

By Representative Ritter

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Sunshine Drainage
3 District, in Broward County, amending chapter
4 63-609, Laws of Florida, in order to provide
5 for the creation of a board of supervisors
6 separate from the provisions of ch. 298, F.S.,
7 to create a five-member board; providing for
8 elections by electors residing within the
9 district; providing for the appointment of a
10 Coral Springs City Commissioner as a board
11 member; providing for the establishment of
12 regular and special board meetings; providing
13 for a quorum; providing for severability of the
14 provisions of the act; providing that the act
15 shall take precedence over any conflicting law
16 to the extent of such conflict; providing an
17 effective date.

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

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21 Section 1. Section 2 of chapter 63-609, Laws of
22 Florida, is amended to read:

23 Section 2. Provisions of Chapter 298, Florida
24 Statutes, Made Applicable. The Sunshine Drainage District, a
25 public corporation of this state, created under Chapter 298,
26 Florida Statutes, shall be governed by provisions of the
27 general drainage laws of Florida applicable to drainage
28 districts or sub-drainage districts which are embodied in
29 Chapter 298, Florida Statutes, and all of the laws amendatory
30 thereof, now existing or hereinafter enacted, so far as not
31 inconsistent with this act or any subsequent special acts

1 relating to Sunshine Drainage District except those portions
2 of sections 198.14, 298.11, and 298.12, Florida Statutes,
3 pertaining to how the members of the board of supervisors are
4 elected and to board of supervisors meetings, which shall be
5 as provided for herein. In lieu thereof, the following
6 provisions shall apply to the district:-

7 (1) The board of supervisors shall consist of four
8 elected members and one member who shall be a City
9 Commissioner for the City of Coral Springs. The four
10 candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast at a
11 special election conducted by the Supervisor of Elections
12 shall be elected to the board. Elected members of the board of
13 supervisors shall be residents of the district. The City
14 Commissioner shall be selected by a majority vote of the City
15 Commission or a designee may be substituted for the City
16 Commissioner also to be selected by a majority vote of the
17 City Commission.

18 (2) Commencing upon the expiration of the terms of the
19 existing board members, all subsequent board members shall
20 meet the requirements provided for herein and shall be elected
21 as provided for herein. Existing board members' terms shall be
22 extended to November of the year in which their term expires.
23 In November 2001, the two new board members shall be selected
24 or elected as provided for herein. Board members to be elected
25 shall be elected at an election conducted by the Supervisor of
26 Elections on the first Tuesday in November of the year when
27 the board member's term expires. The costs of such elections
28 shall be paid for by the district.

29 (3) The board shall establish a regular meeting date
30 each month and shall meet no less than one time each month.
31 However, the board may decide by majority vote to take 1 month

1 off from meetings each year for a vacation. Meetings of the
2 board shall be held in a public place, and shall be held in
3 accordance with the requirements of chapter 286, Florida
4 Statutes. A majority of the members of the board of
5 supervisors shall constitute a quorum. Special meetings of the
6 board may be called at any time to receive reports of the
7 board or for such other purposes as the board may determine
8 upon 24 hours' notice to board members and to the public by
9 posting at the district office at a public location set aside
10 for notice purposes.

11 Section 2. In case any one or more of the sections or
12 provisions of this act or the application of such sections or
13 provisions to any situation, circumstance, or person shall for
14 any reason be held to be unconstitutional, such
15 unconstitutionality shall not affect any other sections or
16 provisions of this act or the applications of such sections or
17 provisions to any other situation, circumstance, or person,
18 and it is intended that this law shall be construed and
19 applied as if such section or provision had not been included
20 herein for any unconstitutional application.

21 Section 3. In the event of a conflict between the
22 provisions of this act and the provisions of any other act,
23 the provisions of this act shall control to the extent of such
24 conflict.

25 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
26 law.

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