

26 | such terms and conditions as the Board of Supervisors may
27 | approve, and fix their compensation and duties.

28 | (b) If the District is the public employer under s.
29 | 447.403, Florida Statutes, and if either the public employer or
30 | the employee organization for any employees of the District does
31 | not accept, in whole or in part, the recommended decision of the
32 | special magistrate in accordance with s. 447.403(3), Florida
33 | Statutes, the special magistrate's decision shall be final and
34 | binding on both parties with respect to all disputed impasse
35 | issues. The parties shall reduce to writing an agreement that
36 | includes those issues agreed to by the parties and those
37 | disputed impasse issues resolved by the special magistrate. The
38 | agreement shall be signed by the chief executive officer and the
39 | bargaining agent and shall be submitted to the public employer
40 | and to the public employees who are members of the bargaining
41 | unit for ratification. If such agreement is not ratified by all
42 | parties, pursuant to the provisions of s. 447.309, Florida
43 | Statutes, the special magistrate's decision and those issues
44 | agreed to by the parties shall take effect as of the date of the
45 | special magistrate's decision for the remainder of the first
46 | fiscal year that was the subject of negotiations; however, the
47 | special magistrate's decision shall not take effect with respect
48 | to those disputed impasse issues that establish the language of
49 | contractual provisions that could have no effect in the absence
50 | of a ratified agreement, including, but not limited to,

51 preambles, recognition clauses, and duration clauses.

52 Section 9. Powers of the District.—In addition to and not
53 in limitation of the powers and authorities of the District
54 under chapter 298, Florida Statutes, and amendments thereto, the
55 District shall have the following powers:

56 (17) Public Utilities.—To own, acquire, construct,
57 reconstruct, equip, operate, maintain, extend and improve
58 electric power plants, transmission lines and related
59 facilities, gas mains and facilities of any nature for the
60 production or distribution of natural gas, telephone lines,
61 plants and systems and other communications systems of any
62 nature, transmission lines and related facilities ~~and plants and~~
63 ~~facilities for the generation and transmission of power through~~
64 ~~nuclear fission~~ and other new and experimental sources of power
65 and energy; to purchase electric power, natural gas and other
66 sources of power for distribution within the District; and to
67 develop and operate such new and experimental public utilities,
68 including but not limited to centrally distributed heating and
69 air conditioning facilities and services, closed-circuit
70 television systems, and computer service and facilities, as the
71 Board of Supervisors may from time to time determine.

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