

By the Committee on Community Affairs; and Senator Perry

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to low-voltage alarm system projects;  
3           amending s. 553.793, F.S.; specifying that a  
4           nonelectric fence or wall must enclose the outside  
5           perimeter of a low-voltage electric fence; requiring  
6           that a low-voltage electric fence be a specified  
7           height above a perimeter nonelectric fence; permitting  
8           low-voltage electric fences to be installed in areas  
9           within more than one zoning category; prohibiting a  
10          municipality, county, district, or other entity of  
11          local government from adopting or maintaining certain  
12          ordinances or rules that provide additional  
13          requirements for low-voltage alarm system projects;  
14          providing an effective date.

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

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18           Section 1. Paragraphs (b) and (d) of subsection (3) and  
19           subsection (10) of section 553.793, Florida Statutes, are  
20           amended to read:

21           553.793 Streamlined low-voltage alarm system installation  
22           permitting.—

23           (3) A low-voltage electric fence must meet all of the  
24           following requirements to be permitted as a low-voltage alarm  
25           system project, and no further permit shall be required for the  
26           low-voltage alarm system project other than as provided in this  
27           section:

28           (b) A nonelectric fence or wall must completely enclose the  
29           outside perimeter of the low-voltage electric fence. The low-

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30 voltage electric fence must ~~may~~ be up to 2 feet higher than the  
31 perimeter nonelectric fence or wall.

32 (d) ~~A~~ The low-voltage electric fence is allowed ~~shall not~~  
33 ~~be installed~~ in any ~~an~~ area unless the area is zoned exclusively  
34 for single-family or multifamily residential use. An area is not  
35 considered to be zoned exclusively for single-family or  
36 multifamily residential use if the area is within more than one  
37 zoning category.

38 (10) A municipality, county, district, or other entity of  
39 local government may not adopt or maintain in effect any  
40 ordinance or rule regarding a low-voltage alarm system project  
41 that provides additional requirements beyond those set out in  
42 this section for the installation or maintenance of a low-  
43 voltage alarm system project or that is otherwise ~~is~~  
44 inconsistent with this section.

45 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.