

By Senator Jones

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Tierra Verde Community,  
3           Pinellas County; providing requirements for the  
4           municipal annexation of the community; requiring a  
5           referendum of the electors within the community prior  
6           to such annexation; describing the community  
7           boundaries; providing an effective date.  
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9           WHEREAS, Tierra Verde is a group of small barrier islands  
10          situated in the southern area of unincorporated Pinellas County,  
11          served by a single two-lane bridge crossing the Intracoastal  
12          Waterway from St. Petersburg, and surrounded by navigable state  
13          waters, and

14          WHEREAS, Tierra Verde was developed as a predominantly  
15          residential community, with most of the residents residing  
16          within the deed-restricted community of the Tierra Verde  
17          Community Association, which includes the designated  
18          neighborhoods of Entrada, Monte Cristo, Pinellas Bayway, Sands  
19          Point, East Shore, and West Shore, and

20          WHEREAS, the majority of the neighborhoods of Tierra Verde  
21          are part of a master community association that provides and  
22          maintains services, functions, and amenities for the residents  
23          of Tierra Verde, and

24          WHEREAS, the residents of Tierra Verde have developed a  
25          common vision of Tierra Verde's future as a family oriented,  
26          residential island community where small businesses and  
27          commercial uses serve to complement and support island  
28          residents, and, in recognition thereof, Pinellas County has  
29          adopted a Tierra Verde Community Overlay within the Pinellas

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30 County Comprehensive Plan which reflects the community's vision,  
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32 WHEREAS, the residents of the Tierra Verde Community pay ad  
33 valorem taxes to support and receive fire control services from  
34 the Tierra Verde Fire Control District, and

35 WHEREAS, s. 171.031(11), Florida Statute, states that a  
36 special act may prohibit the annexation of territory that is  
37 separated from the annexing municipality by a body of water or  
38 watercourse, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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42 Section 1. Annexation of territory by municipalities;  
43 community-wide referendum required.—Notwithstanding any other  
44 provision of law, a municipality within Pinellas County may not  
45 annex any unincorporated territory situated within the defined  
46 boundaries of the Tierra Verde Community on the effective date  
47 of this act unless the annexation of all of the territory within  
48 the boundaries of the Tierra Verde Community is approved by a  
49 majority vote of the electors of the Tierra Verde Community  
50 voting in a referendum called for that purpose.

51 Section 2. Legal description; Tierra Verde Community.—All  
52 those lands situate, lying and being within the herein described  
53 parcel:

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55 A portion of fractional Sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, and  
56 32, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, together with submerged  
57 lands and together with unsurveyed lands, lying in Pinellas  
58 County, Florida, being described as follows:

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60 From the Southerly most corner of Lot 5, Block 23, TIERRA VERDE  
61 UNIT ONE, as recorded in Plat Book 57, Pages 42 through 55,  
62 Public Records of Pinellas County, Florida, as the Point of  
63 Commencement; thence North 30°52'53" East, along the East line  
64 of said Block 23 and the Northeasterly extension thereof,  
65 1,187.95 feet to a point on the center of the main ship channel  
66 of Boca Ciega Bay, the same being the City Limits of the City of  
67 St. Petersburg; thence along said main ship channel of Boca  
68 Ciega Bay and City Limits of the City of St. Petersburg the  
69 following two courses and distances, (1) North 56°23'06" West  
70 2,350.94 feet, (2) North 24°49'37" West 459.96 feet to the  
71 intersection with the Pass-a-Grille Channel, the same being the  
72 City Limits of the City of St. Pete Beach, said point being the  
73 Point of Beginning; thence along the said Pass-a-Grille Channel  
74 and the City Limits of the City of St. Pete Beach, the following  
75 four courses and distances: (1) South 49°04'05" West 2,741.70  
76 feet, (2) South 38°55'13" West 1,201.77 feet, (3) South  
77 21°58'42" West 1,202.38 feet, (4) South 11°52'59" East 2549.64  
78 feet; thence departing said Pass-a-Grille Channel and City  
79 Limits of the City of St. Pete Beach, South 10°50'24" East  
80 2,510.20 feet; thence South 48°30'09" East 740.07 feet; thence  
81 South 03°49'00" West 2,557.86 feet; thence South 37°18'04" East  
82 6,807.92 feet; thence North 88°30'47" East 173.30 feet, more or  
83 less to a point on the West line of the City Limits of the City  
84 of St. Petersburg; thence along said West line of the City  
85 Limits of the City of St. Petersburg North 00°09'46" West  
86 15,402.33 feet to a point on the aforesaid main ship channel of  
87 Boca Ciega Bay; thence along said main ship channel of Boca

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88 Ciega Bay continuing along the City Limits of the City of St.  
89 Petersburg, the following two courses and distances: (1) North  
90 56°23'06" West 2,601.89 feet, (2) North 24°49'37" West 459.96  
91 feet to the Point of Beginning.

92 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.