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 2 An act relating to Sumter County; creating The
 3 Villages Independent Fire Control and Rescue District;
 4 providing a short title; creating the district and
 5 providing boundaries; providing purposes; providing
 6 for a district board of commissioners and membership,
 7 officers, and meetings thereof; providing powers and
 8 duties of the district and board; providing for
 9 appointment and terms of office for the board members;
 10 providing for modification of district boundaries;
 11 providing for amendment of the charter by special act
 12 of the Legislature; providing severability; requiring
 13 a referendum; providing effective dates.

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

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 17 Section 1. Short title.—This act may be cited as "The
 18 Villages Independent Fire Control and Rescue District Act,"
 19 hereinafter referred to as the "charter."

20 Section 2. Formation; boundaries.—For the purpose of
 21 providing fire control; fire prevention; and emergency medical,
 22 rescue response, and public safety services pursuant to chapter
 23 191, Florida Statutes, an independent special district is hereby
 24 created, incorporated, and established pursuant to chapters 189
 25 and 191, Florida Statutes, to be known as The Villages

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26 Independent Fire Control and Rescue District, hereinafter
 27 referred to as the "district," in Sumter County and shall
 28 embrace and include the territory described as:

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 30 Beginning at a point on the US 301 Easterly Right of
 31 Way Corner, where it intersects the North line of
 32 Sumter County, Florida, whose Northing is 1681826.752
 33 and whose Easting is 643297.059; thence South 89° 52'
 34 32.6" East for a distance of 27519.0165 feet to a
 35 point on a line; thence South 00° 33' 31.9" East for a
 36 distance of 18630.7369 feet to a point on a line;
 37 thence South 00° 09' 09.7" East for a distance of
 38 16544.3470 feet to a point on a line; thence South 00°
 39 32' 33.7" West for a distance of 15508.7003 feet to a
 40 point on a line; thence South 00° 09' 09.2" West for a
 41 distance of 18330.6308 feet to a point on a line;
 42 thence South 00° 20' 07.6" East for a distance of
 43 5377.5793 feet to a point on a line; thence South 00°
 44 40' 19.1" West for a distance of 24498.6822 feet to a
 45 point on a line; thence North 82° 44' 50.5" West for a
 46 distance of 447.5572 feet to a point on a line; thence
 47 North 87° 08' 34.3" West for a distance of 329.2624
 48 feet to a point on a line; thence North 07° 51' 19.5"
 49 West for a distance of 1717.3849 feet to a point on a
 50 line; thence South 61° 02' 28.6" West for a distance

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51 of 597.3910 feet to a point on a line; thence South
 52 67° 00' 43.2" West for a distance of 184.4110 feet to
 53 a point on a line; thence South 78° 49' 38.8" West for
 54 a distance of 135.2689 feet to a point on a line;
 55 thence North 35° 13' 56.4" West for a distance of
 56 558.4654 feet to a point on a line; thence North 02°
 57 11' 21.4" West for a distance of 1489.0852 feet to a
 58 point on a line; thence North 89° 42' 33.2" West for a
 59 distance of 3417.2765 feet to a point on a line;
 60 thence South 00° 00' 37.6" West for a distance of
 61 3940.9162 feet to a point on a line; thence North 89°
 62 59' 01.6" West for a distance of 3992.1937 feet to a
 63 point on a line; thence South 00° 10' 12.6" West for a
 64 distance of 2627.8255 feet to a point on a line;
 65 thence South 89° 31' 18.4" East for a distance of
 66 1322.2356 feet to a point on a line; thence South 00°
 67 15' 49.3" West for a distance of 1314.7505 feet to a
 68 point on a line; thence North 89° 59' 11.9" West for a
 69 distance of 1322.1059 feet to a point on a line;
 70 thence South 00° 06' 47.6" West for a distance of
 71 1310.8219 feet to a point on a line; thence North 89°
 72 38' 38.1" West for a distance of 1327.4399 feet to a
 73 point on a line; thence North 00° 16' 59.4" East for a
 74 distance of 1251.9433 feet to a point on a line;
 75 thence North 86° 50' 56.5" West for a distance of

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76 1314.4825 feet to a point on a line; thence North 00°
 77 08' 33.4" East for a distance of 1319.2463 feet to a
 78 point on a line; thence North 89° 43' 18.3" West for a
 79 distance of 9050.8174 feet to a point on a line;
 80 thence South 21° 31' 39.9" East for a distance of
 81 2132.4319 feet to a point on a line; thence North 89°
 82 51' 43.5" West for a distance of 961.2700 feet to a
 83 point on a line; thence South 00° 45' 00.1" West for a
 84 distance of 1959.0111 feet to a point on a line;
 85 thence North 89° 21' 40.7" West for a distance of
 86 10663.5514 feet to a point on a line; thence North 00°
 87 05' 40.4" East for a distance of 29.4494 feet to a
 88 point on a line; thence North 00° 27' 59.6" East for a
 89 distance of 15872.3852 feet to a point on a line;
 90 thence South 89° 11' 42.7" East for a distance of
 91 10733.7783 feet to a point on a line; thence North 00°
 92 10' 36.0" East for a distance of 7995.9332 feet to a
 93 point on a line; thence North 89° 26' 39.5" West for a
 94 distance of 1339.5001 feet to a point on a line;
 95 thence North 00° 06' 32.2" East for a distance of
 96 2658.0087 feet to a point on a line; thence North 89°
 97 49' 55.2" West for a distance of 1343.8449 feet to a
 98 point on a line; thence North 01° 34' 23.1" East for a
 99 distance of 1327.3298 feet to a point on a line;
 100 thence North 89° 37' 12.7" East for a distance of

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101 1326.0825 feet to a point on a line; thence North 00°
 102 20' 23.2" East for a distance of 3982.4401 feet to a
 103 point on a line; thence South 89° 19' 48.9" East for a
 104 distance of 1321.3590 feet to a point on a line;
 105 thence North 00° 30' 49.7" East for a distance of
 106 5289.0165 feet to a point on a line; thence South 89°
 107 41' 38.1" East for a distance of 1339.0202 feet to a
 108 point on a line; thence North 00° 26' 47.1" West for a
 109 distance of 5308.9568 feet to a point on a line;
 110 thence North 00° 21' 12.0" East for a distance of
 111 998.1185 feet to a point on a line; thence South 88°
 112 50' 56.9" West for a distance of 1323.1087 feet to a
 113 point on a line; thence North 00° 22' 40.0" East for a
 114 distance of 371.7644 feet to a point on a line; thence
 115 North 89° 33' 48.3" West for a distance of 5247.0564
 116 feet to a point on a line; thence South 01° 22' 40.1"
 117 West for a distance of 1330.6491 feet to a point on a
 118 line; thence North 89° 34' 43.1" West for a distance
 119 of 3655.9207 feet to a point on a line; thence South
 120 32° 13' 10.5" West for a distance of 993.5915 feet to
 121 a point on a line; thence South 63° 15' 04.9" West for
 122 a distance of 108.6704 feet to a point on a line;
 123 thence South 77° 02' 20.0" West for a distance of
 124 98.7904 feet to a point on a line; thence South 87°
 125 07' 10.9" West for a distance of 99.1821 feet to a

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126 point on a line; thence South 63° 56' 46.5" West for a
 127 distance of 420.5064 feet to a point on a line; thence
 128 South 54° 26' 07.1" West for a distance of 177.9783
 129 feet to a point on a line; thence South 37° 06' 12.7"
 130 West for a distance of 104.1211 feet to a point on a
 131 line; thence South 64° 11' 35.9" West for a distance
 132 of 91.3723 feet to a point on a line; thence South 79°
 133 10' 58.7" West for a distance of 48.4118 feet to a
 134 point on a line; thence South 79° 11' 00.2" West for a
 135 distance of 72.7991 feet to a point on a line; thence
 136 South 39° 37' 35.1" West for a distance of 71.0600
 137 feet to a point on a line; thence South 59° 23' 09.6"
 138 West for a distance of 174.8441 feet to a point on a
 139 line; thence South 30° 58' 00.8" West for a distance
 140 of 144.1140 feet to a point on a line; thence North
 141 87° 19' 39.7" West for a distance of 58.5647 feet to a
 142 point on a line; thence South 85° 48' 38.1" West for a
 143 distance of 48.8902 feet to a point on a line; thence
 144 South 18° 34' 26.4" East for a distance of 63.6160
 145 feet to a point on a line; thence South 14° 39' 29.8"
 146 West for a distance of 130.3158 feet to a point on a
 147 line; thence North 83° 30' 07.6" West for a distance
 148 of 420.6221 feet to a point on a line; thence South
 149 83° 07' 58.8" West for a distance of 361.8048 feet to
 150 a point on a line; thence North 32° 24' 10.4" West for

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151 a distance of 827.3376 feet to a point on a line;
 152 thence North 54° 29' 54.3" East for a distance of
 153 318.4112 feet to a point on a line; thence North 36°
 154 14' 31.0" East for a distance of 337.8597 feet to a
 155 point on a line; thence South 89° 51' 25.6" East for a
 156 distance of 1113.1742 feet to a point on a line;
 157 thence North 00° 33' 39.9" East for a distance of
 158 659.5825 feet to a point on a line; thence North 00°
 159 32' 35.6" East for a distance of 2657.4161 feet to a
 160 point on a line; thence South 89° 31' 18.3" East for a
 161 distance of 665.7366 feet to a point on a line; thence
 162 North 00° 32' 51.2" East for a distance of 663.6765
 163 feet to a point on a line; thence South 89° 41' 13.1"
 164 East for a distance of 663.7515 feet to a point on a
 165 line; thence North 00° 31' 08.3" East for a distance
 166 of 675.6586 feet to a point on a line; thence South
 167 88° 27' 02.1" East for a distance of 662.7587 feet to
 168 a point on a line; thence North 00° 20' 21.7" East for
 169 a distance of 829.0670 feet to a point on a line;
 170 thence North 01° 28' 42.1" East for a distance of
 171 501.3093 feet to a point on a line; thence South 89°
 172 32' 26.7" East for a distance of 6601.4582 feet to a
 173 point on a line; thence North 86° 04' 20.4" East for a
 174 distance of 654.4062 feet to a point on a line; thence
 175 North 00° 23' 55.2" East for a distance of 1441.7446

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176 feet to a point on a line; thence North 89° 16' 16.6"
 177 West for a distance of 658.2714 feet to a point on a
 178 line; thence North 00° 30' 03.4" East for a distance
 179 of 3828.1189 feet to a point on a line; thence North
 180 00° 30' 13.0" East for a distance of 634.1602 feet to
 181 a point on a line; thence North 00° 40' 27.1" East for
 182 a distance of 673.8420 feet to a point on a line;
 183 thence South 89° 22' 42.4" East for a distance of
 184 664.8639 feet to a point on a line; thence North 00°
 185 07' 45.9" West for a distance of 660.8119 feet to a
 186 point on a line; thence North 88° 47' 31.4" West for a
 187 distance of 341.4034 feet to a point on a line; thence
 188 North 00° 27' 54.7" East for a distance of 658.0740
 189 feet to a point on a line; thence North 89° 31' 34.0"
 190 West for a distance of 688.8287 feet to a point on a
 191 line; thence South 00° 30' 20.3" West for a distance
 192 of 604.5900 feet to a point on a line; thence South
 193 89° 15' 19.2" West for a distance of 309.7729 feet to
 194 a point on a line; thence North 00° 30' 33.2" West for
 195 a distance of 618.0527 feet to a point on a line;
 196 thence South 89° 00' 48.4" East for a distance of
 197 156.4370 feet to a point on a line; thence North 00°
 198 18' 41.7" East for a distance of 149.3464 feet to a
 199 point on a line; thence North 00° 18' 41.6" East for a
 200 distance of 510.1113 feet to a point on a line; thence

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201 North 89° 18' 50.9" West for a distance of 515.7908
 202 feet to a point on a line; thence South 00° 26' 20.5"
 203 West for a distance of 172.0835 feet to a point on a
 204 line; thence North 89° 20' 50.5" West for a distance
 205 of 435.3223 feet to a point on a line; thence South
 206 89° 16' 29.1" West for a distance of 143.1603 feet to
 207 a point on a line; thence North 00° 03' 06.0" West for
 208 a distance of 177.4126 feet to a point on a line;
 209 thence North 89° 50' 37.6" West for a distance of
 210 353.2621 feet to a point on a line; thence South 00°
 211 02' 12.8" East for a distance of 675.6809 feet to a
 212 point on a line; thence North 89° 51' 22.9" West for a
 213 distance of 1314.3823 feet to a point on a line;
 214 thence South 00° 27' 40.6" West for a distance of
 215 1322.8679 feet to a point on a line; thence North 89°
 216 23' 00.0" West for a distance of 2575.3355 feet to a
 217 point on a line; thence North 00° 19' 45.2" West for a
 218 distance of 7354.8037 feet to a point on a line;
 219 thence North 00° 27' 28.0" East for a distance of
 220 623.4833 feet to a point on a line; thence South 89°
 221 22' 02.5" East for a distance of 2637.3293 feet to a
 222 point on a line; thence North 01° 28' 02.3" East for a
 223 distance of 1321.4155 feet to a point on a line;
 224 thence North 01° 41' 55.4" West for a distance of
 225 939.0160 feet to a point on a line; thence North 67°

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226 08' 11.9" West for a distance of 566.0001 feet to a
 227 point on a line; thence North 00° 05' 19.4" West for a
 228 distance of 159.4123 feet to a point on a line; thence
 229 North 89° 00' 32.4" East for a distance of 1089.9217
 230 feet to a point on a line; thence South 89° 10' 26.1"
 231 East for a distance of 736.2721 feet to a point on a
 232 line; thence South 71° 04' 10.4" East for a distance
 233 of 765.9397 feet to a point on a line; thence North
 234 23° 31' 29.3" East for a distance of 1765.1464 feet to
 235 a point on a line; thence South 67° 22' 01.2" East for
 236 a distance of 1966.5077 feet to a point on a line;
 237 thence North 24° 00' 27.4" East for a distance of
 238 732.2976 feet to a point on a line; thence North 11°
 239 08' 51.2" East for a distance of 681.5145 feet to a
 240 point on a line; thence North 22° 00' 38.2" East for a
 241 distance of 300.9393 feet to a point on a line; thence
 242 North 24° 49' 42.9" East for a distance of 485.6142
 243 feet to a point on a line; thence North 05° 43' 52.6"
 244 East for a distance of 630.7488 feet to a point on a
 245 line; thence North 80° 50' 16.9" East for a distance
 246 of 28.2268 feet to a point on a line; thence South 89°
 247 41' 01.5" East for a distance of 1281.0390 feet to a
 248 point on a line; thence North 00° 15' 57.7" West for a
 249 distance of 671.7895 feet to a point on a line; thence
 250 North 00° 24' 38.1" West for a distance of 1552.3357

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251 feet to a point on a line; thence North 89° 21' 43.6"
 252 West for a distance of 503.7371 feet to a point on a
 253 line; thence North 00° 33' 40.2" West for a distance
 254 of 687.1325 feet to a point on a line; thence North
 255 89° 06' 53.2" West for a distance of 792.6811 feet to
 256 a point on a line; thence North 00° 09' 47.2" West for
 257 a distance of 360.9492 feet to a point on a line;
 258 thence North 89° 31' 17.4" East for a distance of
 259 6602.0023 feet to a point on a line; thence North 00°
 260 41' 24.0" West for a distance of 1282.2437 feet to a
 261 point on a line; thence North 89° 41' 02.9" West for a
 262 distance of 1964.7978 feet to a point on a line;
 263 thence North 00° 12' 02.4" East for a distance of
 264 1326.5418 feet to a point on a line; thence South 89°
 265 37' 37.9" West for a distance of 4596.4342 feet to a
 266 point on a line; thence North 00° 07' 51.2" East for a
 267 distance of 665.7973 feet to a point on a line; thence
 268 North 87° 17' 16.6" East for a distance of 691.4322
 269 feet to a point on a line; thence South 89° 11' 37.8"
 270 East for a distance of 366.3291 feet to a point on a
 271 line; thence North 81° 14' 06.0" East for a distance
 272 of 473.5924 feet to a point on a line; thence North
 273 00° 15' 13.3" East for a distance of 1927.8531 feet to
 274 a point on a line; thence North 86° 11' 42.0" West for
 275 a distance of 232.8372 feet to a point on a line;

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276 thence North 00° 17' 38.0" East for a distance of
 277 1277.5137 feet to a point on a line; thence North 89°
 278 05' 05.8" West for a distance of 903.8509 feet to a
 279 point on a line; thence North 00° 41' 27.2" East for a
 280 distance of 685.7514 feet to a point on a line; thence
 281 South 89° 51' 20.1" East for a distance of 205.2068
 282 feet to a point on a line; thence North 00° 18' 26.6"
 283 East for a distance of 626.7733 feet to a point on a
 284 line; thence North 89° 46' 09.6" West for a distance
 285 of 631.9255 feet to a point on a line; thence North
 286 00° 19' 27.3" East for a distance of 1326.7942 feet to
 287 a point on a line; thence South 88° 58' 29.4" East for
 288 a distance of 352.1964 feet to a point on a line;
 289 thence South 89° 43' 10.2" East for a distance of
 290 2447.1664 feet to a point on a line; thence North 46°
 291 18' 39.1" East for a distance of 185.2531 feet to a
 292 point on a line; thence North 07° 59' 18.7" East for a
 293 distance of 291.4315 feet to a point on a line; thence
 294 North 11° 00' 46.9" East for a distance of 228.0008
 295 feet to a point on a line; thence North 20° 10' 55.5"
 296 East for a distance of 94.6782 feet to a point on a
 297 line; thence North 29° 38' 04.9" East for a distance
 298 of 192.0383 feet to a point on a line; thence North
 299 47° 57' 40.1" East for a distance of 169.8304 feet to
 300 a point on a line; thence North 00° 08' 21.3" East for

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301 a distance of 300.0428 feet to a point on a line;
 302 thence North 89° 26' 54.7" East for a distance of
 303 697.5932 feet to a point on a line; thence North 00°
 304 11' 11.1" East for a distance of 661.3386 feet to a
 305 point on a line; thence North 89° 52' 54.5" West for a
 306 distance of 374.9329 feet to a point on a line; thence
 307 North 37° 56' 34.5" West for a distance of 522.2437
 308 feet to a point on a line; thence North 64° 27' 14.5"
 309 West for a distance of 653.1364 feet to a point on a
 310 line; thence North 89° 52' 34.0" West for a distance
 311 of 137.7267 feet to a point on a line; thence South
 312 00° 07' 25.1" West for a distance of 99.9033 feet to a
 313 point on a line; thence North 89° 52' 34.6" West for a
 314 distance of 159.8450 feet to a point on a line; thence
 315 North 14° 03' 14.6" West for a distance of 207.5389
 316 feet to a point on a line; thence North 52° 22' 15.3"
 317 West for a distance of 16.3840 feet to a point on a
 318 line; thence North 79° 21' 44.9" East for a distance
 319 of 61.2105 feet to a point on a line; thence North 05°
 320 20' 49.4" West for a distance of 146.3382 feet to a
 321 point on a line; thence South 79° 21' 44.1" West for a
 322 distance of 19.8608 feet to a point on a line; thence
 323 North 07° 45' 47.8" West for a distance of 65.9153
 324 feet to a point on a line; thence North 12° 18' 14.9"
 325 West for a distance of 165.2746 feet to a point on a

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326 line; thence North 87° 45' 34.6" West for a distance
 327 of 140.4808 feet to a point on a line; thence North
 328 33° 20' 08.1" West for a distance of 411.5501 feet to
 329 a point on a line; thence North 26° 11' 15.8" West for
 330 a distance of 420.5347 feet to a point on a line;
 331 thence North 65° 20' 41.6" West for a distance of
 332 166.4980 feet to a point on a line; thence North 88°
 333 46' 54.7" West for a distance of 1589.6482 feet to a
 334 point on a line; thence North 00° 16' 54.5" East for a
 335 distance of 602.7997 feet to a point on a line; thence
 336 North 89° 15' 43.9" West for a distance of 41.6377
 337 feet to a point on a line; thence North 00° 11' 10.8"
 338 East for a distance of 167.6013 feet to a point on a
 339 line; thence South 88° 21' 58.6" West for a distance
 340 of 164.5393 feet to a point on a line; thence South
 341 00° 19' 09.3" West for a distance of 108.8518 feet to
 342 a point on a line; thence North 85° 35' 58.5" West for
 343 a distance of 43.7985 feet to a point on a line;
 344 thence South 04° 52' 30.5" West for a distance of
 345 74.0457 feet to a point on a line; thence South 89°
 346 54' 35.6" West for a distance of 582.1348 feet to a
 347 point on a line; thence North 00° 36' 05.4" East for a
 348 distance of 375.0832 feet to a point on a line; thence
 349 North 89° 24' 33.0" West for a distance of 142.1386
 350 feet to a point on a line; thence North 00° 06' 32.3"

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351 East for a distance of 127.7587 feet to a point on a
 352 line; thence North 89° 27' 44.8" West for a distance
 353 of 339.3812 feet to a point on a line; thence North
 354 04° 59' 06.2" West for a distance of 329.2495 feet to
 355 a point on a line; thence North 89° 34' 46.6" East for
 356 a distance of 371.5103 feet to a point on a line;
 357 thence North 01° 36' 11.9" East for a distance of
 358 535.9948 feet to a point on a line; thence South 89°
 359 45' 41.8" East for a distance of 298.1861 feet to a
 360 point on a line; thence North 00° 51' 09.4" West for a
 361 distance of 665.3644 feet to a point on a line; thence
 362 North 89° 35' 06.7" West for a distance of 2236.5546
 363 feet to a point on a line; thence North 12° 09' 22.9"
 364 West for a distance of 11040.7115 feet to a point on a
 365 line; thence North 07° 55' 55.7" West a distance of
 366 7802.2042 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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 368 Containing 2,519,015,677.89 square feet, or 57,828.64
 369 square acres, or 90.36 square miles, more or less.

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 371 Section 3. Intent.—The purposes of this act are to
 372 provide:

373 (1) Standards, direction, and procedures concerning the
 374 operation and governance of the district.

375 (2) A financing authority of the district without

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376 hampering the efficiency and effectiveness of current authorized
377 and implemented methods and procedures of raising revenues.

378 (3) Improved communication and coordination between the
379 district and other local governments with respect to short-range
380 and long-range planning to meet the demands for service delivery
381 while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

382 (4) Uniform procedures for electing members of the board
383 of commissioners of the district to ensure greater
384 accountability to the public.

385 Section 4. District board of commissioners; membership,
386 officers, and meetings.—The business affairs of the district
387 shall be conducted and administered, pursuant to chapter 191,
388 Florida Statutes, by the board of commissioners of The Villages
389 Independent Fire Control and Rescue District, which is
390 established as a board of five commissioners, elected,
391 organized, and operating pursuant to chapter 191, Florida
392 Statutes.

393 (1) Beginning on the effective date of this act, the
394 district shall be governed by a governing board consisting of
395 five members initially appointed by the Governor and thereafter
396 elected. After soliciting recommendations from the public, the
397 Governor may appoint members to the district from the
398 candidates.

399 (2) For the inaugural appointment of members, two members
400 shall be appointed to serve an initial term of 2 years each and

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401 3 members shall be appointed to serve an initial term of 4 years
 402 each. Thereafter, each member shall be elected for a 4-year
 403 term.

404 (3) The term of office for an appointed member shall begin
 405 immediately after official appointment by the Governor and shall
 406 expire upon the assumption of office by his or her successor.

407 Section 5. Powers and duties.—The district shall have, and
 408 the board may exercise, all the powers and duties set forth in
 409 chapters 189 and 191, Florida Statutes, and this act, as they
 410 may be amended from time to time, which shall include fire
 411 control, fire prevention, and emergency medical, rescue
 412 response, and public safety services. Before exercising ad
 413 valorem taxing authority, a majority of district electors voting
 414 in a referendum conducted by the Supervisor of Elections of
 415 Sumter County must approve the exercise of said authority.

416 Section 6. Boundaries.—The boundaries of the district may
 417 be modified, extended, or enlarged upon approval or ratification
 418 by the Legislature.

419 Section 7. Amendment of charter.—The charter may be
 420 amended only by special act of the Legislature.

421 Section 8. Severability.—If any provision of this act or
 422 its application to any person or circumstance is held to be
 423 invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or
 424 applications of this act which can be given effect without the
 425 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions

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426 | of this act are severable.

427 | Section 9. Referendum election.—On or before December 31,
 428 | 2023, the Supervisor of Elections of Sumter County shall conduct
 429 | a referendum of the qualified electors of the district on the
 430 | question of whether the district shall be created by special act
 431 | of the Legislature pursuant to chapter 191, Florida Statutes.
 432 | The referendum question shall be in substantially the following
 433 | form:

434 | Funding The Villages Independent Fire Control and
 435 | Rescue District Services, Administration, and Capital
 436 | with a mix of Ad Valorem and Non-Ad Valorem Property
 437 | Assessments.

439 | Shall the district cap any ad valorem taxes at 1 mil,
 440 | and levy annual non-ad valorem assessments beginning
 441 | with the 2023-2024 fiscal year to fund fire
 442 | protection, rescue, emergency medical services,
 443 | administration, governance, and associated capital not
 444 | exceeding \$124 per parcel plus \$0.75 per \$1,000 of
 445 | value of improvements thereon, together with
 446 | identified administrative costs, collection costs, and
 447 | statutory discounts, with increases limited by growth
 448 | in Florida personal income over the previous 5 years?
 449 | () YES.
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451 |) NO.

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453 Section 10. This act shall take effect only upon its
454 approval by a majority vote of those qualified electors residing
455 within the district voting in a referendum to be held no later
456 than December 31, 2023, except that this section and section 9
457 shall take effect upon becoming a law.