

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
FINAL BILL ANALYSIS**

**BILL #:** HB 1513

**FINAL HOUSE FLOOR ACTION:**

**SPONSOR(S):** Schenck; and others

115 Y's

0 N's

**COMPANION  
BILLS:** N/A

**GOVERNOR'S ACTION:** Pending

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**SUMMARY ANALYSIS**

HB 1513 passed the House on February 29, 2012, and subsequently passed the Senate on March 5, 2012. The bill repeals chs. 2010-264 and 2009-261, L.O.F., and specifically provides that the Spring Hill Fire Rescue and Emergency Medical Services District, Hernando County, is abolished. All assets and liabilities of the District are transferred to Hernando County in accordance with s. 189.4045(2), F.S.

The Economic Impact Statement indicates there is no fiscal impact.

Subject to the Governor's veto powers, the bill is effective upon becoming law.

## I. SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION

### A. EFFECT OF CHANGES:

#### Background

The Spring Hill Fire Department was established in 1968. In January of 1974, after a special referendum election, the Spring Hill Fire Department became a special fire tax district—the Spring Hill Fire & Rescue District.

In the early 1990s the district was part of Hernando County's total millage cap. The county then transformed the area of the district into a Municipal Service Taxing Unit. Around the same time, the county proposed for the district to become independent of the county, however the measure was rejected by voters. Since that time, the district has essentially operated as a quasi-dependent district. On November 4, 2008, the people in the district voted for the district to become independent.

During the 2009 Legislative Session, the Legislature passed HB 1147 which was later signed into law by the Governor and codified as ch. 2009-261, L.O.F. The bill created the Spring Hill Fire Rescue and Emergency Medical Services District (District), as an independent special fire control district, in Hernando County, Florida. The bill required provisions that authorized the levy of ad valorem taxation to only take effect upon approval by the voters. During the 2010 Legislative Session, the Legislature enacted ch. 2010-264, L.O.F., which revised the boundaries of the District.

The District Board of Commissioners agreed that in the event that the referendum failed, the District would enter into an interlocal agreement with Hernando County for the assumption of fire services throughout the District and that a request would be made by the District for legislation to dissolve the District. On August 24, 2010, the referendum to give the District taxing authority failed.

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## II. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes  No

IF YES, WHEN? January 4, 2012

WHERE? Hernando Today/Hernando Sunday a newspaper of general circulation.

B. REFERENDUM(S) REQUIRED? Yes  No

IF YES, WHEN? N/A

C. LOCAL BILL CERTIFICATION FILED? Yes  No

D. ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FILED? Yes  No