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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to Barefoot Bay Recreation District,
3	Brevard County; authorizing an amendment to the
4	district charter, subject to approval by a vote of the
5	electors of the district, to increase the length of
6	terms and stagger the election cycle for the members
7	of the Board of Trustees of the Barefoot Bay
8	Recreation District; providing exceptions to general
9	law; providing an effective date.
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11	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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13	Section 1. Notwithstanding s. 418.302(3), Florida
14	Statutes, or any law to the contrary, the Brevard County
15	Commission may amend the Charter of the Barefoot Bay Recreation
16	District, subject to approval by a vote of the electors of the
17	district pursuant to s. 418.30, Florida Statutes, to increase
18	the length of terms and stagger the election cycle for the
19	members of the Board of Trustees of the Barefoot Bay Recreation
20	District. If approved by the electors of the district voting in
21	a referendum election in November 2022, the members of the board
22	of trustees shall be elected as follows:
23	(1) In the election held in November 2023, the candidate
24	receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to serve
25	a term of 3 years and the candidate receiving the second highest

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26 number of votes shall be elected to serve a term of 2 years. 27 (2) In the election held in November 2024, the candidates 28 receiving the highest and second highest number of votes shall 29 each be elected to serve a term of 3 years and the candidate 30 receiving the third highest number of votes shall be elected to 31 serve a term of 2 years. 32 (3) In each subsequent election, candidates elected to 33 serve as members of the board of trustees shall each be elected 34 to serve a term of 3 years. 35 Section 2. Notwithstanding s. 418.302(3), Florida Statutes, or any law to the contrary, if the referendum election 36 referenced in section 1 of this act is approved by the electors 37 of the district in the election of November 2022, the Board of 38 39 County Commissioners of Brevard County shall amend the Charter of Barefoot Bay Recreation District to limit the number of terms 40 41 of the members of the board of trustees of the district to no 42 more than 3 successive complete 2-year terms or 2 successive 43 complete 3-year terms. A trustee may not serve more than 6 44 consecutive years. Beginning with the election to be held in 45 November 2023, if any potential candidate's election to a 3-year term would result in the candidate serving as a trustee for more 46 47 than 6 consecutive years, the candidate may not be qualified for 48 election to the board of trustees. A member of the board of 49 trustees to whom this limitation applies may serve no sooner 50 than 3 years after the expiration of the member's last

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51	successive complete term. This limitation shall not apply to the
52	portion of any unexpired term served by appointment to fill a
53	vacant seat pursuant to s. 418.302(5), Florida Statutes. If the
54	referendum referenced in section 1 of this act is approved by
55	the electors of the district in the election of November 2022,
56	this section shall supersede and replace section 1 of chapter
57	2017-202, Laws of Florida, otherwise section 1 of chapter 2017-
58	202, Laws of Florida, shall remain in full force and effect.
59	Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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