

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Lealman Special Fire Control
 3 District, Pinellas County; creating a task force to review
 4 provisions governing authority over district lands annexed
 5 by municipalities or other fire control districts;
 6 providing for membership and meetings of the task force;
 7 requiring the hiring of a professional facilitator;
 8 requiring a report; amending chapter 2000-426, Laws of
 9 Florida, as amended, to defer the future repeal of
 10 provisions granting the district taxing, enforcement, and
 11 service-providing authority over district lands annexed by
 12 municipalities or other fire control districts; repealing
 13 sections 3 and 4 of chapter 2002-352, Laws of Florida, to
 14 conform; providing effective dates.

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

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 18 Section 1. Lealman Special Fire Control District Task
 19 Force.--

20 (1) There is created the Lealman Special Fire Control
 21 District Task Force. The task force shall consist of the chair
 22 of the Lealman Fire Control District Board of Supervisors; one
 23 member appointed jointly by the Mayor of the City of Pinellas
 24 Park, the Mayor of the City of St. Petersburg, the Mayor of
 25 Kenneth City, and the Mayor of the City of Seminole,
 26 representing one vote; and one member of the Pinellas County
 27 Board of County Commissioners appointed by the chair of the
 28 Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners.

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29 (2) The task force shall initially meet not later than 30
30 days after the effective date of this act to organize and elect
31 a chair from its members. The task force shall meet subsequently
32 at the call of the chair but not less than twice a year.

33 (3) The task force shall review the changes to sections
34 3(2) and 11 of section 1 of chapter 2000-426, Laws of Florida,
35 made by sections 1 and 2 of chapter 2002-352, Laws of Florida,
36 which granted the district taxing, enforcing, and service-
37 providing authority over district lands annexed by any
38 municipality or other fire control district, and shall consider
39 whether the future repeal of those changes as provided in this
40 act should be rescinded. From district funds, the task force
41 shall hire a professional facilitator who has experience with
42 local government to assist it in this review.

43 (4) The task force shall provide a report with its
44 findings and recommendations to the Pinellas County Legislative
45 Delegation no later than November 1, 2007.

46 Section 2. Effective July 1, 2008, subsection (2) of
47 section 3 of section 1 of chapter 2000-426, Laws of Florida, as
48 amended by section 1 of chapter 2002-352, Laws of Florida, is
49 amended to read:

50 Section 3. Formation; boundaries.--

51 (2) Any lands within a municipality included in the
52 boundaries of the District, as described herein, shall be
53 excluded from the District and its jurisdiction. If any area,
54 tract, or parcel of land within the boundaries of the District
55 shall hereafter become annexed to a municipality, such area,
56 tract, or parcel of land shall be excluded from the District

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57 effective the next January 1 following such annexation by a
58 municipality; ~~however, the District shall continue to provide~~
59 ~~services to the annexed area pursuant to section 11.~~

60 Section 3. Effective July 1, 2008, section 11 of section 1
61 of chapter 2000-426, Laws of Florida, as amended by section 2 of
62 chapter 2002-352, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

63 Section 11. Annexation of territories by municipalities ~~or~~
64 ~~other fire control districts.~~ --For the purposes and requirements
65 of this Act, after the annexation by a municipality of any
66 unincorporated area within the Lealman Special Fire Control
67 District, the annexed area shall be treated as lying within the
68 corporate boundaries of the annexing municipality and shall not
69 be subject to a levy of the ad valorem tax that is authorized by
70 this Act. ~~Notwithstanding chapter 171, Florida Statutes, or any~~
71 ~~other applicable law or ordinance, if any municipality or other~~
72 ~~fire control district annexes land within the District, the~~
73 ~~District shall continue as the sole taxing, enforcing, and~~
74 ~~service providing authority for District purposes in the annexed~~
75 ~~land. However, any municipality or other fire control district~~
76 ~~that annexes such land may collect the applicable assessment or~~
77 ~~tax for fire services and pay the District for such services at~~
78 ~~the District's annually adopted standard rate.~~

79 Section 4. Sections 3 and 4 of chapter 2002-352, Laws of
80 Florida, are repealed.

81 Section 5. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
82 act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.