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 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

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26 | in Township 9 South, Range 6 West.

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

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

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36 | All of Section 30 and all of Fractional Sections 29,  
 37 | 31, and 32 in Township 8 South, Range 6 West; All of  
 38 | Fractional Sections 25 and 36 in Township 8 South,  
 39 | Range 7 West; All of Fractional Section 1 in Township  
 40 | 9 South, Range 7 West; and all of Fractional Section 6  
 41 | in Township 9 South, Range 6 West.

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43 | AND

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45 | All of St. George Island.

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

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

50 | (19) Inspect septic tanks within the district to ensure

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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?

70 | ( ) YES.

71 | ( ) NO.

72 | (4) The referendum shall be conducted by the Supervisor of  
 73 | Elections of Franklin County in accordance with the Florida  
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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?

98  
 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.