

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Greater Naples Fire Rescue
 3 District, Collier County; amending chapter 2014-240,
 4 Laws of Florida; deleting obsolete language; providing
 5 for the election of fire commissioners district-wide;
 6 requiring a referendum; providing effective dates.

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

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 10 **Section 1. Section 4.02 of Article IV of section 4 of**
 11 **chapter 2014-240, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:**

12 ARTICLE IV

13 GOVERNING BOARD

14 Section 4.02 The office of each board member is designated
 15 as a seat on the board, distinguished from each of the other
 16 seats by a numeral. Each candidate must designate, at the time
 17 he or she qualifies, the seat on the board for which he or she
 18 is qualifying. The name of each candidate who qualifies shall be
 19 included on the ballot in a way that clearly indicates the seat
 20 for which he or she is a candidate. The candidate for each seat
 21 who receives the most votes shall be elected to the board. The
 22 cost of such elections shall be paid from funds of the district.
 23 The board of commissioners shall be comprised of ~~initially be~~
 24 ~~composed of eight members. The commissioners holding seats 2, 5,~~
 25 ~~6, and 7 shall have initial terms that expire in November 2016.~~

26 ~~Commissioners for seats 6 and 7 shall subsequently be elected to~~
 27 ~~2-year terms that expire in November 2018. The commissioners~~
 28 ~~holding seats 1, 3, 4, and 8 shall have initial terms that~~
 29 ~~expire in November 2018. Seats 6, 7, and 8 shall be eliminated~~
 30 ~~in November 2018. The foregoing provisions establish, after the~~
 31 ~~November 2018 election, a board having five commissioners with~~
 32 ~~4-year staggered terms. Beginning with the November 2028~~
 33 ~~election, seats 1 and 2 shall be elected as at-large seats for~~
 34 ~~the East Naples Division. Seats 4 and 5 shall be elected as at-~~
 35 ~~large seats for the Golden Gate Division. Seat 3 shall be~~
 36 ~~elected as an at-large seats seat for the district as a whole.~~

37 **Section 2.** Referendum.—At a referendum to be held in
 38 conjunction with a general, special, or other election be held
 39 in Collier County no later than December 31, 2026, the ballot
 40 title and question shall be substantially as follows:

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 42 GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT'S BOARD CONVERSION TO FIRE
 43 COMMISSIONERS ELECTED DISTRICT-WIDE (AT LARGE)

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 45 Beginning with the November 2028 election, shall the Greater
 46 Naples Fire Rescue District's Board of Fire Commissioners
 47 members be elected district-wide (at large) rather than the
 48 current charter requirement that two board members are elected
 49 from the Golden Gate Division, two board members are elected

50 from the East Naples Division, and one board member is elected
 51 district-wide (at large)?

52 () YES.

53 () NO.

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55 **Section 3.** This act shall take effect only upon its
 56 approval by a majority vote of those qualified electors residing
 57 within the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District voting in a
 58 referendum to be held in conjunction with a general, special, or
 59 other election to be held in Collier County no later than
 60 December 31, 2026, except that section 2 and this section shall
 61 take effect upon becoming a law.