

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES LOCAL BILL STAFF ANALYSIS

**BILL #:** HB 1331 Immokalee Water and Sewer District, Collier County

**SPONSOR(S):** Passidomo

**TIED BILLS:**           **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:**

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
1) Local Government Affairs Subcommittee	13 Y, 0 N	Zaborske	Miller
2) Local & Federal Affairs Committee	16 Y, 0 N	Zaborske	Kiner

### SUMMARY ANALYSIS

The Immokalee Water and Sewer District, a special taxing district, is an independent special district in Collier County governed by a 7-member board of commissioners. Pursuant to the district's authorizing law, commissioners may not receive compensation for their services. The bill changes the current act to provide:

- Each board member may be paid up to \$250 per month per member as a salary or honorarium.
- At least a majority plus one vote of the board determines the amount of the salary or honorarium.
- A special notice of any meeting at which the board will consider a salary change for a member:
  - Must be published at least once at least 14 days before the meeting.
  - Must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the district is located.
- Board members may not be paid for unexcused absences from regularly scheduled board meetings.
- The board must adopt policies by resolution defining the excused and unexcused absences.

According to the Economic Impact Statement, the bill will not have any associated costs or revenues. However, approximately \$21,000, assuming each of the seven Immokalee Water and Sewer District board members is paid \$250 per month, is the maximum that could be funded for compensation from district general revenues.

The act shall take effect upon becoming law.

## FULL ANALYSIS

### I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

#### A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

The Immokalee Water and Sewer District, a special taxing district, is an independent special district in Collier County that was created in 1978.<sup>1</sup> A seven-member board of commissioners, appointed by the Governor for four-year terms, governs the Water and Sewer District.<sup>2</sup> Currently, commissioners are prohibited from receiving compensation for their services, but are entitled to travel and per diem reimbursement pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.<sup>3</sup>

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#### B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

**Section 1:** Amends s. 6 of ch. 98-495, s. 2, Laws of Fla., to allow each Immokalee Water and Sewer District board member to receive up \$250 per month per member as a salary or honorarium as voted by the board after prescribed notice. Prohibits board members from being paid for unexcused absences.

**Section 2:** The act takes effect upon becoming a law.

### II. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes  No

IF YES, WHEN? February 13, 2015

WHERE? Naples Daily News

B. REFERENDUM(S) REQUIRED? Yes  No

IF YES, WHEN?

C. LOCAL BILL CERTIFICATION FILED? Yes, attached  No

D. ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FILED? Yes, attached  No

### III. COMMENTS

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<sup>1</sup> Ch. 98-495, Laws of Fla.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at s. 5.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at s. 6.

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

The bill neither authorizes nor requires implementation by executive branch rulemaking.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

**IV. AMENDMENTS/ COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES**