

HOUSE TECHNICAL AMENDMENT

Bill No. HB 1719 CS

Amendment No. (for drafter's use only)

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 The Subcommittee on Rules offered the following:

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3 **Technical Amendment**

4 Remove line(s) 21 and insert:

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6 providing for liberal construction; amending chapters 87-447 and
7 97-340, Laws of Florida, and repealing section 1 of chapter 87-
8 447, Laws of Florida, to conform; providing an effective

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10 Remove line(s) 40 and insert:

11 69-1239, 73-533, 74-523, 75-419, and 79-500, Laws of

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13 Remove line(s) 414 and insert:

14 69-1239, 73-533, 74-523, 75-419, and 79-500, Laws of

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16 Between line(s) 415 and 416, insert:

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17 Section 7. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 5 of
18 chapter 97-340, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

19 Section 5. District boards of commissioners; membership,
20 officers, meetings.--

21 (1)(a) The business affairs of each district shall be
22 conducted and administered by a five-member board, except that
23 Captiva Fire Control District, ~~Boca Grande Fire Control~~
24 ~~District~~, and Sanibel Fire Control District shall remain
25 governed by three-member boards. The board seats shall be
26 designated seats 1, 2, and 3 in the case of the three-member
27 boards and seats 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 for all five-member boards.
28 Board elections shall be staggered with no more than two members
29 of a three-member board or three members of a five-member board
30 elected during an election year. The board shall be elected in
31 nonpartisan elections by the electors of the district. Such
32 elections shall be held at the time and in the manner prescribed
33 by law for holding general elections in accordance with s.
34 189.405(2)(a) and (3), Florida Statutes, and each member shall
35 be elected for a term of 4 years except as provided herein and
36 serve until a successor assumes office. Candidates for the board
37 of a district shall qualify for a specified seat with the county
38 supervisor of elections. Such candidates may qualify by paying a
39 filing fee of \$25 or by obtaining the signatures of at least 25
40 registered electors of the district on petition forms provided
41 by the supervisor of elections which petitions shall be
42 submitted and checked in the same manner as petitions filed by
43 nonpartisan judicial candidates pursuant to s. 105.035, Florida
44 Statutes.

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45 Section 8. Section 1 of chapter 87-447, Laws of Florida,
46 is repealed.

47 Section 9. Sections 4, 5, and 6 of chapter 87-447, Laws of
48 Florida, are amended to read:

49 Section 4. Any special or general law to the contrary
50 notwithstanding, the provisions of chapter 81-414, Laws of
51 Florida, prescribing uniform regulations for elections,
52 qualification of candidates, and filling of vacancies for
53 certain special districts in Lee County shall also apply to the
54 ~~Boca Grande Fire Control District, chapter 22372, Laws of~~
55 ~~Florida;~~ Captiva Island Fire Control District, chapter 30929,
56 Laws of Florida, and North Fort Myers Fire Control District,
57 chapter 30925, Laws of Florida.

58 Section 5. For the purpose of implementing the provisions
59 of ss. 1-4, each member of ~~the Boca Grande Fire Control Board,~~
60 the Captiva Island Fire Control Board, and the North Fort Myers
61 Fire Control Board, or a person appointed to fill a vacancy,
62 shall continue to hold that office until the expiration of the
63 present term and thereafter until an election is held pursuant
64 to the provisions of chapter 81-414, Laws of Florida, at which
65 election the office will be filled.

66 Section 6. Notwithstanding any provision of general or
67 special law to the contrary, any board member of any of the
68 following districts may be removed from office pursuant to
69 recall election: Alva Fire Protection and Rescue Service
70 District, Bayshore Fire Protection and Rescue Service District,
71 ~~Boca Grande Fire Control District,~~ Bonita Springs Fire Control
72 and Rescue District, Captiva Island Fire Control District,

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73 Estero Fire Protection and Rescue Service District, Fort Myers
74 Beach Fire Control District, Fort Myers Shores Fire Protection
75 and Rescue Service District, Iona-McGregor Fire Protection and
76 Rescue Service District, Lehigh Acres Fire Control and Rescue
77 District, Matlacha-Pine Island Fire Control District, North Fort
78 Myers Fire Control District, San Carlos Park Fire Protection and
79 Rescue Service District, Sanibel Island Fire Control District,
80 South Trail Fire Protection and Rescue Service District, and
81 Tice Fire Protection and Rescue Service District. The procedure
82 for conducting a recall election shall be the same as for
83 conducting a municipal recall election pursuant to s. 100.361,
84 Florida Statutes.

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