

HB 1213

2021

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to Homosassa Special Water District,  
3 Citrus County; amending ch. 2003-354, Laws of Florida;  
4 revising requirements to fill a vacancy on the Board  
5 of Commissioners; increasing the threshold cost of  
6 work for which the district must use the competitive  
7 bid process; authorizing the governing board of  
8 District to procure contractual services without  
9 receiving competitive sealed bids under certain  
10 circumstances; 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. Subsection (4) of section 3 and section 10 of  
15 section 3 of chapter 2003-354, Laws of Florida, are amended to  
16 read:

17 Section 3. District governing board.—

18 (4) In the event of a vacancy, due to any cause, on the  
19 Board of Commissioners, the vacancy shall be filled for the  
20 remainder of the term by the remaining Commissioners, or if they  
21 fail to act ~~special election~~ within 30 days after the occurrence  
22 of the vacancy, the vacancy shall be filled by a special ~~unless~~  
23 ~~the vacancy occurs within 90 days after a regular~~ election.

24 Section 10. Construction contracts.—All work done by the  
25 District in the construction, reconstruction, repair,

26 maintenance, improvement, or enlargement of such water supply  
27 and distribution system involving the expenditure of more than  
28 \$35,000 ~~\$5,000~~ shall be done by contract entered into following  
29 advertisement for bids received on a stated date pursuant to  
30 notice for sealed bids published at least once each week for 2  
31 consecutive weeks in a newspaper or journal of general  
32 circulation among contractors in the State of Florida, and all  
33 such contracts shall be secured by performance bonds in an  
34 amount not less than 80 percent of the contract price, furnished  
35 by a surety company or companies authorized to do business in  
36 the State of Florida. If the governing board of the District  
37 determines in writing that an immediate danger to the public  
38 health, safety, or welfare, or a substantial loss, requires  
39 emergency action, the District may proceed with the procurement  
40 of contractual services necessitated by the immediate danger,  
41 without receiving competitive sealed bids, after receiving  
42 pricing information from at least two prospective vendors.

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