

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the North Springs Improvement  
3           District, Broward County; amending ch. 2005-341, Laws  
4           of Florida, as amended; providing an exception to  
5           general law; requiring that the board of supervisors  
6           be elected by the qualified electors of the district;  
7           providing a definition; providing an 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. Subsections (1), (2), and (9) of section 5 of  
12           section 3 of chapter 2005-341, Laws of Florida, as amended, are  
13           amended to read:

14           Section 5. Board; election; organization; terms of office;  
15           quorum; report and minutes.-

16           (1) The board of the district shall be the governing body  
17           of the district and shall exercise the powers granted to the  
18           district under this act and under chapter 298, Florida Statutes.  
19           The board shall consist of three members and, except as  
20           otherwise provided herein, each member shall hold office for a  
21           term of 4 years and until his or her successor shall be chosen  
22           and shall qualify. ~~A majority of the members of the board shall~~  
23           ~~be residents of Broward County, and all members shall be~~  
24           ~~residents of the state. All members of the board shall be~~  
25           ~~landowners within the district.~~

26        ~~(2) In the month of June of each fourth year commencing~~  
27 ~~June of 1972, there shall be held a meeting of the landowners of~~  
28 ~~the district at the office of the district in Broward County,~~  
29 ~~for the purpose of electing three supervisors for said district.~~  
30 ~~One supervisor shall be elected solely by those landowners~~  
31 ~~owning property within the city limits of the City of Parkland,~~  
32 ~~and this supervisor must be a landowner who owns property within~~  
33 ~~the city limits of the City of Parkland. One supervisor shall be~~  
34 ~~elected solely by those landowners owning property within the~~  
35 ~~city limits of the City of Coral Springs, and this supervisor~~  
36 ~~must be a landowner who owns property within the city limits of~~  
37 ~~the City of Coral Springs. One supervisor shall be elected at~~  
38 ~~large by all landowners of the district, regardless of where his~~  
39 ~~or her property is located. Candidates for each supervisor~~  
40 ~~position will be nominated during the meeting of landowners, and~~  
41 ~~the nominee who receives the highest number of votes for a~~  
42 ~~supervisor position shall be declared elected. Notice of said~~  
43 ~~landowners' meeting shall be published once a week for 2~~  
44 ~~consecutive weeks in a newspaper in Broward County which is in~~  
45 ~~general circulation within the district, the last of said~~  
46 ~~publication to be not less than 14 days nor more than 28 days~~  
47 ~~before the date of the election. The landowners when assembled~~  
48 ~~at such meeting shall organize by electing a chair that shall~~  
49 ~~conduct the meeting. At such meeting each landowner shall be~~  
50 ~~entitled to cast one vote per acre of land owned by him or her~~

51 ~~and located within the district. A landowner may vote in person~~  
52 ~~or by proxy in writing. Fractions of an acre shall be treated as~~  
53 ~~1 acre, entitling the landowner to one vote with respect~~  
54 ~~thereto.~~

55 ~~(9) (a) The board of supervisors may, upon vote of a~~  
56 ~~majority of the board, determine to convert to a board of~~  
57 ~~supervisors elected by the qualified electors of the district.~~  
58 ~~Upon the call of an election for such purpose by the board as~~  
59 ~~provided in paragraph (b), election of the board by the~~  
60 ~~qualified electors shall thereafter be the exclusive method for~~  
61 ~~the election of the members of the board of supervisors.~~

62 (a) (b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
63 contrary, the board of supervisors shall be elected by the  
64 qualified electors of the district. Election of the board by the  
65 qualified electors of the district shall be the exclusive method  
66 for the election of the members of the board of supervisors.  
67 ~~Upon vote of the board of supervisors pursuant to paragraph (a),~~  
68 The board shall call an election at which the members of the  
69 board of supervisors will be elected. Such election shall be  
70 held in conjunction with the next general election in November.  
71 Candidates may qualify for the offices of board of supervisors  
72 seat 1, seat 2, and seat 3, each elected at large within the  
73 district. A candidate qualifying for election to seat 1 must be  
74 an elector and resident of the City of Parkland. A candidate  
75 qualifying for election to seat 2 must be an elector and

76 resident of the City of Coral Springs. A candidate qualifying  
77 for election to seat 3 must be an elector and resident of the  
78 district. Each board member shall be elected by the qualified  
79 electors of the district for a term of 4 years, except that, at  
80 the first such election, the two members elected to seat 1 and  
81 seat 2 shall be elected for a term of 4 years, and the member  
82 elected to seat 3 shall be elected for a term of 2 years.  
83 Thereafter, there shall be an election held every 2 years for  
84 expiring terms and all members shall be elected for terms of 4  
85 years each. The candidate receiving the most votes for each seat  
86 shall be elected. All elected board members must be qualified  
87 electors of the district.

88 (b) Members of the board of supervisors as of October 1,  
89 2017, shall serve until the certification of the November 2018  
90 general election results.

91 (c) The terms "qualified elector" and "elector" mean any  
92 person at least 18 years of age who is a citizen of the United  
93 States, a permanent resident of Florida, and a resident of the  
94 district who registers with the supervisor of elections of the  
95 county in which the district lands are located when the  
96 registration books are open.

97 (d) ~~(e)~~ Elections of board members by qualified electors  
98 held pursuant to this subsection shall be nonpartisan and shall  
99 be conducted in the manner prescribed by law for holding general

100 elections. Board members shall assume the office on the second  
101 Tuesday following their election.

102 (e)~~(d)~~ Candidates seeking election to office by qualified  
103 electors under this subsection shall conduct their campaigns in  
104 accordance with the provisions of chapter 106, Florida Statutes,  
105 and shall file qualifying papers and qualify for individual  
106 seats in accordance with section 99.061, Florida Statutes.  
107 Candidates shall pay a qualifying fee, which shall consist of a  
108 filing fee and election assessment or, as an alternative, shall  
109 file a petition signed by not less than 1 percent of the  
110 qualified electors of the district, and take the oath required  
111 in section 99.021, Florida Statutes, with the Supervisor of  
112 Elections of Broward County. The amount of the filing fee is 3  
113 percent of \$4,800. The amount of the election assessment is 1  
114 percent of \$4,800. The filing fee and election assessment shall  
115 be distributed as provided in section 105.031 (3), Florida  
116 Statutes.

117 (f)~~(e)~~ The Supervisor of Elections of Broward County shall  
118 appoint the inspectors and clerks of elections, prepare and  
119 furnish the ballots, designate polling places, and canvass the  
120 returns of the election of board members by qualified electors.  
121 The county canvassing board shall declare and certify the  
122 results of the election.

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123           (g)~~(f)~~ The provisions of subsections (3), (4), (5), (6),  
124 and (7) shall apply to a board of supervisors elected pursuant  
125 to this subsection.

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