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An act relating to Alligator Point Water Resources District, Franklin County; codifying, amending, reenacting, and repealing chapters 63-1350 and 85-414, Laws of Florida; providing legislative intent; providing definitions; providing that the district may provide sewer and wastewater collection and disposal services; providing severability; providing construction; providing for annexation; requiring a referendum; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Pursuant to section 189.429, Florida Statutes, this act constitutes the codification of all special acts relating to Alligator Point Water Resources District. It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this law to provide a single, comprehensive special act charter for the district including all current legislative authority granted to the district by its several legislative enactments and any additional authority granted by this act.

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Chapters 63-1350 and 85-414, Laws of Florida, are amended, codified, reenacted, and repealed as herein provided.

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Section 3. The Alligator Point Water Resources District is re-created and the charter for such district is re-created and reenacted to read:

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Section 1. This act shall be known as the "Alligator Point Water Resources District Act."

Section 2. As used in this act:

- (1) "Water system" means waterworks or water treatment plant, or other operation concerning fresh water production, distribution, or sale.
- (2) "District" means the Alligator Point Water Resources
  District of Franklin County.
- (3) "Board" means the Alligator Point Water Resources Board.
- (4) "Sewer system" means plant, system, facility, or other operation concerning collection, treatment, purification, or disposal of sewage.
- Section 3. There is created in Franklin County an independent special district to be known as Alligator Point

  Water Resources District. The district shall include all that portion of Alligator Point in said county described as follows:

Fractional sections 4, 5, 6 and 7 in Township 7,

South, Range 1 West and fractional section 1, 2, 3 and

12 in Township 7 South, Range 2 West.

- Section 4. (1) The governing body of the district shall be the Alligator Point Water Resources Board consisting of three members, each of whom shall be the owner of the fee simple title to real estate located in the district.
- (2) Appointments to fill interim vacancies on the board shall be for the unexpired term only. Members shall be appointed by the Governor for terms of 4 years.
- Section 5. Boards appointed by the Governor shall at their first meeting elect from their membership a chair. No person shall be appointed as a member of the board if such person is not the owner of real property within the district.

Section 6. The board of the Alligator Point Water
Resources District is authorized and empowered:

- (1) To purchase and/or construct, reconstruct, buy, improve, extend, enlarge, equip, repair, maintain, and operate a water system; to provide fresh water either within or without the district for a distance of 5 miles, or both; to operate, manage, and control all such systems so purchased and/or constructed and all properties pertaining thereto; and to furnish and supply water, sewage, and disposal services to such district or adjoining area and any persons, firms, or corporation, public or private, in any such area.
- (2) To issue negotiable water revenue certificates of the district, payable from revenues to be derived from the operation of said water and/or sewer system.
- (3) To levy a tax not to exceed 5 mills on all taxable property within the district.
- (4) To fix and collect rates and charges for water or sewer furnished by said water and sewer systems and to fix and collect charges for making connections with any water or sewer system.
- (5) To acquire in the name of the district, by purchase, gift, or the exercise of the right of eminent domain, within and without such lands and rights and interests therein, including lands over and under water and riparian rights; to acquire such personal property as it may deem necessary in connection with the construction or operation of water and sewer systems; and to hold and dispose of all real and personal property under its control.

(6) To make and enter into all contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties and the execution of its powers under this act, including a trust agreement or trust agreements securing any bonds issued hereunder; to employ such expert and clerical personnel as may, in the judgment of the board, be deemed necessary; and to fix their compensation, provided, however, that all such expenses shall be payable solely from funds made available under the provisions of this act.

- (7) To exercise jurisdiction, control, and supervision over any water and sewer systems owned, operated, or maintained by it; to make and enforce such rules and regulations for the maintenance and operation of any such system as may in its judgment be necessary or desirable for the efficient operation thereof; and to accomplish the purposes of this act.
- (8) To enter on any lands, water, or premises located within or without the district to make surveys, borings, soundings, or examinations to effectuate the purposes of this act.
- (9) To construct and operate water mains, laterals, conduits, pipelines, pumping stations, lift stations, valves, force mains, laterals, pressure lines, mains, and all necessary appurtenances thereto, in, along, or under any street, alleys, highways, or other public places within or without the district.
- (10) To restrain, enjoin, or otherwise prevent any political subdivision or agency and any person or corporation, public or private, from discharging into any navigable or nonnavigable waters within the limits of the district any sewage, industrial waters, or other refuse which would

contribute to the pollution of such and to restrain, enjoin, or

otherwise prevent the violation of any provision of this act or

any resolution, regulation, or rule adopted pursuant to the

powers granted by this act.

- (11) Subject to such provisions and restrictions as may be set forth in any resolution or trust agreement authorizing or securing any bonds issued under the provisions of this act, to enter into contracts with the government of the United States or the state or any agency or instrumentality of either thereof, or with any municipality, district, private corporation, copartnership, association, or individual providing for or relating to such water system or the purchase and sale of water or sewer system and the disposal of sewage.
- (12) To receive and accept from any authorized agency of the Federal Government loans or grants for the planning, construction, improvement, extension, enlargement, reconstruction, or equipment of any water and sewer systems; to enter into agreements with such agency respecting any such loans or grants; and to receive and accept aid or contributions from any source of either money, property, labor, or other things of value, to be held, used, and applied only for the purposes for which such loans, grants, or contributions be made.
- (13) To do all acts and things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers expressly granted in this act.
- Section 7. No funds of the district shall be used for any purpose other than those defined in section 6 and the administration of the affairs and business of the district, or the purpose, acquisition, construction, expansion, care, maintenance, upkeep, and operation of a fresh water system and

sewer system in the district as the board may determine to be for the best interest of the district and inhabitants thereof.

Section 8. All taxable property within the district shall be subject to an ad valorem tax not to exceed 5 mills of the assessed valuation of such property to be used to carry out the purposes of this act. In accordance with timetables set by Florida Statutes, each year the district board shall meet and determine the millage necessary to provide funds to be levied and assessed on such property to carry out the purposes of this act; provided, however, that the millage determined by the board shall not exceed the limitations of this section. The ad valorem tax authorized by this section shall be levied and collected in the same manner as taxes for county purposes are assessed and collected in Franklin County. Taxes of the district shall be of equal dignity with taxes for county purposes and shall become liens and be enforced in the same manner as taxes for county purposes.

Section 9. The board may fix and revise from time to time rates and charges for water furnished by any water system and for sewage disposal by any sewer system and charge and collect the same. Any such rates and charges shall be so fixed and revised as to provide funds, with other funds available for such purpose, sufficient at all times:

- (1) To pay the cost of maintaining, repairing, and operating the water and sewer systems of the district, and to provide reserves therefor and for replacements, depreciation, and necessary extensions and enlargements.
- (2) To pay the principal of and the interest on all outstanding bonds for the payment of which such rates and

charges are pledged as the same shall become due and provide reserves therefor.

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(3) To provide a margin of safety for making such payments and providing such reserves. Such rates and charges shall not be subject to supervision or regulation by any commission, board, bureau, or agency of the state or of any political subdivision of the state. Such rates and charges shall be just and equitable.

Section 10. The board may provide in the resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds under this act or in any trust agreement securing such bonds that if any water or sewer rates shall not be paid within 30 days from the rendition of any such bills, the district shall discontinue furnishing water to such premises and may disconnect the same from the water system. Any such resolution or trust agreement may include any or all of the following provisions, and may require the board to adopt such resolutions or to take such other lawful action as shall be necessary to effectuate such provisions, and the board is hereby authorized to adopt such resolutions and to take such other action.

- (1) The district may require the owner, tenant, or occupant of each lot or parcel of land within the district who is obligated to pay water or sewer rates to the district; to make a reasonable deposit with the district in advance; to ensure the payment of such rates or charges; and to be subject to application to the payment thereof if and when delinquent.
- (2) If any water or sewer rates charges payable to the district shall not be paid within 30 days after the same shall become due and payable, the district may at the expiration of

such 30 days period disconnect the premises from the water

system and the district may proceed to recover the amount of any

such delinquent rates or charges, with interest at the highest

legal rate, in any court having jurisdiction over claims for

money damages.

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Section 11. The provisions of this act are severable, and it is the intention to confer the whole or any part of the powers herein provided for and if any of the provisions of this act shall be held unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of such court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions of this act. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this act would have been adopted had such unconstitutional provision not been included therein.

Section 4. This act shall be construed as a remedial act and shall be liberally construed to promote the purpose for which it is intended.

Section 5. Chapters 63-1350 and 85-414, Laws of Florida, are repealed.

Section 6. In accordance with the provisions of law relating to elections currently in force, a referendum shall be called by the Franklin County Supervisor of Elections, to be paid for by the Alligator Point Water Resources District, on the question of whether the boundaries of the Alligator Point Water Resources District shall be modified to include land in section 7 and whether property within the annexed area shall be subject to an ad valorem tax not to exceed 5 mills.

Section 7. Effective 15 days after approval by a majority vote of those qualified electors residing within the area

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232	proposed to be annexed and voting on the question in the
233	referendum, section 3 of the charter contained in section 3 of
234	this act shall be amended to read:
235	Section 3. There is created in Franklin County a special
236	taxing district to be known as Alligator Point Water Resources
237	District. The district shall include all that portion of
238	Alligator Point in said county described as follows:
239	Fractional sections 4, 5, 6 and 7 in Township 7,
240	South, Range 1 West and fractional section 1, 2, 3 and
241	12 in Township 7 South, Range 2 West.
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243	A parcel of land in Township 6 South, Range 1 West,
244	Township 6 South, Range 2 West, Franklin County,
245	Florida, described as follows:
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247	All of Sections 17, 20, 21, 28, 29, 31, 32 and 33,
248	Township 6 South, Range 1 West;
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250	AND:
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252	That part of Sections 18 and 19, Township 6 South,
253	Range 1 West, Franklin County, Florida lying Easterly
254	of the following described line:
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256	For a POINT OF BEGINNING commence at the Northwest
257	corner of Section 30, Township 6 South, Range 1 West,
258	Franklin County, Florida; thence N 00°13'04" W along
259	the West line of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 19
260	a distance of 2645.60 feet to the Northwest corner of

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west line of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 19 a distance of 799.70 feet; thence N 80°03'23" E a distance of 1556 feet, more or less, to the waters of an unnamed tidal creek; thence Southerly, Easterly and Northerly along the waters of said unnamed tidal creek to the waters of Ochlockonee Bay and the POINT OF TERMINATION;

270 AND:

That part of Section 30, Township 6 South, Range 1

West, and Sections 25 and 36, Township 6 South, Range

West, Franklin County, Florida lying easterly of the

following described line:

For a POINT OF BEGINNING commence at the Northwest corner of said Section 30; thence S 00°16'05" E along the west line of said Section 30 a distance of 278.33 feet to a point of intersection with a line that is parallel with and 25 feet westerly of the centerline of an existing unnamed woods road, said point being on a non-tangent curve to the right, concave westerly, having a radius of 973.04 feet; thence southerly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 03°46'22" for an arc length of 64.07 feet, said curve subtended by a chord bearing S 14°07'41" E for 64.06 feet, to an intersection with a non-tangent curve to the left, concave southeasterly, having a radius of

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85.00 feet; thence southwesterly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 32°48'03" for an arc length of 48.66 feet, said curve subtended by a chord bearing S 26°58'09" W for 48.00 feet, to the PRC with a curve to the right, concave westerly, having a radius of 725.03 feet; thence southerly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 09°30'31" for an arc length of 120.33 feet to the PT; thence S 20°04'38" W a distance of 23.17 feet to the PC of a curve to the left, concave easterly, having a radius of 221.01 feet; thence southerly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 24°30'22" for an arc length of 94.53 feet to the PT; thence S 04°25'44" E a distance of 93.27 feet to the PC of a curve to the right, concave westerly, having a radius of 310.59 feet; thence southerly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 30°49'17" for an arc length of 167.08 feet to the PT; thence S 26°23'33" W a distance of 116.92 feet to the PC of a curve to the left, concave southeasterly, having a radius of 287.01 feet; thence southwesterly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 17°25'20" for an arc length of 87.27 feet to the PCC with a curve to the left, concave easterly, having a radius of 225.01 feet; thence southerly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 19°30'16" for an arc length of 76.60 feet to the PCC with a curve to the left, concave northeasterly, having a radius of 475.02 feet; thence southeasterly along the arc of said curve,

319 through a central angle of 18°51'32" for an arc length 320 of 156.35 feet to the PT; thence S 29°23'36" E a distance of 108.55 feet to the PC of a curve to the 321 322 right, concave westerly, having a radius of 254.01 feet; thence southerly along the arc of said curve, 323 324 through a central angle of 35°25'30" for an arc length 325 of 157.05 feet to the PT; thence S 06°01'54" W a 326 distance of 145.63 feet to the PC of a curve to the 327 left, concave easterly, having a radius of 275.01 328 feet; thence southerly along the arc of said curve, 329 through a central angle of 20°25'36" for an arc length 330 of 98.04 feet to the PRC with a curve to the right, 331 concave westerly, having a radius of 188.78 feet; 332 thence southerly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 22°37'19" for an arc length of 333 334 74.54 feet to the PT; thence S 08°13'37" W a distance 335 of 110.11 feet to the PC of a curve to the right, 336 concave northwesterly, having a radius of 55.00 feet; 337 thence southwesterly along the arc of said curve, 338 through a central angle of 57°46'34" for an arc length 339 of 55.46 feet to the PT; thence S 66°00'12" W a 340 distance of 99.90 feet to the PC of a curve to the left, concave southeasterly, having a radius of 125.00 341 342 feet; thence southwesterly along the arc of said 343 curve, through a central angle of 28°30'00" for an arc length of 62.18 feet to the PCC with a curve to the 344 345 left, concave southeasterly, having a radius of 255.01 346 feet; thence southwesterly along the arc of said 347 curve, through a central angle of 13°28'58" for an arc

348 length of 60.01 feet to the PT; thence S 24°01'13" W a 349 distance of 85.10 feet to the PC of a curve to the 350 left, concave easterly, having a radius of 240.01 351 feet; thence southerly along the arc of said curve, 352 through a central angle of 38°23'12" for an arc length 353 of 160.80 feet to the PRC with a curve to the right, 354 concave westerly, having a radius of 5734.76 feet; 355 thence southerly along the arc of said curve, through 356 a central angle of 01°25'26" for an arc length of 357 142.51 feet to the PCC with a curve to the right, 358 concave westerly, having a radius of 1200.05 feet; 359 thence southerly along the arc of said curve, through 360 a central angle of 08°00'00" for an arc length of 361 167.56 feet to the PT; thence S 04°56'33" E for a 362 distance of 97.78 feet to the PC of a curve to the 363 right, concave westerly, having a radius of 159.48 364 feet; thence southerly along the arc of said curve, 365 through a central angle of 24°10'04" for an arc length 366 of 67.27 feet to the PT; thence S 19°13'31" W a 367 distance of 81.51 feet to the PC of a curve to the 368 left, concave easterly, having a radius of 261.29 369 feet; thence southerly along the arc of said curve, 370 through a central angle of 20°52'24" for an arc length 371 of 95.19 feet to the PT; thence S 01°38'53" E a 372 distance of 161.74 feet to the PC of a curve to the 373 left, concave northeasterly, having a radius of 103.82 374 feet; thence southeasterly along the arc of said 375 curve, through a central angle of 37°13'42" for an arc 376 length of 67.46 feet to the PT; thence S 38°52'35" E a

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distance of 59.04 feet to the PC of a curve to the left, concave northeasterly, having a radius of 145.01 feet; thence southeasterly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 17°01'58" for an arc length of 43.11 feet to the PCC with a curve to the left, concave northeasterly, having a radius of 1165.05 feet; thence southeasterly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 05°24'08" for an arc length of 109.85 feet to the PRC with a curve to the right, concave southwesterly, having a radius of 130.01 feet; thence southeasterly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 35°15'03" for an arc length of 79.99 feet to the PT; thence S 26°03'37" E a distance of 36.95 feet to the PC of a curve to the right, concave westerly, having a radius of 155.90 feet; thence southerly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 19°29'19" for an arc length of 53.03 feet to the PT; thence S 06°34'18" E a distance of 145.31 feet to the PC of a curve to the right, concave westerly, having a radius of 381.72 feet; thence southerly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 20°52'37" for an arc length of 139.09 feet to the PRC with a curve to the left, concave easterly, having a radius of 217.01 feet; thence southerly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 15°07'08" for an arc length of 57.26 feet to the PT; thence S 00°48'49" E a distance of 918.62 feet to the PC of a curve to the left, concave easterly, having a radius of 1100.05 feet;

406 thence southerly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 03°32'45" for an arc length of 407 408 68.08 feet to the PRC with a curve to the right, 409 concave westerly, having a radius of 1081.49 feet; 410 thence southerly along the arc of said curve, through 411 a central angle of 07°46'27" for an arc length of 412 146.74 feet to the PRC of a curve to the left, concave 413 easterly, having a radius of 371.42 feet; thence 414 southerly along the arc of said curve, through a 415 central angle of 09°50'26" for an arc length of 63.79 416 feet to the PRC with a curve to the right, concave 417 westerly, having a radius of 466.22 feet; thence 418 southerly along the arc of said curve, through a 419 central angle of 10°34'22" for an arc length of 86.03 420 feet to the PRC with a curve to the left, concave 421 easterly, having a radius of 1097.87 feet; thence 422 southerly along the arc of said curve, through a 423 central angle of 08°04'58" for an arc length of 154.87 424 feet to the PRC with a curve to the right, concave 425 westerly, having a radius of 157.61 feet; thence 426 southerly along the arc of said curve, through a 427 central angle of 21°49'49" for an arc length of 60.05 428 feet to the PRC with a curve to the left, concave 429 easterly, having a radius of 525.02 feet; thence 430 southerly along the arc of said curve, through a 431 central angle of 10°11'47" for an arc length of 93.43 432 feet to the PCC with a curve to the left, concave 433 easterly, having a radius of 581.75 feet; thence 434 southerly along the arc of said curve, through a

435 central angle of 11°08'59" for an arc length of 113.21 436 feet to the PRC with a curve to the right, concave 437 westerly, having a radius of 651.66 feet; thence 438 southerly along the arc of said curve, through a 439 central angle of 03°52'58" for an arc length of 44.16 440 feet to the PRC with a curve to the left, concave 441 easterly, having a radius of 5339.97 feet; thence 442 southerly along the arc of said curve, through a 443 central angle of 01°57'39" for an arc length of 182.76 444 feet to the PT; thence S 01°31'47" E a distance of 445 205.41 feet to the PC of a curve to the right, concave 446 westerly, having a radius of 1347.71 feet; thence 447 southerly along the arc of said curve, through a 448 central angle of 03°51'32" for an arc length of 90.77 449 feet to the PRC with a curve to the left, concave 450 easterly, having a radius of 1572.32 feet; thence 451 southerly along the arc of said curve, through a 452 central angle of 04°54'51" for an arc length of 134.85 453 feet to the PT; thence S 02°35'06" E a distance of 454 221.17 feet to the PC of a curve to the right, concave 455 westerly, having a radius of 129.00 feet; thence 456 southerly along the arc of said curve, through a 457 central angle of 04°53'08" for an arc length of 11.00 458 feet to the PRC with a curve to the left, concave 459 easterly, having a radius of 4508.07 feet; thence 460 southerly along the arc of said curve, through a 461 central angle of 02°37'18" for an arc length of 206.27 462 feet to an intersection with a line that is parallel 463 with and 1320.00 feet southerly of a westerly

HB 1793 2005 464 projection of the South line of said Section 30; 465 thence S 88°48'15" W along said line a distance of 466 1475.19 feet to an intersection with a line that is 467 parallel with and 1500.00 feet westerly of a southerly 468 projection of the West line of said Section 30; thence 469 S 00°16'05" E a distance of 703 feet, more or less, to 470 the waters of Alligator Harbor and the POINT OF 471 TERMINATION. 472 Section 8. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.