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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 are
19 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,
29 Florida East Zone) of 41 degrees north, 4 minutes west, a

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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

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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
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

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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

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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

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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 May 1, 2013, which shall provide a financially feasible
152 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
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

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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 July
187 1, 2013, except that this section shall take effect upon
188 becoming a law.