

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to Pasco County Mosquito Control
3 District, Pasco County; amending chapter 2005-322,
4 Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 2025-242, Laws
5 of Florida; revising a cross-reference; revising term
6 limits for members of the governing body of the
7 district; requiring the Pasco County Board of County
8 Commissioners to designate geographical districts by
9 specified numerals; providing requirements for a
10 specified subdistrict; providing applicability;
11 providing an effective date.

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

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15 **Section 1. Section 1 of section 2 of chapter 2005-322,**
16 **Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 2025-242, Laws of**
17 **Florida, is amended to read:**

18 Section 1. Minimum charter requirements.—In accordance
19 with section 189.031(3) ~~189.404(3)~~, Florida Statutes, the
20 following subsections shall comprise the minimum required
21 charter provisions for Pasco County Mosquito Control District:

22 (1) The district is organized and exists for all purposes
23 set forth in this act and chapter 388, Florida Statutes.

24 (2) The powers, functions, and duties of the district
25 regarding ad valorem taxation, non-ad valorem assessments, bond

26 issuance, other revenue-raising capabilities, budget preparation
27 and approval, liens, foreclosure of liens, use of tax deeds and
28 tax certificates, and contractual agreements shall be as set
29 forth in chapters 170, 189, 197, 200, and 388, Florida Statutes,
30 this act, or any other applicable general or special law.

31 (3) The district was created by the petition process
32 formerly provided for in chapter 390, Florida Statutes (1951),
33 and now continued in chapter 388, Florida Statutes.

34 (4) The district's charter may be amended only by special
35 act of the Legislature, unless otherwise provided by chapter 189
36 or chapter 388, Florida Statutes.

37 (5) In accordance with section 388.101(1), Florida
38 Statutes, the district is governed by a three-member board
39 elected with staggered terms, and section 189.0312, Florida
40 Statutes, as may be amended, applies to this subsection, except
41 that a member of the board may not serve for more than three ~~two~~
42 4-year terms, with service of a term of office commencing at a
43 member's election at or after the November 2026 election.

44 Notwithstanding section 388.101, Florida Statutes, the following
45 apply, beginning with the November 2026 election:

46 (a) The office of each member of the board is designated
47 as being a seat on the board, distinguished from each of the
48 other seats by a numeral 1, 2, or 3, which represents designated
49 geographical subdistricts.

50 (b) The Pasco County Board of County Commissioners shall

51 be responsible for drawing the boundaries of the geographical
52 subdistricts after providing notice and public hearing as
53 provided in general law. The geographical subdistricts shall
54 consist of contiguous and compact territories, nearly equal in
55 population as is practicable, and shall use existing political
56 and geographical boundaries. The Pasco County Board of County
57 Commissioners shall draw initial geographical subdistricts by
58 January 1, 2026, and following the completion of a decennial
59 census thereafter. In addition to drawing the initial
60 geographical subdistricts, the Pasco County Board of County
61 Commissioners shall also designate each subdistrict by a numeral
62 1, 2, or 3. The geographical subdistrict designated as Seat 2
63 shall be the subdistrict that includes all or a majority of the
64 City of Zephyrhills, and shall be the seat that is on the ballot
65 for the November 2026 election.

66 (c) Candidates for the board must qualify as directed by
67 chapter 99, Florida Statutes. Each candidate must designate, at
68 the time he or she qualifies, the seat on the board for which he
69 or she qualifies. Each candidate must reside in the designated
70 subdistrict, and only electors of the subdistrict are authorized
71 to vote for the member of that subdistrict. The name of each
72 candidate who qualifies must be included on the ballot in a way
73 that clearly indicates the seat for which he or she is a
74 candidate. The candidate for each seat who receives the most
75 votes shall be elected to the board.

76 (d) Each member shall be elected for a term of 4 years and
77 serve until the member's successor assumes office.

78 (e) For the length of their terms of office, members of
79 the board must remain residents and electors of the subdistrict
80 from which they are elected to represent. However, the
81 requirements in paragraph (c) and this paragraph relating to
82 residency and electors voting within a subdistrict do not apply
83 until the November 2026 election for Seat 2, and until the
84 November 2028 election for Seats 1 and 3. The membership and
85 organization of the board shall be as set forth in this act and
86 chapter 388, Florida Statutes.

87 (6) Board members may be paid a salary in accordance with
88 this act and chapter 388, Florida Statutes. Pursuant to section
89 112.08, Florida Statutes, board members may receive benefits,
90 such as medical insurance or accidental death and dismemberment
91 insurance, in addition to the maximum salary allowed under
92 general law. Each additional benefit shall be granted by
93 unanimous resolution of the district with all members present.

94 (7) The administrative duties of the board of
95 commissioners shall be as set forth in this act and chapter 388,
96 Florida Statutes.

97 (8) Requirements for financial disclosure, meeting
98 notices, reporting, public records maintenance, and per diem
99 expenses for officers and employees shall be as set forth in
100 chapters 112, 189, 286, and 388, Florida Statutes.

101 (9) The procedures and requirements governing the issuance
102 of bonds, notes, and other evidence of indebtedness by the
103 district shall be as set forth in chapters 189 and 388, Florida
104 Statutes, and applicable general laws.

105 (10) The procedures for conducting district elections and
106 for qualification of electors shall be pursuant to chapters 189
107 and 388, Florida Statutes, and applicable general laws.

108 (11) The district may be financed by any method
109 established in this act, chapter 189 or chapter 388, Florida
110 Statutes, or any applicable general laws.

111 (12) Pursuant to section 388.221, Florida Statutes, the
112 district's authority to levy upon all of the personal and real
113 taxable property in the district a special tax during each year
114 as maintenance tax is preserved.

115 (13) The method for collecting non-ad valorem assessments,
116 fees, service charges, or state matching funds shall be as set
117 forth in chapters 170, 197, and 388, Florida Statutes.

118 (14) The district's planning requirements shall be as set
119 forth in chapters 189 and 388, Florida Statutes.

120 (15) The district's geographic boundary limitations shall
121 be coterminous with the boundaries of Pasco County as defined in
122 section 7.51, Florida Statutes, and may be amended pursuant to
123 section 388.211, Florida Statutes.

124 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.