

By Senator Alexander

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See HB 1479

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to Polk County; abolishing the

3 Peace Creek Drainage District and transferring

4 its powers, duties, functions, property,

5 revenues, and indebtedness to the Southwest

6 Florida Water Management District; amending the

7 charter of the Lake Region Lakes Management

8 District, as reenacted and amended by chapter

9 2004-393, Laws of Florida; redefining the

10 territorial boundaries of the district;

11 providing for a referendum; providing an

12 effective date.

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

16 Section 1. The Peace Creek Drainage District, a

17 district created under chapter 298, Florida Statutes, is

18 abolished, and all services being provided by the Peace Creek

19 Drainage District shall be assumed by, and all revenue,

20 property, and indebtedness of the Peace Creek Drainage

21 District shall be transferred to, the Southwest Florida Water

22 Management District on July 1, 2006.

23 Section 2. Section 1 of the charter of the Lake Region

24 Lakes Management District, Polk County, as reenacted and

25 amended by section 3 of chapter 2004-393, Laws of Florida, is

26 amended to read:

27 Section 1. Purpose and territorial boundaries.--That

28 for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, operating,

29 maintaining, and protecting a system of boat canals, drainage

30 canals; dams, locks, and other proper and necessary works in

31 connection therewith, for the purpose of aiding in flood

1 control, lake level management, and protecting, maintaining,
2 and improving the water quality in the lakes and canals in
3 conjunction with state, county, and city agencies, for the
4 purpose of connecting the lakes within or adjacent to the
5 boundaries hereinafter prescribed, and for moving waters out
6 of such lakes, and for the purpose of promoting access to the
7 lakes and the public convenience, utility, and welfare, the
8 Lake Region Lakes Management District (the "district"), in
9 Polk County has been created and established, and is hereby
10 confirmed, as an independent special district, the territorial
11 boundaries of which are as follows, to wit:

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13 (1) Beginning at the center of east line of
14 section 2, ~~of~~ township twenty-eight (28)
15 south, of range twenty-six (26) east; thence
16 south with section line between section one (1)
17 and two (2), eleven (11) and twelve (12),
18 thirteen (13) and fourteen (14), twenty-three
19 (23) and twenty-four (24), to the northeast
20 corner of section twenty-six (26) said township
21 and range; Thence east on section line to
22 northeast corner of ~~northwest quarter of~~
23 section 30, township 28 south, range 27 east;
24 Thence south with section line to the southeast
25 corner of the north quarter of section 31,
26 township 28 south, range 27 east; Thence west
27 along said quarter section line and its
28 extension to an intersection with the half
29 section line of section 36, township 28 south,
30 range 26 east; ~~twenty five (25),~~ thence south
31 with the half section line to the center of

1 section thirteen (13), township 29 south, range
2 26 east; Thence west on the half section line
3 to the southwest corner of the northwest
4 quarter of section ~~line to the southwest corner~~
5 ~~of the northwest quarter of section~~ sixteen
6 (16) said township and range; Thence north with
7 section line to the northwest corner of the
8 southwest quarter of section four (4), said
9 township and range; Thence west with the half
10 section line to center of section six (6) said
11 township and range; Thence north with half
12 section line to the northwest corner of
13 northeast quarter (NE 1/4) of section
14 thirty-one (31), township 28 south, range 26
15 east; Thence west with section line to
16 southeast corner of section twenty-five (25),
17 township 28 south, range 25 east; Thence north
18 with the section line to the northeast corner
19 of section twenty-four (24), said township and
20 range; Thence west to center of north line of
21 section twenty-four (24); thence north with
22 half section line to center of section one (1),
23 township 28, range 25; Thence east with the
24 half section line to the northeast corner of
25 southeast quarter (SE 1/4) of section two (2),
26 township 28 south, range 26 east, the point of
27 beginning; embracing within said district the
28 following lands, viz; The south half of
29 sections two, three, four, five and six and all
30 of sections seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven,
31 fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen,

1 | eighteen, nineteen, twenty, twenty-one,
2 | twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-five,
3 | twenty-six, twenty-seven, twenty-eight,
4 | twenty-nine, thirty, thirty-two, thirty-three,
5 | thirty-four, and thirty-five and the west half
6 | of section ~~sections twenty five and~~ thirty-six
7 | and the east half of section thirty-one and the
8 | north half of the northeast quarter of section
9 | thirty-six in township 28 south, range 26 east
10 | and all of sections two, three, four, nine, ten
11 | and eleven, and the west half of sections one
12 | and twelve and the north half of sections five,
13 | fourteen, fifteen and sixteen and the northeast
14 | quarter of section six and the northwest
15 | quarter of section thirteen in township 29
16 | south, range 26 east, and the east half of
17 | sections twelve and thirteen, and the southeast
18 | quarter of section one in township 28 south,
19 | range 25 east and section thirty and the north
20 | quarter of section thirty-one in township 28
21 | south, range 27 east.

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23 | And:

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

28 |
29 | Run thence Easterly, ~~along the north line~~
30 | ~~thereof,~~ to the Northeast corner of the West
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1 one-half of the Northeast quarter of ~~said~~
2 Section 2, Township 28 South, Range 26 East;
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4 Thence Southerly, along said east line of the
5 west one-half of the Northeast quarter of said
6 Section 2, to the Southeast corner thereof;
7
8 Thence Westerly, along the south line of the
9 west one-half of the Northeast quarter and the
10 south line of the Northwest quarter of said
11 Section 2, to the Southeast corner of the north
12 one-half of Section 3, Township 28 South, Range
13 26 East;
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15 Thence continue Westerly, along the south line
16 of the North one-half of said Section 3, to the
17 southeast corner of the north one-half of
18 Section 4, Township 28 South, Range 26 East;
19
20 Thence continue Westerly, along the south line
21 of the north one-half of said Section 4, to the
22 southeast corner of the north one-half of
23 Section 5, Township 28 South, Range 26 East;
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25 Thence continue Westerly, along the south line
26 of the north one-half of said Section 5, to the
27 southeast corner of the north one-half of
28 Section 6, Township 28 South, Range 26 East;
29
30 Thence continue Westerly, along the south line
31 of the north one-half of said Section 6, to the

1 southeast corner of the Northeast quarter of
2 Section 1, Township 28 South, Range 25 East;
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4 Thence continue Westerly, along the south line
5 of the Northeast quarter and the south line of
6 the Northwest quarter of said Section 1, to the
7 southwest corner of the East one-half of the
8 Northwest quarter of said Section 1;
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10 Thence Northerly, along the west line of the
11 East one-half of the Northwest quarter of said
12 Section 1, to the northwest corner thereof;
13
14 Thence Easterly, along the north line of the
15 East one-half of the Northwest quarter of said
16 Section 1, to the southwest corner of the South
17 one-half of the Southeast quarter of Section
18 36, Township 27 South, Range 25 East;
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20 Thence Northerly, along the west line of the
21 South one-half of the Southeast quarter of said
22 Section 36, to the northwest corner thereof;
23
24 Thence Easterly, along the north line of the
25 South one-half of the Southeast quarter of said
26 Section 36, to the northeast corner thereof,
27 also being a point on the westerly line of
28 Section 31, Township 27 South, Range 26 East;
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1 Thence Northerly, along the west line of said
2 Section 31, to the southwest corner of Section
3 30, Township 27 South, Range 26 East;

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5 Thence continue Northerly, along the west line
6 of said Section 30, to the southwest corner of
7 Section 19, Township 27 South, Range 26 East;

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9 Thence continue Northerly, along the west line
10 of said Section 19, to the northwest corner
11 thereof;

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13 Thence Easterly, along the north line of said
14 Section 19, to the northwest corner of Section
15 20, Township 27 South, Range 26 East;

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17 Thence continue Easterly, along the north line
18 of said Section 20, to the southwest corner of
19 the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter
20 of Section 17, Township 27 South, Range 26
21 East;

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23 Thence Northerly, along the west line of the
24 Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of
25 said Section 17, to the northwest corner
26 thereof;

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28 Thence Easterly, along the north line of the
29 Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of
30 said Section 17, to the northeast corner
31 thereof;

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2 Thence Southerly, along the east line of the
3 Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of
4 said Section 17, to the Northwest corner of
5 Section 21, Township 27 South, Range 26 East;
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7 Thence Easterly, along the north line of said
8 Section 21, to the northeast corner thereof;
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10 Thence Southerly, along the east line of said
11 Section 21, to the northwest corner of the
12 Southwest quarter of Section 22, Township 27
13 South, Range 26 East;
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15 Thence Easterly, along the north line of the
16 Southwest quarter of said Section 22, to the
17 northeast corner thereof;
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19 Thence Southerly, along the east line of the
20 Southwest quarter of said Section 22, to the
21 southeast corner thereof, also being a point on
22 the north line of Section 27, Township 27
23 South, Range 26 East;
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25 Thence Easterly, along the north line of said
26 Section 27, to the northeast corner thereof;
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28 Thence Southerly, along the east line of said
29 Section 27, to the northeast corner of Section
30 34, Township 27 South, Range 26 East;
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1 Thence continue Southerly, along the east line
2 of said Section 34, to the southeast corner
3 thereof and the Point of Beginning.
4
5 (2) Begin at the southwest corner of Section
6 24, Township 28 South, Range 26 East; Thence
7 east along the south line of Section 24 to the
8 Southwest corner of Section 19, Township 28
9 South, Range 27 East; Thence east along the
10 south line of Sections 19 and 20, said Township
11 and Range, to the intersection with the
12 centerline of U.S. Highway 27 (State Road 25);
13 Thence northerly along said centerline through
14 Sections 20, 17, 8, 5 and 6, said Township and
15 Range, to the intersection with the south line
16 of the North Quarter of Section 31, Township 27
17 South, Range 27 East; Thence West along said
18 line to the Southwest corner of the North
19 Quarter of said Section 31; Thence North to the
20 Northwest corner of said Section 31, same being
21 common with the Southwest corner of Section 30
22 said Township and Range; Thence North along the
23 West line of said Section 30 to an intersection
24 with the centerline of U.S. Highway 92; Thence
25 westerly along said centerline through Sections
26 25 and 26, Township 27 South, Range 26 East to
27 the intersection with the west line of said
28 Section 26; Thence south along the west line of
29 said Section 26 and Section 35, said Township
30 and Range, to the southwest corner of said
31 Section 35 and a point on the north line of

1 Section 2, Township 28 South, Range 26 East;
2 Thence east along the north line of said
3 Section 2 to the Northwest corner of the east
4 half of the northeast quarter of said Section
5 2; Thence south to the southwest corner of said
6 east half; Thence east to the southeast corner
7 of the northeast quarter of said Section 2;
8 Thence south along the east lines of said
9 Section 2 and Sections 11, 14 and 23, said
10 Township and Range to the Point of Beginning.
11 Less those portions of Sections 19 and 20,
12 Township 28 South, Range 27 East that together
13 form the P-8 Canal located on the West side of
14 U.S. Highway 27 and the South side of Lake
15 Hamilton.

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

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20 Section 3. In accordance with provisions of law
21 relating to elections currently in force, the Lake Region
22 Lakes Management District shall call and the Polk County
23 Supervisor of Elections shall conduct a referendum on or
24 before November 30, 2008, of the qualified electors residing
25 within the area proposed to be annexed pursuant to section 2
26 of this act. The term "qualified elector" means a person who
27 is a registered voter qualified to vote in a general election
28 held in Polk County. The purpose of said referendum shall be
29 to determine whether the boundaries of the Lake Region Lakes
30 Management District shall be expanded to annex land that is
31 not currently within the district's boundaries as described in

1 section 2 and to determine whether property within the annexed
2 area shall be subject to ad valorem taxation at a rate not to
3 exceed 1 mill.

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

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