

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the North St. Lucie River Water  
 3           Control District, St. Lucie County; amending chapter  
 4           2013-257, Laws of Florida; revising the maintenance  
 5           tax assessments by the district and increasing the  
 6           maximum annual maintenance tax levy; limiting the  
 7           annual assessment rate increases; requiring specified  
 8           changes for annual maximum allowable maintenance  
 9           taxes; requiring a referendum; providing effective  
 10          dates.

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

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 14           **Section 1. Subsection (10) of section 2 of section 3 of**  
 15 **chapter 2013-257, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:**

16           Section 2. Minimum charter requirements.—In accordance  
 17 with s. 189.404(3), Florida Statutes, the following are the  
 18 minimum requirements for the charter of the North St. Lucie  
 19 River Water Control District:

20           (10) The district is authorized to assess and levy a  
 21 ~~minimum~~ maintenance tax that shall be equal and uniform in an  
 22 amount upon each acre of land assessed, and upon any tract or  
 23 parcel less than 1 acre in size, and that may not ~~to~~ exceed \$50  
 24 \$25 per acre in any one year upon each tract or parcel of land  
 25 ~~within said district without regard to the net assessment of~~

26 | ~~benefits assessed.~~ Any increase in the district's annual  
27 | assessment rate may not exceed 10 percent when compared to the  
28 | prior year's annual assessment rate. Each year, the maximum  
29 | allowable maintenance tax shall change in an amount equal to the  
30 | increase or decrease in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban  
31 | Consumers, as calculated by the United States Department of  
32 | Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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

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.