

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the Fort Pierce Farms Water Control  
 3           District, St. Lucie County; amending chapter 2013-256,  
 4           Laws of Florida; increasing the maximum annual  
 5           maintenance tax; limiting the annual assessment rate  
 6           increases; requiring specified changes for annual  
 7           maximum allowable maintenance taxes; requiring a  
 8           referendum; providing an effective date.

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

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 12           **Section 1. Subsection (10) of section 2 of section 3 of**  
 13 **chapter 2013-256, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:**

14           **Section 2.** Minimum charter requirements.—In accordance  
 15 with s. 189.404(3), Florida Statutes, the following are the  
 16 minimum requirements for the charter of the Fort Pierce Farms  
 17 Water Control District:

18           (10) The district is authorized to assess and levy a  
 19 maintenance tax that shall be equal and uniform in amount upon  
 20 each acre of land assessed, and upon any tract or parcel less  
 21 than 1 acre in size, and that may ~~shall~~ not exceed \$60 ~~\$25~~ per  
 22 acre in any one year. Any increase in the district's annual  
 23 assessment rate may not exceed 10 percent when compared to the  
 24 prior year's annual assessment rate. Each year, the maximum  
 25 allowable maintenance tax shall change in an amount equal to the

26 | increase or decrease in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban  
27 | Consumers, as calculated by the United States Department of  
28 | Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

29 |       **Section 2.** Referendum.—On or before December 31, 2026, the  
30 | Supervisor of Elections of St. Lucie County shall conduct a  
31 | referendum by mail ballot of the landowners within the district,  
32 | voting in the same manner by which the district's governing  
33 | board is elected.

34 |       **Section 3.** This act shall take effect only upon its  
35 | approval by a majority vote of those landowners within the  
36 | district voting in a referendum held in accordance with section  
37 | 2, except that this section and section 2 shall take effect upon  
38 | becoming a law.