

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Local Government Council recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to the Pine Tree Water Control District,  
7 Palm Beach County; providing that the Pine Tree Water  
8 Control District shall become a dependent district of the  
9 Village of Wellington; providing that the Village of  
10 Wellington Council members shall act as the board of  
11 supervisors of said district; providing for a referendum;  
12 providing an effective date.

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14 WHEREAS, the property making up the Pine Tree Water Control  
15 District was annexed into the Village of Wellington, and

16 WHEREAS, the Pine Tree Water Control District and the  
17 Village of Wellington have entered into an operating agreement  
18 where the district is staffed by Village of Wellington  
19 employees, and

20 WHEREAS, the governing bodies of the Village of Wellington  
21 and the Pine Tree Water Control District have mutually agreed  
22 that the management of the offices of the district would be more

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23 | efficiently administered if the village council also acted as  
 24 | the district board of supervisors, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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28 |       Section 1. Pine Tree Water Control District continuation  
 29 | and transfer.--The Pine Tree Water Control District, an  
 30 | independent special district created by a special act of the  
 31 | Legislature, shall become a dependent district of the Village of  
 32 | Wellington on the effective date of this act. All special acts  
 33 | of the Pine Tree Water Control District shall become ordinances  
 34 | of the Village of Wellington on the effective date of this act.

35 |       (1) The assets, liabilities, and written contracts of the  
 36 | Pine Tree Water Control District, including all rights,  
 37 | obligations, duties, and relationships now existing by law or  
 38 | agreement shall be unaffected and shall remain in full force and  
 39 | effect and shall be those of the district as a dependent  
 40 | district of the Village of Wellington. All rights, claims,  
 41 | actions, orders, and all contracts of the special district and  
 42 | all legal or administrative proceedings involving the district  
 43 | shall continue in full force and effect under the jurisdiction  
 44 | of the district as a dependent district of the Village of  
 45 | Wellington.

46 |       (2) The terms of office of the members of the Board of  
 47 | Supervisors of the Pine Tree Water Control District shall  
 48 | terminate, and the members of the Village Council of the Village  
 49 | of Wellington shall assume the duties and responsibilities of

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50 the Board of Supervisors of the Pine Tree Water Control  
51 District.

52 (3) To the extent not inconsistent with village  
53 ordinances, all resolutions and policies of the Pine Tree Water  
54 Control District shall remain in effect until amended, revised,  
55 or repealed by the village council.

56 (4) Additional provisions which are necessary to effect  
57 this transition and to provide for the operation of the Pine  
58 Tree Water Control District as a dependent district of the  
59 village shall be adopted by ordinance.

60 Section 2. Referendum.--On or before December 1, 2006, the  
61 Pine Tree Water Control District shall call and the Supervisor  
62 of Elections of Palm Beach County shall conduct a referendum, in  
63 accordance with the provisions of law relating to elections  
64 currently in force, on the question of whether the Pine Tree  
65 Water Control District shall become a dependent district of the  
66 Village of Wellington.

67 Section 3. This act shall take effect only if a majority  
68 of those qualified electors of the Pine Tree Water Control  
69 District voting in a referendum held pursuant to this act  
70 approve the referendum question in section 2, except that this  
71 section and section 2 shall take effect upon becoming a law.