

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 a referendum; providing effective
 7 dates.

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

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

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

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

24 **Section 2.** Referendum.—On or before December 31, 2026, the
 25 Supervisor of Elections of St. Lucie County shall conduct a

26 | referendum by mail ballot of the landowners within the district
 27 | voting in the same manner by which the district's governing
 28 | board is elected. The referendum question shall be placed on the
 29 | ballot in substantially the following form:

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 31 | Shall the maximum annual maintenance tax that may be levied
 32 | by the Fort Pierce Farms Water Control District be
 33 | increased from \$25 to \$60 per acre, provided that the
 34 | amount levied may not increase by more than 10 percent in
 35 | any one year?

36 | () YES.

37 | () NO.

38 | **Section 3.** This act shall take effect only upon its
 39 | approval by a majority vote of those landowners within the
 40 | district voting in a referendum held in accordance with section
 41 | 2, except that this section and section 2 shall take effect upon
 42 | becoming a law.