

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to North Springs Improvement District,  
 3           Broward County; amending ch. 2005-341, Laws of  
 4           Florida, as amended; revising a definition; deleting  
 5           certain residential and meeting requirements for  
 6           members of the Board of Supervisors of the North  
 7           Springs Improvement District; providing an exception  
 8           to general law; requiring the board to be elected by  
 9           the qualified electors of the district; requiring  
 10          current board members to serve until certification of  
 11          the November 2024 general election results; conforming  
 12          a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

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

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 16           Section 1. Subsection (11) of section 4 of section 3 of  
 17          chapter 2005-341, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 2007-  
 18          285, Laws of Florida, and section 5 of that section, are  
 19          amended, to read:

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

23           (11) "Qualified elector" or "elector" means any person at  
 24          least 18 years of age who is a citizen of the United States, a  
 25          permanent legal resident of Florida, ~~the state~~ and a resident of

26 | the district ~~and~~ who registers ~~to vote~~ with the supervisor of  
27 | elections of the Broward county in which the district lands are  
28 | located when the registration books are open.

29 | Section 5. Board; election; organization; terms of office;  
30 | quorum; report and minutes.-

31 | (1) The board of the district shall be the governing body  
32 | of the district and shall exercise the powers granted to the  
33 | district under this act and under chapter 298, Florida Statutes.  
34 | The board shall consist of three members and, except as  
35 | otherwise provided herein, each member shall hold office for a  
36 | term of 4 years and until his or her successor shall be chosen  
37 | and shall qualify. ~~A majority of the members of the board shall~~  
38 | ~~be residents of Broward County, and all members shall be~~  
39 | ~~residents of the state. All members of the board shall be~~  
40 | ~~landowners within the district.~~

41 | ~~(2) In the month of June of each fourth year commencing~~  
42 | ~~June of 1972, there shall be held a meeting of the landowners of~~  
43 | ~~the district at the office of the district in Broward County,~~  
44 | ~~for the purpose of electing three supervisors for said district.~~  
45 | ~~One supervisor shall be elected solely by those landowners~~  
46 | ~~owning property within the city limits of the City of Parkland,~~  
47 | ~~and this supervisor must be a landowner who owns property within~~  
48 | ~~the city limits of the City of Parkland. One supervisor shall be~~  
49 | ~~elected solely by those landowners owning property within the~~  
50 | ~~city limits of the City of Coral Springs, and this supervisor~~

51 ~~must be a landowner who owns property within the city limits of~~  
52 ~~the City of Coral Springs. One supervisor shall be elected at~~  
53 ~~large by all landowners of the district, regardless of where his~~  
54 ~~or her property is located. Candidates for each supervisor~~  
55 ~~position will be nominated during the meeting of landowners, and~~  
56 ~~the nominee who receives the highest number of votes for a~~  
57 ~~supervisor position shall be declared elected. Notice of said~~  
58 ~~landowners' meeting shall be published once a week for 2~~  
59 ~~consecutive weeks in a newspaper in Broward County which is in~~  
60 ~~general circulation within the district, the last of said~~  
61 ~~publication to be not less than 14 days nor more than 28 days~~  
62 ~~before the date of the election. The landowners when assembled~~  
63 ~~at such meeting shall organize by electing a chair that shall~~  
64 ~~conduct the meeting. At such meeting each landowner shall be~~  
65 ~~entitled to cast one vote per acre of land owned by him or her~~  
66 ~~and located within the district. A landowner may vote in person~~  
67 ~~or by proxy in writing. Fractions of an acre shall be treated as~~  
68 ~~1 acre, entitling the landowner to one vote with respect~~  
69 ~~thereto.~~

70 (2)~~(3)~~ Each supervisor, before entering upon his or her  
71 official duties, shall take and subscribe to an oath of office  
72 as prescribed in section 298.13, Florida Statutes.

73 (3)~~(4)~~ All supervisors shall hold office for the terms for  
74 which they are elected or appointed and until their successors  
75 shall be chosen and qualify. In case of a vacancy in the office

76 | of any supervisor, the remaining supervisor or supervisors (even  
77 | though less than a quorum) may fill such vacancy by appointment  
78 | of a new supervisor or supervisors for the unexpired term of the  
79 | supervisor who vacated his or her office.

80 |       (4)~~(5)~~ As soon as practicable after each election, the  
81 | board shall organize by choosing one of their number president  
82 | of the board and by electing a secretary, who need not be a  
83 | member of the board.

84 |       (5)~~(6)~~ A majority of the members of the board shall  
85 | constitute a quorum.

86 |       (6)~~(7)~~ The board shall keep a permanent record book  
87 | entitled "Record of Proceedings of North Springs Improvement  
88 | District," in which shall be recorded minutes of all meetings,  
89 | resolutions, proceedings, certificates, bonds given by all  
90 | employees, and any and all corporate acts, which book shall at  
91 | reasonable times be opened to the inspection of any landowner,  
92 | taxpayer, resident, or bondholder of the district, and such  
93 | other persons as the board may determine to have a proper  
94 | interest in the proceedings of the board. Such record book shall  
95 | be kept at any office or other regular place of business  
96 | maintained by the board in Broward County.

97 |       (7)~~(8)~~ Whenever any election shall be authorized or  
98 | required by this act to be held by the landowners at any  
99 | particular or stated time or day, and if for any reasons such  
100 | election is not held at such time or on such day, then in such

101 event the power or duty to hold such election shall not cease or  
102 lapse, but such election shall be held thereafter when  
103 practicable, and in accordance with the procedures provided by  
104 this act.

105 (8) (a) ~~(9) (a)~~ Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
106 contrary, the board of supervisors shall be ~~may, upon vote of a~~  
107 ~~majority of the board, determine to convert to a board of~~  
108 ~~supervisors~~ elected by the qualified electors of the district.  
109 ~~Upon the call of an election for such purpose by the board as~~  
110 ~~provided in paragraph (b),~~ Election of the board by the  
111 qualified electors of the district shall ~~thereafter~~ be the  
112 exclusive method for the election of the members of the board of  
113 supervisors.

114 ~~(b)~~ ~~Upon vote of the board of supervisors pursuant to~~  
115 ~~paragraph (a),~~ The board shall call an election at which the  
116 members of the board of supervisors will be elected. Such  
117 election shall be held in conjunction with the next general  
118 election in November. Candidates may qualify for the offices of  
119 board of supervisors seat 1, seat 2, and seat 3, each elected at  
120 large within the district. A candidate qualifying for election  
121 to seat 1 must be an elector and resident of the City of  
122 Parkland. A candidate qualifying for election to seat 2 must be  
123 an elector and resident of the City of Coral Springs. A  
124 candidate qualifying for election to seat 3 must be an elector  
125 and resident of the district. Each board member shall be elected

126 by the qualified electors of the district for a term of 4 years,  
127 except that, at the first such election, the two members elected  
128 to seat 1 and seat 2 shall be elected for a term of 4 years, and  
129 the member elected to seat 3 shall be elected for a term of 2  
130 years. Thereafter, there shall be an election held every 2 years  
131 for expiring terms and all members shall be elected for terms of  
132 4 years each. The candidate receiving the most votes for each  
133 seat shall be elected. All elected board members must be  
134 qualified electors of the district.

135 (b) Members of the board of supervisors as of October 1,  
136 2018, shall serve until the certification of the November 2024  
137 general election results.

138 (c) Elections of board members by qualified electors held  
139 pursuant to this subsection shall be nonpartisan and shall be  
140 conducted in the manner prescribed by law for holding general  
141 elections. Board members shall assume the office on the second  
142 Tuesday following their election.

143 (d) Candidates seeking election to office by qualified  
144 electors under this subsection shall conduct their campaigns in  
145 accordance with ~~the provisions of~~ chapter 106, Florida Statutes,  
146 and shall file qualifying papers and qualify for individual  
147 seats in accordance with section 99.061, Florida Statutes.  
148 Candidates shall pay a qualifying fee, which shall consist of a  
149 filing fee and election assessment or, as an alternative, shall  
150 file a petition signed by not less than 1 percent of the

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151 qualified electors of the district, and take the oath required  
152 in section 99.021, Florida Statutes, with the Supervisor of  
153 Elections of Broward County. The amount of the filing fee is 3  
154 percent of \$4,800. The amount of the election assessment is 1  
155 percent of \$4,800. The filing fee and election assessment shall  
156 be distributed as provided in section 105.031 (3), Florida  
157 Statutes.

158 (e) The Supervisor of Elections of Broward County shall  
159 appoint the inspectors and clerks of elections, prepare and  
160 furnish the ballots, designate polling places, and canvass the  
161 returns of the election of board members by qualified electors.  
162 The county canvassing board shall declare and certify the  
163 results of the election.

164 (f) ~~The provisions of~~ Subsections (2), (3), (4), (5), and  
165 (6), ~~and (7) shall~~ apply to a board of supervisors elected  
166 pursuant to this subsection.

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