

By the Committee on Budget Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; and  
Senator Negron

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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 certain roads and associated  
8           rights-of-way; requiring that St. Lucie County and  
9           Martin County enter into an interlocal agreement that  
10          provides for a feasible plan for the transfer of  
11          county services, buildings, infrastructure, waterways,  
12          and employees and for the transfer of income generated  
13          from the area transferred by a time certain; limiting  
14          the annual loss of revenue from the transferred land;  
15          providing that the transfer is contingent upon  
16          approval of a referendum by the qualified electors  
17          residing in the area being transferred from St. Lucie  
18          County to Martin County; providing effective dates.

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

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22           Section 1. Section 7.43, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
23           read:

24           7.43 Martin County.—The boundary lines of Martin County are  
25           as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of township  
26           thirty-eight south, range thirty-seven east; thence east,  
27           concurrent with the south boundary line of St. Lucie County, to  
28           the southwest corner of section thirty-one, township thirty-  
29           seven south, range forty-one east; thence north on the west line

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30 of said section thirty-one and section thirty, township thirty-  
31 seven south, range forty-one east, 6,459 feet to a point lying  
32 within the water body of the north fork of the St. Lucie River;  
33 thence departing said line within the north fork of the St.  
34 Lucie River a bearing direction of 41 degrees north, 4 minutes  
35 west, a distance of 6,155 feet, more or less, to a point lying  
36 within the water body of the north fork of the St. Lucie River;  
37 thence departing said point a bearing direction of 45 degrees  
38 north, 16 minutes east, a distance of 2,355 feet, more or less,  
39 to a point intersecting with the south shore of the north fork  
40 of the St. Lucie River and the west edge of the Howard Creek as  
41 concurrent with the City of Port St. Lucie municipal boundary  
42 limits; thence departing said intersecting shore and edge lines  
43 following along the City of Port St. Lucie municipal boundary  
44 line north along the west edge of Howard Creek to the south line  
45 of the northeast quarter of section twenty-four, township  
46 thirty-seven south, range forty east; thence east along said  
47 south line of the northeast quarter to the intersection of the  
48 east 924.15 feet of section twenty-four, township thirty-seven  
49 south, range forty east; thence north along said east 924.15-  
50 foot line of section twenty-four, township thirty-seven south,  
51 range forty east, to the intersection of the north line of the  
52 south 508.15 feet of the northeast quarter of section twenty-  
53 four, township thirty-seven south, range forty east; thence east  
54 along said south 508.15-foot line of the northeast quarter of  
55 said section twenty-four, township thirty-seven south, range  
56 forty east, to an intersection with the west line of township  
57 thirty-seven south, range forty-one east, also being the  
58 existing Martin County boundary line; thence north concurrent

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

85 Section 2. Section 7.59, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
86 read:

87 7.59 St. Lucie County.—The boundary lines of St. Lucie

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

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

144 Section 3. All public roads, and the public rights-of-way  
145 associated therewith, lying within the limits of the lands being

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146 incorporated into Martin County as described in sections 1 and 2  
147 are transferred from the jurisdiction of St. Lucie County to the  
148 jurisdiction of Martin County on the effective date of the  
149 change in county boundaries pursuant to this act.

150 Section 4. The governing bodies of St. Lucie County and  
151 Martin County shall enter into an interlocal agreement by  
152 October 1, 2012, which must include a feasible plan to transfer  
153 from St. Lucie County to Martin County the county services,  
154 buildings, infrastructure, waterways, and employees. The  
155 interlocal agreement must also include a gradual transfer of  
156 revenue generated from the area being incorporated into Martin  
157 County from St. Lucie County, which must be completed within 5  
158 years after the agreement is signed. Any loss of revenue to St.  
159 Lucie County may not exceed 20 percent per year of the revenues  
160 that would have been raised from the land transferred to Martin  
161 County in section 1 of this act.

162 Section 5. This act shall take effect only upon its  
163 approval by a majority vote of those qualified electors residing  
164 in the area being transferred from St. Lucie County to Martin  
165 County as described in section 1 voting in a referendum to be  
166 held by the Board of County Commissioners and conducted by the  
167 Supervisor of Elections of St. Lucie County in conjunction with  
168 the next general, special, or other election to be held in St.  
169 Lucie County, in accordance with the provisions of law relating  
170 to elections currently in force, except that this section shall  
171 take effect upon becoming a law.