

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2       An act relating to county boundary lines; amending s.  
 3       7.43, F.S.; incorporating a portion of St. Lucie  
 4       County into Martin County; revising the legal  
 5       description of Martin County; amending s. 7.59, F.S.;  
 6       revising the legal description of St. Lucie County, to  
 7       conform; transferring roads; providing for transition  
 8       pursuant to an interlocal agreement; providing  
 9       requirements for such agreement; providing for Martin  
 10      County to compensate St. Lucie County for certain loss  
 11      of revenue; providing effective dates, including an  
 12      effective date contingent on approval at a referendum.

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

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 16       Section 1. Section 7.43, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
 17      read:

18       7.43 Martin County.—The boundary lines of Martin County  
 19      are as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of township  
 20      thirty-eight south, range thirty-seven east; thence east,  
 21      concurrent with the south boundary line of St. Lucie County, to  
 22      the southwest corner of section thirty-one, township thirty-  
 23      seven south, range forty-one east; thence north on the west line  
 24      of said section thirty-one and section thirty, township thirty-  
 25      seven south, range forty-one east, 6,459 feet to a point lying  
 26      within the water body of the north fork of the St. Lucie River;  
 27      thence departing said line within the north fork of the St.  
 28      Lucie River a bearing direction (State Plane Coordinate System,

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29 Florida East Zone) of 41 degrees north, 4 minutes west, a  
30 distance of 6,155 feet, more or less, to a point lying within  
31 the water body of the north fork of the St. Lucie River; thence  
32 departing said point a bearing direction (State Plane Coordinate  
33 System, Florida East Zone) of 45 degrees north, 16 minutes east,  
34 a distance of 2,355 feet, more or less, to a point intersecting  
35 with the north shore of the north fork of the St. Lucie River  
36 and the west edge of the Howard Creek as concurrent with the  
37 City of Port St. Lucie municipal boundary limits; thence  
38 departing said intersecting shore and edge lines following along  
39 the City of Port St. Lucie municipal boundary line north along  
40 the west edge of Howard Creek to the south line of the northeast  
41 quarter of section twenty-four, township thirty-seven south,  
42 range forty east; thence east along said south line of the  
43 northeast quarter to the intersection of the east 924.15 feet of  
44 section twenty-four, township thirty-seven south, range forty  
45 east; thence north along said east 924.15-foot line of section  
46 twenty-four, township thirty-seven south, range forty east, to  
47 the intersection of the north line of the south 508.15 feet of  
48 the northeast quarter of section twenty-four, township thirty-  
49 seven south, range forty east; thence east along said south  
50 508.15-foot line of the northeast quarter of said section  
51 twenty-four, township thirty-seven south, range forty east, to  
52 an intersection with the west line of township thirty-seven  
53 south, range forty-one east, also being the existing Martin  
54 County boundary line; thence north concurrent with the Martin  
55 County boundary line, along the west line of sections nineteen  
56 and eighteen, township thirty-seven south, range forty-one east,

57 | ~~other sections~~ to the northwest corner of section eighteen,  
 58 | township thirty-seven south, range forty-one east; thence east  
 59 | on the north line of said section eighteen and other sections to  
 60 | the waters of the Atlantic Ocean; thence easterly to the eastern  
 61 | boundary of the State of Florida; thence southward along the  
 62 | coast, including the waters of the Atlantic Ocean within the  
 63 | jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the south line of  
 64 | section twenty, township forty south, range forty-three east,  
 65 | produced easterly; thence west on the south line of said section  
 66 | twenty, and other sections, to the southwest corner of section  
 67 | twenty-two, township forty south, range forty-two east; thence  
 68 | south on the east line of section twenty-eight, township forty  
 69 | south, range forty-two east, to the southeast corner of said  
 70 | section twenty-eight; thence west on the south line of said  
 71 | section twenty-eight and other sections to the east shore of  
 72 | Lake Okeechobee; thence continue west in a straight course to  
 73 | the northeast corner of section thirty-six, township forty  
 74 | south, range thirty-four east, being the southwest corner of  
 75 | section thirty, township forty south, range thirty-five east;  
 76 | thence northeasterly in a straight course to the line of normal  
 77 | water level on the boundary of Lake Okeechobee at its  
 78 | intersection with the line dividing ranges thirty-six and  
 79 | thirty-seven east, township thirty-eight south; thence north on  
 80 | said range line to the place of beginning.

81 | Section 2. Section 7.59, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
 82 | read:

83 | 7.59 St. Lucie County.—The boundary lines of St. Lucie  
 84 | County are as follows: Beginning on the eastern boundary of the

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85 State of Florida at a point where the north section line of  
86 section thirteen, township thirty-seven south, range forty-one  
87 east, produced easterly, would intersect the same; thence  
88 westerly on the north line of said section and other sections to  
89 the northwest corner of section eighteen, township thirty-seven  
90 south, range forty-one east; thence south along the range line  
91 between ranges forty east and forty-one east which is concurrent  
92 with the St. Lucie County and Martin County boundary lines to  
93 the intersection with the north line of the south 508.15 feet of  
94 the northeast quarter of section twenty-four, township thirty-  
95 seven south, range forty east; thence west along the south  
96 508.15-foot line of the northeast quarter of section twenty-  
97 four, township thirty-seven south, range forty east and  
98 concurrent with the municipal boundary line of the City of Port  
99 St. Lucie to the intersection of the east 924.15-foot line of  
100 section twenty-four, township thirty-seven south, range forty  
101 east; thence south along the east 924.15-foot line of section  
102 twenty-four, township thirty-seven south, range forty east and  
103 continuing along the municipal boundary line of the City of Port  
104 St. Lucie, to the intersection of the south line of the  
105 northeast quarter of section twenty-four, township thirty-seven  
106 south, range forty east; thence west along the south line of the  
107 northeast quarter of section twenty-four, township thirty-seven  
108 south, range forty east to the intersection with the west edge  
109 of Howard Creek; thence southerly and along with the west edge  
110 of Howard Creek being concurrent with the municipal boundary  
111 line of the City of Port St. Lucie to the intersection of the  
112 north shore of the north fork of the St. Lucie River and the

113 west edge of Howard Creek as concurrent with the City of Port  
 114 St. Lucie municipal boundary; thence departing said north shore  
 115 of the north fork of the St. Lucie River and the municipal  
 116 boundary line of the City of Port St. Lucie, a bearing direction  
 117 (State Plane Coordinate System, Florida East Zone) of south 45  
 118 degrees, 16 minutes west, 2,355 feet more or less, to a point  
 119 within the body of water of the north fork of the St. Lucie  
 120 River; thence departing said point a bearing direction (State  
 121 Plane Coordinate System, Florida East Zone) of south 41 degrees,  
 122 4 minutes east, 6,155 feet more or less to a point located in  
 123 the body of the north fork of the St. Lucie River which  
 124 intersects with the west line of section thirty, township  
 125 thirty-seven south, range forty-one east; thence south 6,459  
 126 feet along the west line of sections thirty and thirty-one,  
 127 township thirty-seven south, range forty-one east, to the  
 128 intersection with ~~on the range line between ranges forty and~~  
 129 ~~forty-one east, to the township line between townships thirty-~~  
 130 ~~seven and thirty-eight south; also being the southwest corner of~~  
 131 section thirty-one, township thirty-seven, range forty-one east;  
 132 thence west on the said township line to the range line dividing  
 133 ranges thirty-six and thirty-seven east; thence north on said  
 134 range line, concurrent with the east boundary of Okeechobee  
 135 County, to the northwest corner of township thirty-four south,  
 136 range thirty-seven east; thence east on the township line  
 137 dividing townships thirty-three and thirty-four south, to the  
 138 Atlantic Ocean; thence continuing easterly to the eastern  
 139 boundary of the State of Florida; thence southerly along said  
 140 east boundary, including the waters of the Atlantic Ocean within

141 the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the place of  
142 beginning.

143 Section 3. All public roads, and the public rights-of-way  
144 associated therewith, lying within the limits of the lands being  
145 incorporated into Martin County as described in sections 1 and 2  
146 are transferred from the jurisdiction of St. Lucie County to the  
147 jurisdiction of Martin County on the effective date of the  
148 change in county boundaries pursuant to this act.

149 Section 4. The governing bodies of St. Lucie County and  
150 Martin County shall enter into an interlocal agreement no later  
151 than September 30, 2013, which shall provide a financially  
152 feasible plan for transfer of services, personnel, and public  
153 infrastructure from St. Lucie County to Martin County. The  
154 agreement shall include compensation for the value of  
155 infrastructure investments by St. Lucie County in the  
156 transferred property minus depreciation, if any. Upon the  
157 effective date of this act, the total tax and assessment revenue  
158 that would have been generated in fiscal year 2013-2014 by all  
159 St. Lucie County taxing authorities levying taxes or assessments  
160 within the area transferred to Martin County less 10 percent  
161 shall be transmitted to St. Lucie County for distribution to the  
162 county and all other affected taxing authorities. Thereafter,  
163 through fiscal year 2022-2023, the tax and assessment revenue  
164 amount that would have been generated by all St. Lucie County  
165 taxing authorities levying taxes or assessments in the  
166 transferred area for fiscal year 2013-2014 shall serve as the  
167 base amount of tax and assessment revenue for further annual  
168 reductions of 10 percent of the base amount before annual

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169 distributions to the St. Lucie County through fiscal year 2022-  
170 2023. However, for any fiscal year through fiscal year 2022-2023  
171 when the total taxes and assessments collected within the  
172 transferred area exceed the base amount by more than 3 percent,  
173 St. Lucie County shall receive the same percentage distribution  
174 from the tax and assessment revenue that exceeds the base amount  
175 by more than 3 percent as they will receive from the base  
176 amount. All distributions to St. Lucie County shall occur within  
177 30 days after the beginning of each calendar year.

178 Section 5. Upon approval by a majority vote of those  
179 qualified electors residing in the area being transferred from  
180 St. Lucie County to Martin County as described in section 1  
181 voting in a referendum to be held by the Board of County  
182 Commissioners of St. Lucie County and conducted by the  
183 Supervisor of Elections of St. Lucie County in conjunction with  
184 the next general, special, or other election to be held in St.  
185 Lucie County, in accordance with the provisions of law relating  
186 to elections currently in force, this act shall take effect  
187 September 30, 2013, except that this section shall take effect  
188 upon becoming a law.