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A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to the Central County Water Control 3 District, Hendry County; amending chapter 2000-415, Laws of Florida; revising election provisions for members of 4 the board of supervisors; providing membership 5 requirements, qualifications, and terms; providing 6 7 election procedures; providing an effective date. 8 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 10 Section 1. Section 9 of section 3 of chapter 2000-415, 11 Laws of Florida, is amended to read: 12 Section 9. Board of supervisors; membership and 13 qualifications; terms; election procedures .--14 (1) Membership; qualifications.--There shall be five 15 16 members of the district board. Three board members shall be elected by district landowners pursuant to chapter 298, Florida 17 Statutes, on a one-acre, one-vote basis. Two board members shall 18 19 be elected by qualified electors, as defined in section 97.041, 20 Florida Statutes, who are residents of the district. Board 21 member seats shall be numbered 1, 3, and 5 for board members 22 elected pursuant to chapter 298, Florida Statutes, by landowners, and numbered 2 and 4 for members elected by 23 24 qualified electors. Terms.--Board members 1 and 2 shall be elected at the 25 (2) 26 annual landowners' meeting to be held in April 2007 and shall hold office until the general election in November 2010. Board 27

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November 2008. Board member 5, who would have been elected in 2009, shall hold office until 2010. Board member 5 shall be elected at the district landowners' meeting to be held in October 2010. Thereafter, all board members shall serve terms of 4 years from the date of election, which term shall expire 10 days following the election of a successor supervisor.

Election procedures. -- Following the effective date of this act, all landowners' meetings shall be held annually in October. Landowners' meetings held in October of even-numbered years shall elect supervisors pursuant to chapter 298, Florida Statutes, as specified by this act. Supervisors to be elected by qualified electors shall qualify and run as nonpartisan candidates pursuant to general law. Elections shall be conducted by the Hendry County Supervisor of Elections and held on the general election day in November of even-numbered years. Candidates elected by qualified electors shall be elected by a plurality of the vote. The number of members of the district board of supervisors shall be five. At each annual meeting of the district, two supervisors will be elected for 3-year terms, except that in elections held at the annual meetings in 2000 and every third year thereafter one supervisor will be elected for a 3 year term.

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