

By Representative Sorensen

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to Monroe County; creating the
 3 Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District, an
 4 independent special district; creating a
 5 district charter; specifying the boundaries of
 6 the district, consisting of certain land areas
 7 transferred from the Florida Keys Aqueduct
 8 Authority; providing powers and duties of the
 9 district; providing for a governing board;
 10 providing for membership, qualifications,
 11 terms, powers, duties, and compensation of the
 12 board; amending chapter 76-441, Laws of
 13 Florida, as amended; terminating jurisdiction
 14 of the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority over all
 15 lands transferred to the district; providing an
 16 effective date.

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

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 20 Section 1. The Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District
 21 and its charter are created to read:

22 Section 1. Creation; boundaries; jurisdiction.--There
 23 is hereby created an independent special district to be known
 24 as the Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District. The district
 25 is organized to construct and operate facilities for the
 26 collection and treatment of wastewater. The district shall
 27 consist of Key Largo, including all lands east of Tavernier
 28 Creek, including Tavernier, Key Largo, and Cross Key, with the
 29 exception of Ocean Reef, all in Monroe County, Florida. The
 30 district shall have jurisdiction over the collection and
 31 treatment of wastewater within the district boundaries.

1 Jurisdiction of the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority over
2 wastewater collection and treatment within the district is
3 hereby terminated.

4 Section 2. Powers and duties.--The district shall have
5 all the powers that may be exercised by the Florida Keys
6 Aqueduct Authority pursuant to chapter 76-441, Laws of
7 Florida, as amended, for the collection and treatment of
8 wastewater.

9 Section 3. Governing board; membership; powers and
10 duties.--

11 (1) In accordance with the provisions of chapter 189,
12 Florida Statutes, the governing board of the district shall
13 consist of five elected members, who must be residents and
14 electors of the district. Governing board members shall be
15 elected at large in a nonpartisan election held in conjunction
16 with each general election. Any individual desiring to be
17 elected to the governing board must qualify pursuant to
18 general law. The candidates receiving the highest five vote
19 totals shall be deemed elected to the governing board. The
20 terms of office shall be 4 years and shall begin and end on
21 the same dates as do the terms of the members of the Monroe
22 County Commission; however, at the initial election, the
23 governing board members elected with the two lowest vote
24 totals shall each serve a term of only 2 years. Thereafter,
25 all governing board member terms shall be for 4 years. The
26 governing board shall adopt all rules necessary for the
27 conduct of its business. Governing board members shall receive
28 as compensation for their services a fee of \$300 per meeting,
29 not to exceed three meetings per month. The amount of
30 compensation shall be adjusted annually based upon the index
31 provided in section 287.017(2), Florida Statutes. In addition,

1 each board member shall be reimbursed for expenses as provided
2 in section 112.061, Florida Statutes. Governing board members
3 shall be bound by the conflict of interest and disclosure laws
4 applicable to public officers as set forth in part III of
5 chapter 112, Florida Statutes.

6 (2) At the first meeting of the governing board, the
7 governing board members shall elect one of their members to be
8 the chair of the board. Thereafter, the chair shall be so
9 elected on an annual basis.

10 Section 2. The area described in section 1 of the
11 charter created by this act is removed and deleted from within
12 the boundary lines of the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority as
13 re-created by chapter 76-441, Laws of Florida, as amended.

14 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
15 law.

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