

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES LOCAL BILL STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 1175
SPONSOR(S): Saunders
TIED BILLS:

Upper Florida Keys Hospital District, Monroe County

IDEN./SIM. BILLS:

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) <u>Committee on Urban & Local Affairs</u>	<u>7 Y, 0 N</u>	<u>Fudge</u>	<u>Kruse</u>
2) <u>Government Efficiency & Accountability Council</u>	<u>11 Y, 0 N</u>	<u>Fudge</u>	<u>Cooper</u>
3) _____	_____	_____	_____
4) _____	_____	_____	_____
5) _____	_____	_____	_____

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

The Upper Florida Keys Hospital District is an independent special district created by special act in 1969. However, the District has not collected revenue or performed any public function for more than 18 years.

This bill repeals a 1969 special act that created the District.

This bill is effective upon becoming law.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. HOUSE PRINCIPLES ANALYSIS:

Provide Limited Government – This bill may reduce the size of government by abolishing the Upper Florida Keys Hospital District.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Current Situation

The Upper Florida Keys Hospital District is an independent special district created by special act in 1969.¹ The District has the authority to assess ad valorem taxes.² However, the District has not collected revenue or performed any public function for more than 18 years. On October 19, 2005, the County Commissioners of Monroe County passed resolution 381-2005 desiring that, pursuant to s. 189.4042, F.S., the District be dissolved, and stating that Monroe County supports legislation which would dissolve the District.

Dissolution Procedures for Independent Special Districts

Section 189.4042, F.S., provides that “for any independent district that has ad valorem taxation powers, the same procedure required to grant such independent district ad valorem taxation powers shall also be required to dissolve or merge the district.” Therefore, the procedure in this case is for the Legislature to pass a special act repealing the creation of the District.

Effect of Proposed Changes

The bill repeals the special act that created the District.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: Repeals ch. 69-1323, L.O.F., a special act creating the Upper Florida Keys Hospital District.

Section 2: Provides an effective date.

II. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes No

IF YES, WHEN? January 24, 2007

WHERE? In the *Key West Citizen*, a newspaper published in Key West, Monroe County.

B. REFERENDUM(S) REQUIRED? Yes No

IF YES, WHEN?

C. LOCAL BILL CERTIFICATION FILED? Yes, attached No

¹ Ch. 69-1323, L.O.F.

² S. 28, ch. 69-1323, L.O.F.

D. ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FILED? Yes, attached No

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

D. STATEMENT OF THE SPONSOR

No statement submitted.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COUNCIL SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

None.