

By Senator Saunders

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the South Trail Fire
3 Protection and Rescue District, Lee County;
4 amending ch. 2000-484, Laws of Florida;
5 conforming the district charter to Florida
6 Statutes relating to annexations within the
7 district; providing an effective date.

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

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11 Section 1. Section 5 of section 3 of chapter 2000-484,
12 Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

13 Section 5. Section 171.093, Florida Statutes, as it
14 may be amended from time to time, is applicable to any
15 annexation of land located within the District's boundaries.
16 ~~Beginning on the effective date of this act, any properties~~
17 ~~that may be annexed by the City of Fort Myers and located~~
18 ~~within the District shall remain the responsibility of the~~
19 ~~District until January 1 of the following year, at which time~~
20 ~~the City shall assume the responsibility for fire control and~~
21 ~~such property shall no longer be a part of, or subject to, the~~
22 ~~taxing authority of the fire control taxing District. The~~
23 ~~municipal governing authority shall enter into an agreement to~~
24 ~~purchase, lease, or maintain real property and equipment of~~
25 ~~the District, if it is located within the area so annexed.~~
26 ~~Such agreement shall be reached by negotiated settlement.~~
27 ~~Should the City and the fire control taxing District not be~~
28 ~~able to reach a negotiated settlement, then the City shall~~
29 ~~have eminent domain authority for all real property owned by~~
30 ~~the fire control District and annexed by the City. The~~
31 ~~presently appointed or elected commissioners of the District~~

1 ~~who reside within the areas annexed by the City of Fort Myers~~
2 ~~shall continue to serve as the commissioners of the District~~
3 ~~until the local governing authority assumes responsibility for~~
4 ~~the lands so annexed.~~

5 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
6 law.

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