line of  
13           Southwest 2nd Court, according to said MELROSE  
14           PARK Section 8;  
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16           thence East along the North right-of-way line  
17           of said Southwest 2nd Court to the West  
18           right-of-way line of S.W. 38th Ave., as shown  
19           by said MELROSE PARK Section 8;  
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21           thence North along the said West right-of-way  
22           line of S.W. 38th Ave., 865 ft. more or less to  
23           the South right-of-way line of Broward Blvd.,  
24           as shown by the said MELROSE PARK Section 8;  
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26           thence East along the said South right-of-way  
27           line of Broward Blvd., to a point of  
28           intersection with the North line of Tract 2 of  
29           said MELROSE PARK Section 8, being the point of  
30           curvature of a circular curve concave to the  
31           Southeast having a radius of 25 ft. and tangent

1           to the West line of said Tract 2 and the  
2           boundary of the City of Plantation established  
3           by City of Plantation Ordinance No. 581;  
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5           thence continuing along said boundary of the  
6           City of Plantation the following 6 courses;  
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8           thence West through South along the arc of said  
9           curve to the said point of tangency;  
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11           thence Southerly along the said West line of  
12           Tract 2 to the Southwest corner of said Tract  
13           2;  
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15           thence East along the South line of said Tract  
16           2 to the West line of the East One-Half of the  
17           Northwest One-Quarter of said Section 7, also  
18           being a point on the West line of Tract 1A,  
19           MELROSE PARK Section 6, recorded in Plat Book  
20           36, Page 24, Public Records of Broward County,  
21           Florida;  
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23           thence South along said West line to the  
24           Southwest corner of said Tract 1A;  
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26           thence East along the South line of said Tract  
27           1A to the Southeast corner thereof;  
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29           thence North along the East line of said Tract  
30           1A to the point of intersection with the North  
31           line of the South 90 ft. of said Tract 1A;

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thence continuing along the boundary of the  
City of Plantation established by City of  
Plantation Ordinance No. 1083, the following 4  
courses;

thence continuing North along the said East  
line of Tract 1A to the point of curvature of a  
curve concave to the Southwest, having a radius  
of 25 feet;

thence North through West along said curve to  
the point of tangency with the North line of  
said Tract 1A;

thence West along said North line to a point of  
intersection with the West line of the North  
140 feet of the East 46 feet of aforesaid Tract  
2, MELROSE PARK Section 8;

thence South along the said West line to a  
point of intersection with the South line of  
the North 140 feet of the East 46 feet of said  
Tract 2;

thence continuing along the boundary of the  
City of Plantation established by aforesaid  
Ordinance No. 581, the following 4 courses;

thence South along the West line of the North  
10 ft. of the South 90 ft. of said Tract 2 to

1           the North line of the South 80 ft. of said  
2           Tract 2;  
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4           thence West along the said North line to the  
5           West line of the East 136 ft. of said Tract 2;  
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7           thence North along the said West line to the  
8           North line of said Tract 2;  
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10          thence West along the said North line to the  
11          Southerly prolongation of the centerline of  
12          N.W. 38th Way, as shown by the plat of BROWARD  
13          ESTATES, as recorded in Plat Book 34, Page 19,  
14          Public Records of Broward County, Florida;  
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16          thence North along the said prolongation of the  
17          centerline of N.W. 38th Way, being along the  
18          boundary of the City of Plantation established  
19          by aforesaid Chapter 68-101, to the North line  
20          of said Section 7;  
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22          thence East along the North line of said  
23          Section 7 to the West right-of-way line of S.W.  
24          31st Avenue, as described in Chapter 69-1057,  
25          Laws of Florida, annexing lands into the City  
26          of Fort Lauderdale, Florida;  
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28          thence along the boundary of the City of Fort  
29          Lauderdale, established by said Chapter 69-1057  
30          the following 2 courses;  
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1           thence South along the said West right-of-way  
2           line to the South boundary of said Section 7;

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4           thence West along the said South boundary to  
5           the Point of Beginning.

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7           Section 2. The Broward County Board of County  
8 Commissioners shall schedule an election on November 6, 2001,  
9 in accordance with the provisions of the law relating to  
10 elections currently in force in Broward County. The subject of  
11 said election shall be the annexation of the area described in  
12 section 1 commonly known as the Melrose Park Area. Only  
13 registered voters residing in the Melrose Park Area as  
14 described in this act may vote in said election. On the ballot  
15 provided for in this section shall appear the name of the City  
16 of Fort Lauderdale. The voters residing in the Melrose Park  
17 Area shall, by majority vote of the voters participating in  
18 the election, choose the effective date for annexation with  
19 the City of Fort Lauderdale. The dates appearing on the ballot  
20 shall be a choice of September 15, 2002, or September 15,  
21 2003. A mail ballot shall not be used in this election.

22           Section 3. Upon a majority of the registered voters  
23 voting in the referendum as provided in section 2, for  
24 annexation into the City of Fort Lauderdale, the area  
25 described in this act shall be deemed a part of said  
26 municipality on either September 15, 2002, or September 15,  
27 2003. The City of Fort Lauderdale shall have all powers  
28 pursuant to section 171.062, Florida Statutes, except as  
29 provided in this act.

30           Section 4. No later than December 31, 2001, Broward  
31 County shall adopt an improvement plan for the unincorporated

1 land subject to this act. Such plan shall provide for the  
2 upgrade of the Melrose Park Area, including, but not limited  
3 to, park and recreation, roadway, utilities, and public safety  
4 infrastructure, to a level of services at least equivalent to  
5 the levels of services for such infrastructure as is defined  
6 or maintained by adjacent municipalities. The improvement plan  
7 shall identify the specific capital improvements required to  
8 meet such level of service. The plan shall be completed no  
9 later than December 31, 2001, shall be submitted to the  
10 Broward Legislative Delegation, and shall be utilized in  
11 formulation of an interlocal agreement between the county and  
12 the annexing city.

13       Section 5. The Board of County Commissioners of  
14 Broward County is authorized to set the election provided for  
15 in section 2 by special election for the time period provided  
16 in this act at the cost of Broward County. A mail ballot shall  
17 not be used for any election provided for in this act.

18       Section 6. Upon annexation into the City of Fort  
19 Lauderdale, the following shall govern the areas described in  
20 section 1: for any use, building, or structure that is legally  
21 in existence at the time the Melrose Park Area becomes a part  
22 of the City of Fort Lauderdale, such use shall not be made a  
23 prohibited use by the municipality, on the property of said  
24 use, for as long as the use shall continue and is not  
25 voluntarily abandoned.

26       Section 7. Subsequent to the effective date of this  
27 act, no change in land use designation or zoning shall be  
28 effective within the limits of the lands subject to annexation  
29 herein until the Melrose Park Area has been annexed into the  
30 City of Fort Lauderdale, nor shall annexation by any  
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1 municipality occur during the period between the effective  
2 date of this act and the effective date of the annexation.

3           Section 8. All public roads of the Broward County Road  
4 System, and the public rights-of-way associated therewith,  
5 lying within the limits of the lands subject to annexation  
6 herein, as described in section 1, are transferred from  
7 Broward County jurisdiction to the jurisdiction of the  
8 annexing municipality, except for those portions of Martin  
9 Luther King, Jr., Avenue (SW 31 Avenue) lying within the  
10 limits of the annexation area. All rights, title, interests,  
11 and responsibilities for any transferred roads, including, but  
12 not limited to, the ownership, operation, maintenance,  
13 planning, design, and construction of said roads and the  
14 rights-of-way associated therewith, shall transfer from  
15 Broward County jurisdiction and ownership to the jurisdiction  
16 and ownership of the annexing municipality upon the effective  
17 date of the annexation.

18           Section 9. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
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