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

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

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

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



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31 ~~Myers shall continue to serve as the commissioners of the~~
32 ~~District until the local governing authority assumes~~
33 ~~responsibility for the lands so annexed.~~

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