

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the Key Largo Wastewater Treatment  
 3           District, Monroe County; amending chapter 2002-337,  
 4           Laws of Florida, as amended; revising provisions  
 5           relating to vacancies on the district's governing  
 6           board; revising compensation of the governing board  
 7           members, subject to annual adjustment according to a  
 8           specified price index; providing an effective date.

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

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 12           Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 5 and section 7 of  
 13           section 1 of chapter 2002-337, Laws of Florida, as amended by  
 14           chapter 2004-457, Laws of Florida, are amended to read:

15           Section 5. Governing board.—

16           (6) If any vacancy occurs in a seat occupied by a  
 17           governing board member ~~elected by the qualified electors~~, the  
 18           remaining members of the governing board shall, within 60 ~~45~~  
 19           days after the vacancy occurs, appoint an eligible ~~a person to~~  
 20           fill the vacant seat, provided that:

21           (a) If any such vacancy occurs on or after the 30th day  
 22           immediately before the first day set by law for qualifying for  
 23           election to a special district office, any person appointed to  
 24           fill that vacant seat shall hold such office and serve in such  
 25           capacity for the remainder of the unexpired term of the  
 26           governing board member who previously held that seat.

27           (b) If any such vacancy occurs before the 30th day  
 28           immediately before the first day set by law for qualifying for

29 | election to a special district office, any person so appointed  
 30 | to fill that vacant seat shall hold such office and serve in  
 31 | such capacity until the first regular board of commissioners  
 32 | meeting after the first Monday after the next general election.

33 | 1. In such event, the vacancy shall be filled by election  
 34 | at the next general election pursuant to section 189.405(2)(a),  
 35 | Florida Statutes.

36 | 2. In such general election, the candidates receiving the  
 37 | highest totals, consistent with section 189.405(4), Florida  
 38 | Statutes, shall be deemed elected to the available seats on the  
 39 | governing board.

40 | 3. The governing board member elected with the lowest vote  
 41 | total shall fill the vacant seat and shall hold such office and  
 42 | serve in such capacity for the remainder of the unexpired term  
 43 | of the governing board member who previously held that seat ~~who~~  
 44 | ~~would be eligible to hold the office until the end of the~~  
 45 | ~~unexpired term or until the next general election, whichever~~  
 46 | ~~occurs first. Any person elected at such next general election~~  
 47 | ~~to fill such seat shall serve in such capacity for the remainder~~  
 48 | ~~of the predecessor's term.~~

49 | Section 7. Governing board; compensation, expense  
 50 | reimbursement.—The members of the governing board shall receive  
 51 | as compensation for their services a fee of \$300 per meeting,  
 52 | not to exceed three meetings per month. The amount of  
 53 | compensation shall be adjusted annually, effective October 1 of  
 54 | each year, based upon the United States Department of Commerce,  
 55 | Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for All Urban  
 56 | Consumers ~~provided in section 287.017(2), Florida Statutes.~~ In

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57 | addition, each board member shall be reimbursed for expenses as  
58 | provided in section 112.061, Florida Statutes.

59 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.