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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 North Naples Fire Control and  
7 Rescue District, Collier County; amending chapter 99-450,  
8 Laws of Florida; providing for the applicability of s.  
9 171.093, F.S., in the event of annexation by a  
10 municipality within the boundaries of the district;  
11 authorizing the district to provide housing or housing  
12 assistance for district employees; providing an effective  
13 date.

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

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17 Section 1. Section 3 of Article III and section 1 of  
18 Article IV of section 3 of chapter 99-450, Laws of Florida, are  
19 amended to read:

20 ARTICLE III

21 Boundaries of the District

22 Section 3. Section 171.093, Florida Statutes, applies to  
23 annexations by a municipality within the boundaries of the

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24 | district. ~~In the event that property in the district is annexed~~  
 25 | ~~by the City of Naples between January 1 and July 1 of any year,~~  
 26 | ~~the property shall be regarded as removed from the North Naples~~  
 27 | ~~Fire Control and Rescue District as of January 1 of that year~~  
 28 | ~~for the purpose of the levy of general ad valorem taxes by the~~  
 29 | ~~district. If annexation occurs after July 1, the property shall~~  
 30 | ~~be assessed by the district for ad valorem taxes for that year.~~  
 31 | ~~On and after the effective date of annexation, the district~~  
 32 | ~~shall be relieved of providing fire service to the annexed area.~~  
 33 | ~~The city and the district may reach an agreement to determine~~  
 34 | ~~what portion, if any, of the existing indebtedness or property~~  
 35 | ~~of the district shall be assumed by the municipality of which~~  
 36 | ~~the annexed territory will become a part, the fair value of such~~  
 37 | ~~indebtedness or property, and the manner of transfer and~~  
 38 | ~~financing. Nothing herein shall relieve the property annexed~~  
 39 | ~~from the payment of general obligation debt service incurred by~~  
 40 | ~~the district before annexation.~~

41 | ARTICLE IV

42 | Powers of the District

43 | Section 1. The district shall have the authority to  
 44 | establish, equip, operate, and maintain a fire department and  
 45 | rescue squad within the district and may buy, lease, sell,  
 46 | exchange, or otherwise acquire and dispose of firefighting and  
 47 | rescue equipment and other property, real, personal, or mixed,  
 48 | that it may from time to time deem necessary to prevent and  
 49 | extinguish fires or provide rescue services. This shall include,  
 50 | but is not limited to, the authority to hire and fire necessary  
 51 | firefighters and other personnel; to provide water, water

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52 | supply, water stations, and other necessary buildings; to accept  
53 | gifts or donations of equipment or money for the use of the  
54 | district; and to do all things necessary to provide adequate  
55 | water supply, fire prevention, and proper fire protection for  
56 | the district. Recognizing that the dramatically increasing  
57 | housing costs in Collier County may have a detrimental impact on  
58 | the ability to hire and retain personnel needed for the  
59 | provision of fire protection services to district residents, the  
60 | district shall also have the authority to provide housing or  
61 | housing assistance for its employed personnel, with use of such  
62 | funds being deemed to be in the public interest. In addition,  
63 | the board shall have the authority to extend its services  
64 | outside the district when provided in cooperation with another  
65 | governmental entity.

66 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.