

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to Polk County; abolishing the Peace Creek
 3 Drainage District and transferring its powers, duties,
 4 functions, property, revenues, and indebtedness to the
 5 Southwest Florida Water Management District; amending the
 6 charter of the Lake Region Lakes Management District, as
 7 reenacted and amended by chapter 2004-393, Laws of
 8 Florida; redefining the territorial boundaries of the
 9 district; providing for a referendum; providing an
 10 effective date.

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

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 14 Section 1. The Peace Creek Drainage District, a district
 15 created under chapter 298, Florida Statutes, is abolished, and
 16 all services being provided by the Peace Creek Drainage District
 17 shall be assumed by, and all revenue, property, and indebtedness
 18 of the Peace Creek Drainage District shall be transferred to,
 19 the Southwest Florida Water Management District on July 1, 2006.

20 Section 2. Section 1 of the charter of the Lake Region
 21 Lakes Management District, Polk County, as reenacted and amended
 22 by section 3 of chapter 2004-393, Laws of Florida, is amended to
 23 read:

24 Section 1. Purpose and territorial boundaries.--That for
 25 the purpose of acquiring, constructing, operating, maintaining,
 26 and protecting a system of boat canals, drainage canals; dams,
 27 locks, and other proper and necessary works in connection
 28 therewith, for the purpose of aiding in flood control, lake

29 level management, and protecting, maintaining, and improving the
 30 water quality in the lakes and canals in conjunction with state,
 31 county, and city agencies, for the purpose of connecting the
 32 lakes within or adjacent to the boundaries hereinafter
 33 prescribed, and for moving waters out of such lakes, and for the
 34 purpose of promoting access to the lakes and the public
 35 convenience, utility, and welfare, the Lake Region Lakes
 36 Management District (the "district"), in Polk County has been
 37 created and established, and is hereby confirmed, as an
 38 independent special district, the territorial boundaries of
 39 which are as follows, to wit:

40 (1) Beginning at the center of east line of section
 41 2, of ~~or~~ township twenty-eight (28) south, of range
 42 twenty-six (26) east; thence south with section line
 43 between section one (1) and two (2), eleven (11) and
 44 twelve (12), thirteen (13) and fourteen (14), twenty-
 45 three (23) and twenty-four (24), to the northeast
 46 corner of section twenty-six (26) said township and
 47 range; Thence east on section line to northeast corner
 48 of ~~northwest quarter of~~ section 30, township 28 south,
 49 range 27 east; Thence south with section line to the
 50 southeast corner of the north quarter of section 31,
 51 township 28 south, range 27 east; Thence west along
 52 said quarter section line and its extension to an
 53 intersection with the half section line of section 36,
 54 township 28 south, range 26 east; ~~twenty five (25),~~
 55 thence south with the half section line to the center

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56 of section thirteen (13), township 29 south, range 26
57 east; Thence west on the half section line to the
58 southwest corner of the northwest quarter of section
59 ~~line to the southwest corner of the northwest quarter~~
60 ~~of section~~ sixteen (16) said township and range;
61 Thence north with section line to the northwest corner
62 of the southwest quarter of section four (4), said
63 township and range; Thence west with the half section
64 line to center of section six (6) said township and
65 range; Thence north with half section line to the
66 northwest corner of northeast quarter (NE ¹/₄) of
67 section thirty-one (31), township 28 south, range 26
68 east; Thence west with section line to southeast
69 corner of section twenty-five (25), township 28 south,
70 range 25 east; Thence north with the section line to
71 the northeast corner of section twenty-four (24), said
72 township and range; Thence west to center of north
73 line of section twenty-four (24); thence north with
74 half section line to center of section one (1),
75 township 28, range 25; Thence east with the half
76 section line to the northeast corner of southeast
77 quarter (SE ¹/₄) of section two (2), township 28 south,
78 range 26 east, the point of beginning; embracing
79 within said district the following lands, viz; The
80 south half of sections two, three, four, five and six
81 and all of sections seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven,
82 fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen,
83 nineteen, twenty, twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-

84 three, twenty-five, twenty-six, twenty-seven, twenty-
 85 eight, twenty-nine, thirty, thirty-two, thirty-three,
 86 thirty-four, and thirty-five and the west half of
 87 section ~~sections twenty five and~~ thirty-six and the
 88 east half of section thirty-one and the north half of
 89 the northeast quarter of section thirty-six in
 90 township 28 south, range 26 east and all of sections
 91 two, three, four, nine, ten and eleven, and the west
 92 half of sections one and twelve and the north half of
 93 sections five, fourteen, fifteen and sixteen and the
 94 northeast quarter of section six and the northwest
 95 quarter of section thirteen in township 29 south,
 96 range 26 east, and the east half of sections twelve
 97 and thirteen, and the southeast quarter of section one
 98 in township 28 south, range 25 east and section thirty
 99 and the north quarter of section thirty-one in
 100 township 28 south, range 27 east.

101 And:

102 Beginning at the Southwest ~~Northwest~~ corner of Section
 103 34 2, Township 27 ~~28~~ South, Range 26 East, Polk
 104 County, Florida;

105 Run thence Easterly, ~~along the north line thereof,~~ to
 106 the Northeast corner of the West one-half of the
 107 Northeast quarter of ~~said~~ Section 2, Township 28
 108 South, Range 26 East;

109 | Thence Southerly, along said east line of the west
 110 | one-half of the Northeast quarter of said Section 2,
 111 | to the Southeast corner thereof;

112 | Thence Westerly, along the south line of the west one-
 113 | half of the Northeast quarter and the south line of
 114 | the Northwest quarter of said Section 2, to the
 115 | Southeast corner of the north one-half of Section 3,
 116 | Township 28 South, Range 26 East;

117 | Thence continue Westerly, along the south line of the
 118 | North one-half of said Section 3, to the southeast
 119 | corner of the north one-half of Section 4, Township 28
 120 | South, Range 26 East;

121 | Thence continue Westerly, along the south line of the
 122 | north one-half of said Section 4, to the southeast
 123 | corner of the north one-half of Section 5, Township 28
 124 | South, Range 26 East;

125 | Thence continue Westerly, along the south line of the
 126 | north one-half of said Section 5, to the southeast
 127 | corner of the north one-half of Section 6, Township 28
 128 | South, Range 26 East;

129 | Thence continue Westerly, along the south line of the
 130 | north one-half of said Section 6, to the southeast
 131 | corner of the Northeast quarter of Section 1, Township
 132 | 28 South, Range 25 East;

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133 Thence continue Westerly, along the south line of the
134 Northeast quarter and the south line of the Northwest
135 quarter of said Section 1, to the southwest corner of
136 the East one-half of the Northwest quarter of said
137 Section 1;

138 Thence Northerly, along the west line of the East one-
139 half of the Northwest quarter of said Section 1, to
140 the northwest corner thereof;

141 Thence Easterly, along the north line of the East one-
142 half of the Northwest quarter of said Section 1, to
143 the southwest corner of the South one-half of the
144 Southeast quarter of Section 36, Township 27 South,
145 Range 25 East;

146 Thence Northerly, along the west line of the South
147 one-half of the Southeast quarter of said Section 36,
148 to the northwest corner thereof;

149 Thence Easterly, along the north line of the South
150 one-half of the Southeast quarter of said Section 36,
151 to the northeast corner thereof, also being a point on
152 the westerly line of Section 31, Township 27 South,
153 Range 26 East;

154 Thence Northerly, along the west line of said Section
155 31, to the southwest corner of Section 30, Township 27
156 South, Range 26 East;

157 Thence continue Northerly, along the west line of said
 158 Section 30, to the southwest corner of Section 19,
 159 Township 27 South, Range 26 East;

160 Thence continue Northerly, along the west line of said
 161 Section 19, to the northwest corner thereof;

162 Thence Easterly, along the north line of said Section
 163 19, to the northwest corner of Section 20, Township 27
 164 South, Range 26 East;

165 Thence continue Easterly, along the north line of said
 166 Section 20, to the southwest corner of the Southeast
 167 quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 17,
 168 Township 27 South, Range 26 East;

169 Thence Northerly, along the west line of the Southeast
 170 quarter of the Southeast quarter of said Section 17,
 171 to the northwest corner thereof;

172 Thence Easterly, along the north line of the Southeast
 173 quarter of the Southeast quarter of said Section 17,
 174 to the northeast corner thereof;

175 Thence Southerly, along the east line of the Southeast
 176 quarter of the Southeast quarter of said Section 17,
 177 to the Northwest corner of Section 21, Township 27
 178 South, Range 26 East;

179 Thence Easterly, along the north line of said Section
 180 21, to the northeast corner thereof;

181 Thence Southerly, along the east line of said Section
 182 21, to the northwest corner of the Southwest quarter
 183 of Section 22, Township 27 South, Range 26 East;

184 Thence Easterly, along the north line of the Southwest
 185 quarter of said Section 22, to the northeast corner
 186 thereof;

187 Thence Southerly, along the east line of the Southwest
 188 quarter of said Section 22, to the southeast corner
 189 thereof, also being a point on the north line of
 190 Section 27, Township 27 South, Range 26 East;

191 Thence Easterly, along the north line of said Section
 192 27, to the northeast corner thereof;

193 Thence Southerly, along the east line of said Section
 194 27, to the northeast corner of Section 34, Township 27
 195 South, Range 26 East;

196 Thence continue Southerly, along the east line of said
 197 Section 34, to the southeast corner thereof and the
 198 Point of Beginning.

199 (2) Begin at the southwest corner of Section 24,
 200 Township 28 South, Range 26 East; Thence east along
 201 the south line of Section 24 to the Southwest corner
 202 of Section 19, Township 28 South, Range 27 East;
 203 Thence east along the south line of Sections 19 and
 204 20, said Township and Range, to the intersection with
 205 the centerline of U.S. Highway 27 (State Road 25);

206 Thence northerly along said centerline through
 207 Sections 20, 17, 8, 5 and 6, said Township and Range,
 208 to the intersection with the south line of the North
 209 Quarter of Section 31, Township 27 South, Range 27
 210 East; Thence West along said line to the Southwest
 211 corner of the North Quarter of said Section 31; Thence
 212 North to the Northwest corner of said Section 31, same
 213 being common with the Southwest corner of Section 30
 214 said Township and Range; Thence North along the West
 215 line of said Section 30 to an intersection with the
 216 centerline of U.S. Highway 92; Thence westerly along
 217 said centerline through Sections 25 and 26, Township
 218 27 South, Range 26 East to the intersection with the
 219 west line of said Section 26; Thence south along the
 220 west line of said Section 26 and Section 35, said
 221 Township and Range, to the southwest corner of said
 222 Section 35 and a point on the north line of Section 2,
 223 Township 28 South, Range 26 East; Thence east along
 224 the north line of said Section 2 to the Northwest
 225 corner of the east half of the northeast quarter of
 226 said Section 2; Thence south to the southwest corner
 227 of said east half; Thence east to the southeast corner
 228 of the northeast quarter of said Section 2; Thence
 229 south along the east lines of said Section 2 and
 230 Sections 11, 14 and 23, said Township and Range to the
 231 Point of Beginning. Less those portions of Sections 19
 232 and 20, Township 28 South, Range 27 East that together

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233 form the P-8 Canal located on the West side of U.S.
234 Highway 27 and the South side of Lake Hamilton.

235 All of the above lands lying in Polk County, Florida.

236 Section 3. In accordance with provisions of law relating
237 to elections currently in force, the Lake Region Lakes
238 Management District shall call and the Polk County Supervisor of
239 Elections shall conduct a referendum on or before November 30,
240 2008, of the qualified electors residing within the area
241 proposed to be annexed pursuant to section 2 of this act. The
242 term "qualified elector" means a person who is a registered
243 voter qualified to vote in a general election held in Polk
244 County. The purpose of said referendum shall be to determine
245 whether the boundaries of the Lake Region Lakes Management
246 District shall be expanded to annex land that is not currently
247 within the district's boundaries as described in section 2 and
248 to determine whether property within the annexed area shall be
249 subject to ad valorem taxation at a rate not to exceed 1 mill.

250 Section 4. This act shall take effect only upon its
251 approval by a majority vote of those qualified electors voting
252 in the referendum as required by section 3 of this act, except
253 that this section, section 1, and section 3 shall take effect
254 upon becoming a law.