

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Eastpoint Water and Sewer
3 District, Franklin County; amending chapter 2023-7,
4 Laws of Florida; modifying the boundaries of the
5 district to include additional lands; providing
6 additional powers of the board; providing for
7 referenda; providing construction; providing effective
8 dates.

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

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12 **Section 1. Effective upon approval by a majority vote of**
13 **those qualified electors as provided in section 4 of this act,**
14 **section 2 of section 2 of chapter 2023-7, Laws of Florida, is**
15 **amended to read:**

16 Section 2. Boundaries.—The Eastpoint Water and Sewer
17 District shall include all that portion of Eastpoint in said
18 county described as follows:

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20 All of Sections 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 28, and
21 ~~Section~~ 30 and all of Fractional Sections 27, 29, 31,
22 and 32 in Township 8 South, Range 6 West; All of
23 Fractional Sections 25 and 36 in Township 8 South,
24 Range 7 West; All of Fractional Section 1 in Township
25 9 South, Range 7 West; and all of Fractional Section 6

in Township 9 South, Range 6 West.

Section 2. Effective upon approval by a majority vote of those qualified electors as provided in section 5 of this act, section 2 of section 2 of chapter 2023-7, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 2. Boundaries.—The Eastpoint Water and Sewer District shall include all that portion of Eastpoint in said county described as follows:

All of Section 30 and all of Fractional Sections 29, 31, and 32 in Township 8 South, Range 6 West; All of Fractional Sections 25 and 36 in Township 8 South, Range 7 West; All of Fractional Section 1 in Township 9 South, Range 7 West; and all of Fractional Section 6 in Township 9 South, Range 6 West.

AND

All of St. George Island.

Section 3. Subsection (19) is added to section 8 of section 2 of chapter 2023-7, Laws of Florida, to read:

Section 8. Powers of board.— The board may:

(19) Inspect septic tanks within the district to ensure

51 the septic tanks are being operated in compliance with
52 applicable permits and provide reasonable penalties for
53 violations.

54 **Section 4. Referendum election.**—

55 (1) A referendum of those qualified electors within the
56 area proposed to be annexed into the district as described in
57 section 1 of this act shall be held on November 3, 2026,
58 concurrent with the 2026 general election.

59 (2) The ballot title for the referendum question shall be
60 in substantially the following form:

61 "EXPANDING BOUNDARIES OF THE EASTPOINT WATER AND SEWER
62 DISTRICT."

63 (3) The referendum question shall be placed on the ballot
64 in substantially the following form:

65 Shall section 1 of Chapter 2026- , Laws of Florida,
66 amending the charter of the Eastpoint Water and Sewer
67 District, Franklin County, to expand the boundaries of the
68 district to contain the lands described therein, become
69 effective?

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71 () YES.

72 () NO.

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74 (4) The referendum shall be conducted by the Supervisor of
75 Elections of Franklin County in accordance with the Florida

76 Election Code.

77 **Section 5.** Referendum election.—

78 (1) A referendum of those qualified electors within the
79 area proposed to be annexed into the district as described in
80 section 2 of this act shall be held at the first general
81 election after the district reaches an irrevocable agreement to
82 acquire the water utility serving St. George Island by the
83 Eastpoint Water and Sewer District, unless the acquisition
84 occurs within 120 days before a general election, in which case
85 such referendum shall be held at the second general election
86 after the acquisition.

87 (2) The ballot title for the referendum question shall be
88 in substantially the following form:

89 "EXPANDING BOUNDARIES OF THE EASTPOINT WATER AND SEWER
90 DISTRICT."

91 (3) The referendum question shall be placed on the ballot
92 in substantially the following form:

93 Shall section 2 of Chapter 2026- , Laws of Florida,
94 amending the charter of the Eastpoint Water and Sewer
95 District, Franklin County, to expand the boundaries of the
96 district to contain the lands described therein, become
97 effective?

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99 () YES.

100 () NO.

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102 (4) The referendum shall be conducted by the Supervisor of
103 Elections of Franklin County in accordance with the Florida
104 Election Code.

105 **Section 6.** If the amendments to chapter 2023-7, Laws of
106 Florida, by sections 1 and 2 of this act are both approved by
107 qualified electors as provided in sections 4 and 5 of this act,
108 both amendments to chapter 2023-7, Laws of Florida, shall be
109 given full effect.

110 **Section 7.** Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
111 act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.