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

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

87 Section 2. Section 7.59, Florida Statutes, is amended to

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88 read:

89 7.59 St. Lucie County.—The boundary lines of St. Lucie  
90 County are as follows: Beginning on the eastern boundary of the  
91 State of Florida at a point where the north section line of  
92 section thirteen, township thirty-seven south, range forty-one  
93 east, produced easterly, would intersect the same; thence  
94 westerly on the north line of said section and other sections to  
95 the northwest corner of section eighteen, township thirty-seven  
96 south, range forty-one east; thence south along the range line  
97 between ranges forty east and forty-one east which is concurrent  
98 with the St. Lucie County and Martin County boundary lines to  
99 the intersection with the north line of the south 508.15 feet of  
100 the northeast quarter of section twenty-four, township thirty-  
101 seven south, range forty east; thence west along the south  
102 508.15-foot line of the northeast quarter of section twenty-  
103 four, township thirty-seven south, range forty east and  
104 concurrent with the municipal boundary line of the City of Port  
105 St. Lucie to the intersection of the east 924.15-foot line of  
106 section twenty-four, township thirty-seven south, range forty  
107 east; thence south along the east 924.15-foot line of section  
108 twenty-four, township thirty-seven south, range forty east and  
109 continuing along the municipal boundary line of the City of Port  
110 St. Lucie, to the intersection of the south line of the  
111 northeast quarter of section twenty-four, township thirty-seven  
112 south, range forty east; thence west along the south line of the  
113 northeast quarter of section twenty-four, township thirty-seven  
114 south, range forty east to the intersection with the west edge  
115 of Howard Creek; thence southerly and along with the west edge  
116 of Howard Creek being concurrent with the municipal boundary

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

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146 east boundary, including the waters of the Atlantic Ocean within  
147 the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the place of  
148 beginning.

149 Section 3. All public roads, and the public rights-of-way  
150 associated therewith, lying within the limits of the lands being  
151 incorporated into Martin County as described in sections 1 and 2  
152 are transferred from the jurisdiction of St. Lucie County to the  
153 jurisdiction of Martin County on the effective date of the  
154 change in county boundaries pursuant to this act.

155 Section 4. The governing bodies of St. Lucie County and  
156 Martin County shall enter into an interlocal agreement by  
157 December 1, 2012, which must include a feasible plan to transfer  
158 from St. Lucie County to Martin County the county services,  
159 buildings, infrastructure, waterways, and employees. The  
160 interlocal agreement must also include a gradual transfer of  
161 revenue generated from the area being incorporated into Martin  
162 County from St. Lucie County, which must be completed within 5  
163 years after the agreement is signed. Any loss of revenue to St.  
164 Lucie County may not exceed 20 percent per year of the revenues  
165 that would have been raised from the land transferred to Martin  
166 County in s. 7.43, Florida Statutes, as amended by this act.

167 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, upon  
168 its approval by a majority vote of those qualified electors  
169 residing in the area being transferred from St. Lucie County to  
170 Martin County as described in section 1 voting in a referendum  
171 to be held by the Board of County Commissioners and conducted by  
172 the Supervisor of Elections of St. Lucie County in conjunction  
173 with the next general, special, or other election to be held in  
174 St. Lucie County, in accordance with the provisions of law

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175 relating to elections currently in force, except that this  
176 section shall take effect upon becoming a law.