

Amendment No. (for drafter's use only)

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Kottkamp offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

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

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

7 Section 5. District boards of commissioners; membership,  
8 officers, meetings.--

9 (1)(a) The business affairs of each district shall be  
10 conducted and administered by a five-member board, except that  
11 Captiva Fire Control District, ~~Boea Grande Fire Control~~  
12 ~~District~~, and Sanibel Fire Control District shall remain  
13 governed by three-member boards. The board seats shall be  
14 designated seats 1, 2, and 3 in the case of the three-member  
15 boards and seats 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 for all five-member boards.  
16 Board elections shall be staggered with no more than two members

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17 of a three-member board or three members of a five-member board  
18 elected during an election year. The board shall be elected in  
19 nonpartisan elections by the electors of the district. Such  
20 elections shall be held at the time and in the manner prescribed  
21 by law for holding general elections in accordance with s.  
22 189.405(2)(a) and (3), Florida Statutes, and each member shall  
23 be elected for a term of 4 years except as provided herein and  
24 serve until a successor assumes office. Candidates for the board  
25 of a district shall qualify for a specified seat with the county  
26 supervisor of elections. Such candidates may qualify by paying a  
27 filing fee of \$25 or by obtaining the signatures of at least 25  
28 registered electors of the district on petition forms provided  
29 by the supervisor of elections which petitions shall be  
30 submitted and checked in the same manner as petitions filed by  
31 nonpartisan judicial candidates pursuant to s. 105.035, Florida  
32 Statutes.

33 Section 8. Section 1 of chapter 87-447, Laws of Florida,  
34 is repealed.

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

37 Section 4. Any special or general law to the contrary  
38 notwithstanding, the provisions of chapter 81-414, Laws of  
39 Florida, prescribing uniform regulations for elections,  
40 qualification of candidates, and filling of vacancies for  
41 certain special districts in Lee County shall also apply to the  
42 ~~Boca Grande Fire Control District, chapter 22372, Laws of~~  
43 ~~Florida;~~ Captiva Island Fire Control District, chapter 30929,

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44 Laws of Florida, and North Fort Myers Fire Control District,  
45 chapter 30925, Laws of Florida.

46 Section 5. For the purpose of implementing the provisions  
47 of ss. 1-4, each member of ~~the Boca Grande Fire Control Board,~~  
48 the Captiva Island Fire Control Board, and the North Fort Myers  
49 Fire Control Board, or a person appointed to fill a vacancy,  
50 shall continue to hold that office until the expiration of the  
51 present term and thereafter until an election is held pursuant  
52 to the provisions of chapter 81-414, Laws of Florida, at which  
53 election the office will be filled.

54 Section 6. Notwithstanding any provision of general or  
55 special law to the contrary, any board member of any of the  
56 following districts may be removed from office pursuant to  
57 recall election: Alva Fire Protection and Rescue Service  
58 District, Bayshore Fire Protection and Rescue Service District,  
59 ~~Boca Grande Fire Control District,~~ Bonita Springs Fire Control  
60 and Rescue District, Captiva Island Fire Control District,  
61 Estero Fire Protection and Rescue Service District, Fort Myers  
62 Beach Fire Control District, Fort Myers Shores Fire Protection  
63 and Rescue Service District, Iona-McGregor Fire Protection and  
64 Rescue Service District, Lehigh Acres Fire Control and Rescue  
65 District, Matlacha-Pine Island Fire Control District, North Fort  
66 Myers Fire Control District, San Carlos Park Fire Protection and  
67 Rescue Service District, Sanibel Island Fire Control District,  
68 South Trail Fire Protection and Rescue Service District, and  
69 Tice Fire Protection and Rescue Service District. The procedure  
70 for conducting a recall election shall be the same as for

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71 conducting a municipal recall election pursuant to s. 100.361,  
72 Florida Statutes.

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76 Remove line(s) 21 and insert:

77 providing for liberal construction; amending chapters 87-447 and  
78 97-340, Laws of Florida, and repealing section 1 of chapter 87-  
79 447, Laws of Florida, to conform; providing an effective