

By Senator Lee

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to municipal conversion of independent  
 3           special districts; amending s. 165.0615, F.S.; adding  
 4           a minimum population standard for qualified electors  
 5           of an independent special district to commence a  
 6           certain municipal conversion proceeding; providing an  
 7           effective date.

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

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 11           Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 165.0615, Florida  
 12           Statutes, is amended to read:

13           165.0615 Municipal conversion of independent special  
 14           districts upon elector-initiated and approved referendum.—

15           (1) The qualified electors of an independent special  
 16           district may commence a municipal conversion proceeding by  
 17           filing a petition with the governing body of the independent  
 18           special district proposed to be converted if the district meets  
 19           all of the following criteria:

- 20           (a) It was created by special act of the Legislature.
- 21           (b) It is designated as an improvement district and created  
 22           pursuant to chapter 298 or is designated as a stewardship  
 23           district and created pursuant to s. 189.031.
- 24           (c) Its governing board is elected.
- 25           (d) Its governing board agrees to the conversion.
- 26           (e) It provides at least four of the following municipal  
 27           services: water, sewer, solid waste, drainage, roads,  
 28           transportation, public works, fire and rescue, street lighting,  
 29           parks and recreation, or library or cultural facilities.
- 30           (f) No portion of the district is located within the  
 31           jurisdictional limits of a municipality.
- 32           (g) It meets minimum population standards as provided in s.

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33 165.061(1)(b).

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