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 2 An act relating to the Municipal Service District of
 3 Ponte Vedra Beach, St. Johns County; amending ch. 82-
 4 375, Laws of Florida, as amended; revising provisions
 5 relating to terms of office of District Trustees;
 6 revising the capital expenditure amount required to be
 7 approved by the voters of the district; revising the
 8 authority of the district to approve such expenditure;
 9 revising a limitation on the amount of the district's
 10 contingency reserves; 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. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2), paragraph (h)
 15 of subsection (4), and subsection (5) of section 2 of chapter
 16 82-375, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapters 90-463 and 2002-
 17 373, Laws of Florida, are amended to read:

18 Section 2. The following is the charter of the Municipal
 19 Service District of Ponte Vedra Beach:

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21 (b) At the 1990 general election, seven District Trustees
 22 shall be elected by the qualified voters of the district, with
 23 three for 2-year terms and four for 4-year terms, and they shall
 24 be elected to serve until their successors are elected and
 25 qualified. The seats shall be numbered consecutively one through

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26 seven. In the 1990 general election, the odd numbered seats
 27 shall be elected for terms of 4 years, the even numbered seats
 28 for terms of 2 years. The term of office of the District
 29 Trustees elected at each succeeding election shall be 4 years,
 30 except that a person may not appear on the ballot for reelection
 31 to the office of Trustee if, by the end of his or her current
 32 term of office, the person will have served, or but for
 33 resignation would have served, in that office for a total of 12
 34 years, provided that any Trustee currently in office and serving
 35 an unexpired term in office will be permitted to complete that
 36 term in office. To be eligible for election, a person must
 37 reside in the district and be qualified to vote in the district.
 38 ~~A trustee may not serve more than two consecutive 4-year terms.~~

39 (4) The district is authorized and empowered:

40 (h) To acquire, construct, operate, maintain, equip,
 41 improve, extend, enlarge, or improve capital projects within or
 42 without the district for the purposes of enabling the district
 43 to perform the specialized public functions or services as
 44 herein provided. However, expenditures on any individual capital
 45 project, including acquisition of real or personal property,
 46 that exceed ~~exceeds~~ a total cost of \$150,000 or 25 percent of
 47 the district's current annual budgeted expenses, whichever is
 48 greater, must first be approved by a voting majority of
 49 qualified voters in the district. The Board of District Trustees
 50 shall determine the method to be used to determine whether

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51 voters approve a capital expenditure or expenditures exceeding
 52 \$150,000 or 25 percent of the district's current annual budgeted
 53 expenses, whichever is greater, ~~and approval of a majority of~~
 54 ~~those voters participating in or responding to the method used~~
 55 ~~by the District Trustees to decide the issue shall be sufficient~~
 56 ~~to approve expenditure of funds exceeding \$150,000~~ for the
 57 project. Whatever method is used to determine voter approval of
 58 such expenditure, the District Trustees in presenting the issue
 59 to be decided shall generally describe the project to be
 60 undertaken by the expenditure and the estimated cost thereof. In
 61 addition, the Board of District Trustees shall not expend more
 62 than \$50,000 from contingency reserves for any unbudgeted
 63 capital project in any fiscal year;

64 (5) "Contingency reserves," defined as the amount of funds
 65 remaining at the end of the fiscal year, less the amount
 66 required to operate the district at the beginning of the next
 67 fiscal year, shall not exceed \$200,000 or 25 percent of the
 68 district's current annual budgeted expenses, whichever is
 69 greater, in any fiscal year. Any amount of contingency reserves
 70 exceeding \$200,000 or 25 percent of the district's current
 71 annual budgeted expenses, whichever is greater, ~~at the end of~~
 72 ~~any fiscal year~~ must be used to reduce the ad valorem tax levy
 73 for the entire district for the following fiscal year.

74 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2024.