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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

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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:

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.