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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Bay County Law Library; codifying,
 3 amending, reenacting, and repealing chapters 69-835, 75-
 4 328, 96-464, and 96-530, Laws of Florida, relating to the
 5 Bay County Law Library; providing legislative intent;
 6 providing a governing body; providing that the district is
 7 a dependent district; providing a district charter;
 8 eliminating obsolete provisions; providing an effective
 9 date.

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 11 WHEREAS, the proper and expeditious administration of
 12 justice in the courts of Bay County makes it desirable and
 13 necessary that there be available to the county officials and
 14 the judges and officers of said county's several courts a
 15 central and adequate law library located in Bay County, and

16 WHEREAS, the establishment and maintenance of such central
 17 law library is a public need and serves a general county
 18 purpose. The library, under the direction of a library board
 19 created by this act, will be maintained and operated under such
 20 rules and regulations as the law library board shall from time
 21 to time prescribe, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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 25 Section 1. Pursuant to section 189.429, Florida Statutes,
 26 this act constitutes the codification of all special acts
 27 relating to the Bay County Law Library. It is the intent of the
 28 Legislature in enacting this law to provide a single,
 29 comprehensive special act charter for the district, including

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30 all current legislative authority granted to the district by its
 31 several legislative enactments and any additional authority
 32 granted by this act.

33 Section 2. Chapters 69-835, 75-328, 96-464, and 96-530,
 34 Laws of Florida, are codified, reenacted, amended, and repealed
 35 as herein provided.

36 Section 3. This act may be cited as the "Bay County Law
 37 Library Act."

38 Section 4. The charter for the Bay County Law Library is
 39 re-created and reenacted to read:

40 Section 1. The Bay County Law Library is created and
 41 established as a dependent special district in Bay County for
 42 the purposes of providing a central, adequate law library for
 43 the use of county officials, judges, officers of the several
 44 courts of Bay County, and the citizens of Bay County. The
 45 library is to be operated by a library board. The board shall
 46 operate and maintain the library under rules and regulations as
 47 it shall from time to time prescribe.

48 Section 2. (1) The governing body of the Bay County Law
 49 Library is created, to be known as the "Bay County Law Library
 50 Board," and shall be composed of three practicing members of the
 51 Bay County bar association who shall be appointed by the Bay
 52 County Board of County Commissioners for terms of 4 years each,
 53 a judge of the fourteenth judicial circuit court residing in Bay
 54 County, and a county judge of Bay County, and their successors
 55 in office. The members of the board shall meet within 30 days
 56 after their appointment and quarterly thereafter. Members shall
 57 elect one member chair, one member vice chair, and one member
 58 secretary/treasurer. Three members of the board shall constitute

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59 a quorum. Vacancies occurring on the board shall be filled by
 60 appointment by the Bay County Board of County Commissioners for
 61 the unexpired portion of the term. The library board shall have
 62 full power to purchase, or acquire by gift, books, library
 63 equipment, and supplies on time payments or for cash and to
 64 enter into binding contracts for the purchase thereof. The board
 65 is authorized to expend moneys to reimburse Bay County for all
 66 library personnel expenses. The board is authorized to
 67 promulgate and adopt all rules and regulations for the governing
 68 of the library.

69 (2) All meetings shall be open to the public and conducted
 70 in accordance with chapter 286, Florida Statutes. Minutes of the
 71 meetings shall be recorded and shall be signed by the chair or,
 72 in his or her absence, by the vice chair.

73 Section 3. The Bay County Commissioners and the Bay County
 74 Law Library Board as established hereby shall, jointly and
 75 severally, have the right to acquire and provide for the
 76 maintenance and operation of the law library from existing
 77 facilities or by establishing new, independent facilities, and
 78 for such purposes shall jointly and severally have the right to
 79 acquire real and personal properties and to borrow and encumber
 80 moneys for the purpose of financing same.

81 Section 4. The law library hereby created, established,
 82 and organized in conformity with the provisions of its
 83 legislative acts shall belong to and be the property of the Bay
 84 County Board of County Commissioners.

85 Section 5. The designated chair of the law library board
 86 shall provide annual reports to the Bay County Board of County
 87 Commissioners giving such statistics and other information as

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88 may be requested by the Board of County Commissioners.

89 Section 6. No profit from the operation of the library or
90 its facilities herein described shall inure to Bay County or any
91 person, firm, association, or corporation or other
92 organizations.

93 Section 7. All funds allocated for the use of the law
94 library or moneys donated shall be expended by the law library
95 board and only for the purpose of maintaining and operating the
96 law library.

97 Section 5. Chapters 69-835, 75-328, 96-464, and 96-530,
98 Laws of Florida, are repealed.

99 Section 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.