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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 a
8 referendum; providing effective dates.

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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 2013-257, 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 North St. Lucie
17 River Water Control District:

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

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26 prior year's annual assessment rate.

27 Section 2. Referendum.—On or before December 31, 2026, the
28 Supervisor of Elections of St. Lucie County shall conduct a
29 referendum by mail ballot of the landowners within the district
30 voting in the same manner by which the district's governing
31 board is elected. The referendum question shall be placed on the
32 ballot in substantially the following form:

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34 Shall the maximum annual maintenance tax that may be levied
35 by the North St. Lucie River Water Control District be
36 increased from \$25 to \$50 per acre, provided that the
37 amount levied may not increase by more than 10 percent in
38 any one year?

39 () YES.

40 () NO.

41 Section 3. This act shall take effect only upon its
42 approval by a majority vote of those landowners within the
43 district voting in a referendum held in accordance with section
44 2, except that this section and section 2 shall take effect upon
45 becoming a law.