



1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the Lee County School District;  
3 requiring the Lee County School Board to submit to the  
4 electors of the county school district in conjunction with  
5 the 2004 general elections the question of whether the  
6 district school board shall consist of five members, each  
7 to be elected from a single-member residence area by  
8 electors residing in that residence area only; providing an  
9 exemption; providing for an earlier vote under certain  
10 circumstances; providing for the expiration of the term of  
11 current members under certain circumstances with staggered  
12 terms thereafter; providing direction to the Supervisor of  
13 Elections; providing for a referendum; providing a ballot  
14 statement; providing for the district school board to draw  
15 five single-member residence areas and to provide for  
16 transition; providing for terms of office and staggering;  
17 providing an 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. (1) The Lee County School Board shall submit  
22 to the electors of the county school district for approval or  
23 rejection at a referendum in conjunction with the 2004 general  
24 election the question of whether the district school board shall  
25 be composed of five members, each to be elected from a single-  
26 member residence area by electors residing in the single-member  
27 residence area only, notwithstanding the provisions of section  
28 1001.36, section 1001.361, or section 1001.362, Florida



29 Statutes. If for any reason there is a countywide election prior  
 30 to the 2004 general election and 2004 primaries, the vote for  
 31 this act will occur on the earlier date. If the vote for this  
 32 act is prior to the qualifying period for the 2004 general  
 33 election, all school board seats will be up for election in the  
 34 year 2004 and staggered from that point forward.

35 (2) In accordance with section 101.161, Florida Statutes,  
 36 and subsection (1), the Supervisor of Elections of Lee County  
 37 shall place the title and substance of the referendum on the  
 38 ballot as follows:

39 ELECTION OF LEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS  
 40 TO PROVIDE FOR SINGLE-MEMBER REPRESENTATION

41 Shall the election of Lee County School Board members be changed  
 42 so that board members are elected by the electors living in  
 43 their districts, rather than countywide?

44 Yes

45 No

46 Section 2. If the electors approve such election of  
 47 district school board members, the five single-member residence  
 48 areas must be drawn by the district school board, and the  
 49 district school board shall provide for the orderly transition  
 50 to such election of district school board members in the general  
 51 election of 2006. All five school board seats will be up for  
 52 reelection in the general election of 2006 and staggered from  
 53 that date forward.

54 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon approval of a  
 55 majority vote of those qualified electors of Lee County voting  
 56 in a referendum to be held by the supervisor of elections in



57 | conjunction with the next general, special, or other election,  
58 | exclusive of primaries, to be held in Lee County, except that  
59 | this section and section 1 shall take effect upon becoming a  
60 | law.