

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to Coral Springs Improvement District,
3 Broward County; amending ch. 2004-469, Laws of
4 Florida; providing definitions; revising membership
5 requirements for the board of supervisors; requiring
6 members of the board of supervisors to be elected;
7 providing terms of office for board members; providing
8 certain campaign and canvassing requirements for
9 candidates and the supervisor of elections; providing
10 applicability; providing an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Subsections (8) through (10) of section 4 of
15 section 3 of chapter 2004-469, Laws of Florida, are renumbered
16 as subsections (9) through (11), respectively, a new subsection
17 (8) is added to that section, and subsections (1) and (3) of
18 section 5 of section 3 of that chapter are amended, to read:

19 Section 4. Definitions.—Unless the context shall indicate
20 otherwise, the following words as used in this act shall have
21 the following meanings:

22 (8) "Qualified elector" and "elector" mean any person at
23 least 18 years of age who is a citizen of the United States, a
24 permanent resident of Florida, and a resident of the district
25 who registers with the Supervisor of Elections of Broward County

26 | within which the district lands are located when the
27 | registration books are open.

28 | ~~(9)-(8)~~ "Sewer system" means any plant, system, facility,
29 | or property and additions, extensions, and improvements thereto
30 | at any future time constructed or acquired as part thereof
31 | useful or necessary or having the present capacity for future
32 | use in connection with the collection, treatment, purification,
33 | or disposal of sewage, including, without limitation, industrial
34 | wastes resulting from any processes of industry, manufacture,
35 | trade, or business or from the development of any natural
36 | resources. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing,
37 | "sewer system" shall include treatment plants, pumping stations,
38 | lift stations, valves, force mains, intercepting sewers,
39 | laterals, pressure lines, mains, and all necessary appurtenances
40 | and equipment, all sewer mains, laterals, and other devices for
41 | the reception and collection of sewage from premises connected
42 | therewith, and all real and personal property and any interest
43 | therein, rights, easements, and franchises of any nature
44 | whatsoever relating to any such system and necessary or
45 | convenient for operation thereof.

46 | ~~(10)-(9)~~ "Water and flood control facilities" means any
47 | canals, ditches, or other drainage facilities, reservoirs, dams,
48 | levees, sluiceways, dredging holding basins, floodways, pumping
49 | stations, or any other works, structures, or facilities for the
50 | conservation, control, development, utilization, and disposal of

51 water, and any purposes appurtenant, necessary, or incidental
52 thereto, and includes all real and personal property and any
53 interest therein, rights, easements, and franchises of any
54 nature relating to any such water and flood control facilities
55 or necessary or convenient for the acquisition, construction,
56 reconstruction, operation, or maintenance thereof.

57 (11)~~(10)~~ "Water system" means any plant, system, facility,
58 or property and additions, extensions, and improvements thereto
59 at any future time constructed or acquired as part thereof,
60 useful or necessary or having the present capacity for future
61 use in connection with the development of sources, treatment, or
62 purification and distribution of water and, without limiting the
63 generality of the foregoing, includes dams, reservoirs, storage
64 tanks, mains, lines, valves, pumping stations, laterals, and
65 pipes for the purpose of carrying water to the premises
66 connected with such system, and all real and personal property
67 and any interests therein, rights, easements, and franchises of
68 any nature whatsoever relating to any such system and necessary
69 or convenient for the operation thereof.

70 Section 5. Board of supervisors; election; organization;
71 terms of office; quorum; report and minutes.—

72 (1) The board of supervisors of the district shall be the
73 governing body of the district and shall exercise the powers
74 granted to the district under this act and under chapter 298,
75 Florida Statutes. The board shall consist of three members, and

76 | except as otherwise provided herein, each member shall hold
77 | office for a term of 4 years and until his or her successor
78 | shall be chosen and shall qualify. ~~A majority of the members of~~
79 | ~~the board shall be residents of Broward County, and all members~~
80 | ~~shall be residents of Florida. All members of the board shall be~~
81 | ~~landowners within the district.~~

82 | (3) (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the
83 | contrary, members of the board of supervisors shall be elected
84 | by the qualified electors of the district. Election of board
85 | members by the qualified electors shall be the exclusive method
86 | for the election of the members of the board of supervisors.

87 | (b) The board shall call an election at which the members
88 | of the board of supervisors will be elected. Such election shall
89 | be held in conjunction with the next general election held in
90 | November 2024. Candidates may qualify for the offices of board
91 | of supervisors which shall be designated as seat 1, seat 2, and
92 | seat 3, each elected at large within the district. A candidate
93 | qualifying for election must be an elector and resident of the
94 | district. Each board member shall be elected by the qualified
95 | electors of the district for a term of 4 years, except that, at
96 | the first such election, the two members elected to seat 1 and
97 | seat 2 shall be elected for terms of 4 years each, and the
98 | member elected to seat 3 shall be elected for a term of 2 years.
99 | Thereafter, there shall be an election held every 2 years for
100 | expiring terms and all members shall be elected for terms of 4

101 years each. The candidate receiving the most votes for each seat
102 shall be elected. All elected board members must be qualified
103 electors of the district. Members of the board of supervisors as
104 of October 1, 2023, shall serve until the certification of the
105 November 2024 general election results.

106 (c) Elections of board members by qualified electors held
107 pursuant to this subsection shall be nonpartisan and shall be
108 conducted in the manner prescribed by law for holding general
109 elections. Board members shall assume the office on the second
110 Tuesday following their election.

111 (d) Candidates seeking election to the board by qualified
112 electors under this subsection shall conduct their campaigns in
113 assessment or as an alternative, shall file a petition signed by
114 not less than 1 percent of the qualified electors of the
115 district, and take the oath required in s. 99.021, Florida
116 Statutes, with the Supervisor of Elections of Broward County.
117 The amount of the filing fee is 3 percent of the annual salary
118 of the office. The amount of the election assessment is 1
119 percent of the annual salary of the office. The filing fee and
120 election assessment shall be distributed as provided in s.
121 105.031(3), Florida Statutes.

122 (e) The Supervisor of Elections of Broward County shall
123 appoint the inspectors and clerks of elections, prepare and
124 furnish the ballots, designate polling places, and canvass the
125 returns of the election of board members by qualified electors.

126 The county canvassing board shall declare and certify the
127 results of the election.

128 (f) Subsections (4), (5), (6), (7), and (8) shall apply to
129 a board of supervisors elected pursuant to this subsection. In
130 ~~the month of June of each fourth year commencing June of 1971,~~
131 ~~there shall be held a meeting of the landowners of the district~~
132 ~~at the office of the district in Broward County for the purpose~~
133 ~~of electing three supervisors for said district. Notice of said~~
134 ~~landowners' meeting shall be published once a week for 2~~
135 ~~consecutive weeks in a newspaper in Broward County that is in~~
136 ~~general circulation in the district, the last of said~~
137 ~~publication to be not less than 14 days nor more than 28 days~~
138 ~~before the date of the election. The landowners, when assembled~~
139 ~~at such meeting, shall organize by electing a chair who shall~~
140 ~~conduct the meeting. At such meeting, each landowner shall be~~
141 ~~entitled to cast one vote per acre of land owned by him or her~~
142 ~~and located within the district for each person to be elected. A~~
143 ~~landowner may vote in person or by proxy in writing. Fractions~~
144 ~~of an acre shall be treated as one acre, entitling the landowner~~
145 ~~to one vote with respect thereto. The three persons receiving~~
146 ~~the highest number of votes for the office of supervisor shall~~
147 ~~be declared elected.~~

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