

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the North Naples Fire Control and  
 3           Rescue District, Collier County; amending chapter 99-450,  
 4           Laws of Florida; providing for the applicability of s.  
 5           171.093, F.S., in the event of annexation by a  
 6           municipality within the boundaries of the district;  
 7           authorizing the district to provide housing or housing  
 8           assistance for district employees; providing an effective  
 9           date.

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

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13           Section 1. Section 3 of Article III and section 1 of  
 14           Article IV of section 3 of chapter 99-450, Laws of Florida, are  
 15           amended to read:

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ARTICLE III

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Boundaries of the District

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Section 3. Section 171.093, Florida Statutes, applies to  
annexations by a municipality within the boundaries of the  
district. ~~In the event that property in the district is annexed~~  
~~by the City of Naples between January 1 and July 1 of any year,~~  
~~the property shall be regarded as removed from the North Naples~~  
~~Fire Control and Rescue District as of January 1 of that year~~  
~~for the purpose of the levy of general ad valorem taxes by the~~  
~~district. If annexation occurs after July 1, the property shall~~  
~~be assessed by the district for ad valorem taxes for that year.~~  
~~On and after the effective date of annexation, the district~~

28 | ~~shall be relieved of providing fire service to the annexed area.~~  
29 | ~~The city and the district may reach an agreement to determine~~  
30 | ~~what portion, if any, of the existing indebtedness or property~~  
31 | ~~of the district shall be assumed by the municipality of which~~  
32 | ~~the annexed territory will become a part, the fair value of such~~  
33 | ~~indebtedness or property, and the manner of transfer and~~  
34 | ~~financing. Nothing herein shall relieve the property annexed~~  
35 | ~~from the payment of general obligation debt service incurred by~~  
36 | ~~the district before annexation.~~

#### 37 | ARTICLE IV

##### 38 | Powers of the District

39 | Section 1. The district shall have the authority to  
40 | establish, equip, operate, and maintain a fire department and  
41 | rescue squad within the district and may buy, lease, sell,  
42 | exchange, or otherwise acquire and dispose of firefighting and  
43 | rescue equipment and other property, real, personal, or mixed,  
44 | that it may from time to time deem necessary to prevent and  
45 | extinguish fires or provide rescue services. This shall include,  
46 | but is not limited to, the authority to hire and fire necessary  
47 | firefighters and other personnel; to provide water, water  
48 | supply, water stations, and other necessary buildings; to accept  
49 | gifts or donations of equipment or money for the use of the  
50 | district; and to do all things necessary to provide adequate  
51 | water supply, fire prevention, and proper fire protection for  
52 | the district. Recognizing that the dramatically increasing  
53 | housing costs in Collier County may have a detrimental impact on  
54 | the ability to hire and retain personnel needed for the

55 | provision of fire protection services to district residents, the  
56 | district shall also have the authority to provide housing or  
57 | housing assistance for its employed personnel, with use of such  
58 | funds being deemed to be in the public interest. In addition,  
59 | the board shall have the authority to extend its services  
60 | outside the district when provided in cooperation with another  
61 | governmental entity.

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