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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to the North Sumter County Hospital
 District; providing a popular name; providing district
 purpose; providing district boundaries; providing for a
 board of trustees as the governing body of the district;
 prescribing the powers and duties of the board; providing
 for compensation and meetings of the board; authorizing
 the board to levy and collect an annual ad valorem tax
 upon taxable property within the district; providing for a
 referendum; providing for purpose of the tax; providing
 for a method for such levy; providing for an annual
 report; providing for financial disclosure; providing for
 liens and foreclosure of liens; providing for
 severability; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Establishment of district; boundaries.--

(1) This act may be referred to by the popular name the
 "North Sumter County Hospital District Act."

(2) There is created and established as an independent
 special taxing district of the state a hospital district in
 Sumter County to be known as the "North Sumter County Hospital
 District," which shall comprise and include the territory within
 Sumter County described as follows:

BEGIN AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP
 18 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, AND RUN SOUTH ALONG THE
 EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF RANGE 18 EAST (SAID BOUNDARY

30 BEING THE EAST LINE OF SAID SUMTER COUNTY) TO THE
 31 CENTERLINE OF STATE ROAD NO. 44; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG
 32 THE CENTERLINE OF STATE ROAD NO. 44 TO ITS
 33 INTERSECTION WITH THE CENTERLINE OF COUNTY ROAD C-44A;
 34 THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF COUNTY
 35 ROAD C-44A TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE CENTERLINE OF
 36 COUNTY ROAD C-139; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE CENTERLINE
 37 OF COUNTY ROAD C-139 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE
 38 CENTERLINE OF COUNTY ROAD C-466A; THENCE NORTH ALONG
 39 THE CENTERLINE OF COUNTY ROAD C-462 AND ITS NORTHERLY
 40 EXTENSION TO THE CENTERLINE OF COUNTY ROAD C-121;
 41 THENCE NORTH ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF COUNTY ROAD 121
 42 TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE FAIRWAYS AT ROLLING HILLS,
 43 PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 88, PUBLIC RECORDS OF SUMTER COUNTY,
 44 FLORIDA, EXTENDED WESTERLY; THENCE EAST ALONG SAID
 45 NORTH LINE AND ITS WESTERLY AND EXISTING EXTENSION TO
 46 THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE
 47 23 EAST; THENCE NORTH ALONG SAID EAST LINE TO THE
 48 WATERS OF LAKE MIONA; THENCE WESTERLY AND NORTHERLY
 49 ALONG THE WATERS OF LAKE MIONA TO ITS INTERSECTION
 50 WITH THE EASTERLY EXTENSION OF THE NORTHERLY LINE OF
 51 RAVENSWOOD SUBDIVISION (UNRECORDED) LYING IN THE
 52 SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 20,
 53 TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST; THENCE WEST ALONG
 54 SAID NORTH LINE AND ITS EXTENSION TO THE CENTERLINE OF
 55 COUNTY ROAD 117; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF
 56 COUNTY ROAD 117 TO THE CENTERLINE OF COUNTY ROAD 114;
 57 THENCE WEST ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF COUNTY ROAD 114 TO
 58 THE CENTERLINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY 301; THENCE WEST ALONG

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59 THE CENTERLINE OF COUNTY ROAD 222 TO THE CENTERLINE OF
 60 COUNTY ROAD 223; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF
 61 COUNTY ROAD 223 TO THE CENTERLINE OF COUNTY ROAD 466;
 62 THENCE WEST ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF COUNTY ROAD 466 TO
 63 THE CENTERLINE OF COUNTY ROAD 227; THENCE NORTH ALONG
 64 THE CENTERLINE OF COUNTY ROAD 227 TO THE SOUTH LINE OF
 65 SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST; THENCE
 66 WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 2 AND THE
 67 SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 22
 68 EAST TO THE WEST LINE OF THE EAST 330.10 FEET OF SAID
 69 SECTION 3; THENCE NORTH ALONG SAID WEST LINE TO THE
 70 NORTH LINE OF TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH SAID NORTH LINE BEING
 71 THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SUMTER COUNTY; THENCE EAST
 72 ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH AND
 73 ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SUMTER COUNTY TO THE POINT
 74 OF BEGINNING.

75 Section 2. Purpose of the district.--The purpose of the
 76 North Sumter County Hospital District as a governmental entity
 77 is to ensure continued hospital services for the residents of
 78 the North Sumter County Hospital District, referred to in this
 79 act as the "district."

80 Section 3. Membership and organization of the governing
 81 board of the district.--

82 (1) GENERAL.--

83 (a) The North Sumter County Hospital District shall be
 84 governed by a board of trustees composed of five persons
 85 appointed by the Governor. The term of office of each trustee
 86 shall be 6 years and a trustee may serve more than one term. The
 87 initial terms shall be measured from the date this act becomes

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88 law. The trustees must reside in Sumter County. Each trustee
 89 shall serve until his or her successor is appointed and
 90 qualified. Any member of the board of trustees may be removed by
 91 the Governor at any time for cause, in which event such vacancy
 92 or vacancies thereby occurring shall be filled by appointment by
 93 the Governor. Vacant trustee seats created for reasons other
 94 than by removal shall be filled through appointment by the
 95 Governor; appointees shall serve until expiration of the term
 96 for which they are appointed.

97 (b) The members of the board of trustees shall serve
 98 without pay. Each member shall give a bond to the Board of
 99 County Commissioners of Sumter County for the use and benefit of
 100 the North Sumter County Hospital District for the faithful
 101 performance of his or her duties in the sum of \$1,000 with a
 102 surety company qualified to do business in this state as surety,
 103 which bond shall be approved and accepted by the Clerk of the
 104 Circuit Court of Sumter County. The premiums on such bond shall
 105 be paid by the district as part of the expenses of the district.

106 (c) Three of the trustees shall constitute a quorum, and a
 107 vote of a majority of the trustees in attendance at a meeting is
 108 necessary for the transaction of any business of the district.
 109 The board of trustees may select from among its membership a
 110 chair, vice chair, secretary, and treasurer. The board of
 111 trustees shall cause true and accurate minutes and records to be
 112 kept of all business transacted by the board and shall keep
 113 full, true, and complete books of account and minutes, which
 114 minutes and books shall be open and subject to the inspection of
 115 the inhabitants of the district at all reasonable times during
 116 normal business hours. Any person desiring to do so may obtain a

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117 copy of the minutes and books of accounts or such portions
 118 thereof as he or she may desire upon payment of the costs of
 119 reproduction.

120 (2) ANNUAL MEETING.--The annual meeting shall be held
 121 during the month of January of each year at such time and place
 122 within the district as is determined by the board of trustees.
 123 Notice of the date, time, and place of the annual meeting shall
 124 be published in a daily newspaper of general circulation, in a
 125 section other than the legal advertisement or classified
 126 advertisement section, in the North Sumter County Hospital
 127 District once per week for 2 consecutive weeks. The date of the
 128 first publication of such notice must be at least 15, and not
 129 more than 30, days before the annual meeting. The agenda at the
 130 annual meeting of the board of trustees shall include, but is
 131 not limited to:

132 (a) Call to order.

133 (b) Presentation and approval of minutes of the last
 134 annual meeting and of any special meeting held since that
 135 meeting.

136 (c) Financial report.

137 (d) Presentation of the annual report of the board of
 138 trustees.

139 (e) Transaction of any business that may properly be
 140 brought before the board.

141 (f) Election of officers of the board of trustees.

142 (3) SPECIAL MEETINGS.--Special meetings of the board of
 143 trustees may be called at any time by the chair or upon the
 144 written request of four members of the board of trustees.

145 Notices of special meetings of the board of trustees shall be by

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146 publication in a newspaper of general daily circulation in the
 147 North Sumter County Hospital District at least 7 days before
 148 such meeting, stating the date and place and general matters of
 149 the business to be considered.

150 Section 4. Powers, functions, and duties.--

151 (1) EMINENT DOMAIN.--The North Sumter County Hospital
 152 District, through its board of trustees, has the power of
 153 eminent domain.

154 (2) GENERAL POWERS.--The Board of Trustees of the North
 155 Sumter County Hospital District has all the powers of a body
 156 corporate, including the power to sue and be sued under the name
 157 of the North Sumter County Hospital District; to contract and be
 158 contracted with; to adopt and use a common seal; and to acquire,
 159 purchase, hold, lease, and convey such real and personal
 160 property as the board of trustees deems proper or expedient to
 161 carry out the purposes of this act.

162 (3) AD VALOREM TAXATION.--The Board of Trustees of the
 163 North Sumter County Hospital District may levy an ad valorem tax
 164 in the district of up to 1 mill on the dollar of the value of
 165 all nonexempt property within that area of Sumter County which
 166 comprises the North Sumter County Hospital District, provided,
 167 however, that the hospital district shall have no authority to
 168 levy such ad valorem tax unless such authority has been approved
 169 in a referendum by a majority vote of the electors residing
 170 within the district voting on the question. Such referendum
 171 shall be held not later than December 31, 2006, and conducted
 172 upon a resolution adopted by the board of trustees and in
 173 accordance with applicable Florida Statutes. Such tax shall be
 174 paid into the district fund.

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175 (4) TAX PROCEEDS TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR HEALTH
 176 CARE PURPOSES.--All future tax proceeds generated from within
 177 the North Sumter County Hospital District, less one-half of the
 178 amount reserved annually by the board to pay for the maintenance
 179 and services for the board, shall be paid by the Board of
 180 Trustees to the Villages Tri-County Medical Center, Inc., and
 181 the Villages Regional Hospital Foundation, Inc., in such
 182 proportional distribution as the board, in its sole discretion,
 183 deems appropriate, upon the written request by the Villages Tri-
 184 County Medical Center, Inc., and the Villages Regional Hospital
 185 Foundation, Inc., respectively, that the funds are needed for
 186 healthcare purposes, provided, however, that the Villages Tri-
 187 County Medical Center, Inc., shall receive not less than 80
 188 percent of such funds so distributed.

189 (5) ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT.--The Villages Tri-County
 190 Medical Center, Inc., and the Villages Regional Hospital
 191 Foundation, Inc., shall file annual audited financial statements
 192 with the North Sumter County Hospital District.

193 (6) COLLECTION OF TAXES.--It is the duty of the Property
 194 Appraiser of Sumter County to assess, and the Tax Collector of
 195 Sumter County to collect, the up to 1 mill tax levied by the
 196 Board of Trustees of the North Sumter County Hospital District
 197 upon the taxable property in the district. The tax collector
 198 shall collect such tax as levied by the board of trustees in the
 199 same manner as other taxes are collected and shall pay the same
 200 over to the Board of Trustees of the North Sumter County
 201 Hospital District within the time and in the manner prescribed
 202 by law for the payment of taxes to the county depository. It is
 203 the duty of the Department of Revenue to assess all such

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204 property in accordance with section 193.085, Florida Statutes.
 205 The amount of each county or state tax and the taxes for the
 206 district shall be assessed by the officer respectively as are
 207 county taxes upon such property, and such tax shall be remitted
 208 by the collecting officer to the Board of Trustees of the North
 209 Sumter County Hospital District. All such taxes shall be held by
 210 the Board of Trustees of the North Sumter County Hospital
 211 District and paid out by said board for purposes of this act.

212 (7) EXPENSES.--The Board of Trustees of the North Sumter
 213 County Hospital District may pay from the funds of the district
 214 all expenses of the organization of such board of trustees and
 215 all expenses necessarily incurred in the development of the
 216 district, as well as all other reasonable and necessary
 217 expenses, including the fees and expenses of a certified public
 218 accountant and an attorney as needed in the transaction of the
 219 business of the district in carrying out and accomplishing the
 220 purposes of this act. The board shall include in its annual
 221 budget a reserve in an amount deemed necessary by the board for
 222 its yearly expenses.

223 (8) FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE, NOTICE, AND REPORTING
 224 REQUIREMENTS.--At least once every year, the Board of Trustees
 225 of the North Sumter County Hospital District shall make and file
 226 with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Sumter County a complete
 227 financial statement of all moneys received and distributed by
 228 the board since the development of the district as to the first
 229 statement so filed, and since the last statement so filed as to
 230 any other year. Such statements shall also show the several
 231 sources from which the funds were received and shall show the
 232 balance on hand at the time of the making of such statement. The

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233 statement shall show the complete statement of the financial
 234 condition of the district. Notice of the statement shall be
 235 filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Sumter County and
 236 published in a newspaper regularly published in Sumter County,
 237 and the statement shall be made available at all reasonable
 238 times to all residents of the district for their inspection. The
 239 Board of Trustees of the North Sumter County Hospital District
 240 shall comply with all financial disclosure and reporting
 241 requirements provided in general law.

242 (9) PREPARATION OF BUDGET.--The Board of Trustees of the
 243 North Sumter County Hospital District shall prepare an annual
 244 balanced budget in accordance with generally accepted accounting
 245 practices and in the manner prescribed by section 189.418,
 246 Florida Statutes.

247 (10) LIENS AND FORECLOSURES.--Liens and foreclosure of
 248 liens resulting from failure to pay ad valorem taxation shall be
 249 treated as liens and foreclosures resulting from other ad
 250 valorem taxes.

251 Section 5. Amendments to the charter.--This act may only
 252 be amended by action of the Legislature.

253 Section 6. Construction of act.--It is intended that the
 254 provisions of this act be liberally construed for accomplishing
 255 the purposes authorized and provided for by this act.

256 Section 7. Comprehensive planning.--Except as may
 257 otherwise be required by general law, comprehensive planning is
 258 not required by this act.

259 Section 8. If any provision of this act or its application
 260 to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity
 261 shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act

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262 which can be given effect without the invalid provision or
263 application, and to this end the provisions of this act are
264 declared severable.

265 Section 9. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.