

By Senator Jones

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Greater Seminole Area
3 Special Recreation District, Pinellas County;
4 providing for codification of special laws
5 relating to the district; providing legislative
6 intent; codifying, reenacting, and amending
7 chapters 80-584, 84-515, 84-516, 86-445,
8 88-445, Laws of Florida; describing district
9 boundaries; providing for the district
10 commissioners, their appointment and powers;
11 repealing chapters 80-584, 84-515, 84-516,
12 86-445, 88-445, Laws of Florida; providing for
13 liberal construction; providing for
14 severability; providing an effective date.

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

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18 Section 1. Pursuant to section 189.429, Florida
19 Statutes, this act constitutes the codification of all special
20 acts relating to the Greater Seminole Area Special Recreation
21 District, an independent special district and public
22 corporation of the state. It is the intent of the Legislature
23 in enacting this law to provide a single, comprehensive
24 special act charter for the district, including all current
25 legislative authority granted to the district by its several
26 enactments and any additional authority granted by this act.

27 Section 2. Chapters 80-584, 84-515, 84-516, 86-445,
28 and 88-445, Laws of Florida, are codified, reenacted, amended,
29 and repealed as provided in this act.

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1 Section 3. The Greater Seminole Area Special
2 Recreation District is re-created, and the charter for the
3 district is re-created and reenacted to read:

4 Section 1. All of the lands hereinafter described
5 shall be part of an independent special recreational district,
6 a public corporation, having the powers and duties herein set
7 forth under the name of Greater Seminole Area Special
8 Recreation District. The land so to be incorporated being
9 described as follows:

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11 All lands and territory lying within the
12 boundaries as set forth below:

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15 From a point at the intersection of the center
16 lines of County Road 595A, a/k/a 113th Street
17 N. and Duhme Road, and Florida 694, a/k/a
18 Walsingham Road, as a POB (point of beginning);
19 run westerly along said center line of Florida
20 694, a/k/a Walsingham Road, to the center line
21 of Boca Ciega Bay; thence run south and
22 southeasterly along a said center line of Boca
23 Ciega Bay to a point where, if extended, the
24 center line of 54th Avenue N. would intersect
25 with the center line of Boca Ciega Bay; thence
26 run easterly to a point where, if extended, the
27 center line of 54th Avenue N. would intersect
28 with the center line of Long Bayou; thence run
29 northwesterly and north along the center line
30 of Long Bayou and Lake Seminole to a point
31 where, if extended, the center line of 122nd

1 Avenue North would intersect with the center
2 line of Lake Seminole; thence westerly along
3 the center line of 122nd Avenue North until its
4 intersection with the center line of County
5 Road 595A, a/k/a 113th Street North and Duhme
6 Road; thence southerly along the center line of
7 County Road 595A, a/k/a 113th Street North and
8 Duhme Road, to the POB or the point where the
9 center line of the County Road 595A, a/k/a
10 113th Street North and Duhme Road, intersects
11 with the center line of Florida 694, a/k/a
12 Walsingham Road, all in Pinellas County,
13 Florida. However, any portion of the current
14 boundaries of the City of Largo are excluded.

15 Section 2. The business and affairs of the district
16 shall be conducted and administered by a board of seven
17 commissioners who, upon their qualification, shall serve for a
18 period of 4 years.

19 Section 3. Such seven commissioners shall serve for
20 terms of 4 years each and shall be appointed as follows: five
21 commissioners shall be appointed by the Board of County
22 Commissioners of Pinellas County, two in 1988 and three in
23 1990 and every 4 years subsequent thereto, and two
24 commissioners shall be appointed by the City Council of the
25 City of Seminole, one in 1988 and one in 1990 and every 4
26 years subsequent thereto. Any commissioner may be appointed
27 to succeed himself or herself. All commissioners shall be
28 registered voters residing within the district and shall have
29 resided within the district for at least 1 year prior to
30 appointment. If any commissioner shall cease to reside
31 anywhere within the district or fails to attend at least 50

1 percent of the duly called commissioners meetings in any one
2 fiscal year, his or her office shall be declared vacant and he
3 or she shall be disqualified from further service. The
4 appropriate appointing entity shall within 60 days of such
5 vacancy appoint a successor to fill any unexpired term in the
6 office of any commissioner.

7 Section 4. The district, by and through its
8 commissioners, may enter into a management contract with any
9 association or organization whose programs are intended to
10 serve the recreational needs of the residents of the district.

11 Section 5. Pursuant to referendum approval by the
12 voters of the district, the district had the right, power and
13 authority to levy ad valorem taxes not to exceed one-half mill
14 against the taxable real estate situated in the district. Such
15 levy was for 3 years only. Property taxes determined and
16 levied under this section were certified to the County
17 Property Appraiser and extended, assessed, and collected in
18 like manner as provided by law for regular property taxes for
19 the county and municipalities. The proceeds under this section
20 were remitted by the County Tax Collector to the Board of
21 Commissioners of the district for use in accomplishing the
22 purposes of this act.

23 Section 6. The district may acquire, hold title to,
24 divest itself of, and lease real and personal property within,
25 adjacent to, or contiguous to the district.

26 Section 7. The funds derived from the tax provided in
27 this act were used for the purchase of that parcel of real
28 property owned by the Board of Public Instruction of Pinellas
29 County, Florida, and leased by the Seminole Youth Athletic
30 Association or its successor and further described as Parcel

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1 No. 606, Pinellas Farms, located in the south 1/2, 21-30-15,
2 Pinellas County, Florida, and further described as follows:

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4 The South 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of southwest
5 1/4 of Section 21, Township 30 South, Range 15
6 East, less the east sixty (60) feet thereof
7 conveyed to Tampa and Gulf Coast Railroad
8 Company for railroad right-of-way, Pinellas
9 County, Florida.

10 Section 8. The proceeds of the tax and the funds of
11 the district shall be deposited in the name of the district in
12 a bank authorized to receive deposits of county funds, which
13 bank shall be designated by a resolution of the board of
14 commissioners. The designation of the bank and deposit of
15 funds therein shall be by the exercise of due care and
16 diligence on the part of the board of commissioners for the
17 safekeeping of funds. Funds of the district may be disbursed
18 only by check. The board of commissioners, as mentioned in
19 this act, shall not have any power and authority to borrow
20 money for the purposes of the district.

21 Section 9. All funds derived from the tax described
22 herein shall be used solely for the purchase of that parcel of
23 real estate described in Section 7, including any legal or
24 other expenses incident thereto. Surplus funds after the
25 purchase of such parcel of land may not be used for any
26 purposes other than the administration of the affairs and
27 business of the district, including the construction, care,
28 maintenance, upkeep and operation of any recreational land and
29 facilities as the board may determine to be in the best
30 interest of the district. The Board of Commissioners shall not
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1 influence the finances of any existing recreational
2 organization or association.

3 Section 10. The board shall handle duties usually
4 pertaining to, vested in, and encumbered upon like officers. A
5 record shall be kept of all meetings of the board, and in such
6 meetings the concurrence of a majority of the board members
7 shall be necessary to any affirmative action by the board. The
8 board may adopt such rules and regulations as it may deem
9 necessary in and about the transaction of its business and in
10 carrying out the provisions of this act.

11 Section 11. The special recreation district shall
12 exist until dissolved by law.

13 Section 12. The word "district" means the special
14 recreation district hereby organized, and the words "board"
15 and "board of commissioners" mean the board of commissioners
16 of and for the special recreation district hereby created,
17 when used in this act, unless otherwise specified.

18 Section 13. The provisions of this act shall be
19 liberally construed to effect the business of this act.

20 Section 4. Chapters 80-584, 84-515, 84-516, 86-445,
21 and 88-445, Laws of Florida, are repealed.

22 Section 5. This act shall be construed as remedial and
23 shall be liberally construed to promote the purpose for which
24 it is intended.

25 Section 6. If any provision of this act or its
26 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
27 invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of
28 the act which can be given effect without the invalid
29 provision or application, and to this end the provisions of
30 this act are declared severable.

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1 Section 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
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