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Honorable Representative John Snyder
Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation
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RE: Amendment to the special act for the South Indian River Water Control District

South Indian River Water Control District ("District") is located in Northwestern Palm Beach County and has a geographic divide characterized by east and west of the canal C-18 which bisects the district. The physical characteristics along with the lifestyles are very different. The area located west of canal 18, also known as Jupiter Farms, is more rural, agricultural, equestrian and includes much larger parcels of land. The area located east of canal 18, also known as Palm Beach Country Estates, is far more an urban/suburban lifestyle on typically smaller 1 acre+ lots. East of canal C-18 also includes a fully developed 654 unit P.U.D. (Egret Landing at Jupiter) and a commercial/industrial park (Jupiter Park of Commerce).

The District has historically maintained separate budgets for each side of canal C-18. However, the current five-member board of supervisors has been entirely elected by all the landowners from both sides of canal C-18 canal. Since there are approximately five times the number of acres that are eligible to vote from west of canal C-18 versus the area east of canal C-18 it has resulted in the election of supervisors who have only represented the interests of the landowners west of canal C-18 without consideration of the interests and desires of the majority of landowners located east of canal C-18 especially regarding capital improvements.

Since 2010, under existing legislation the one supervisor who is supposed to represent the interests of the landowners located east of canal C-18 has not been elected by or represented the interests and desires the majority of landowners east of canal C-18.

The proposed legislation provides for the landowners both east and west of canal C-18 the ability to vote for the supervisors who will be charged with the responsibility to represent the interests of the respective sides when it comes to questions of budget and policy. The proposed legislation provides fair and equal representation for east and west of canal C-18 with Supervisors elected solely by the landowners that they are empowered to represent.

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The proposed legislation also deletes language formerly devoted to a possible future annexation area that is no longer viable, sets compensation paid to supervisors, requires competitive bidding for the positions of Treasurer, Attorney and Engineer at least every 3 years, clarifies the number of votes cast by landowners at the annual meeting and specifies the process and procedure for landowners located east of canal C-18 to request engineering plans for capital improvements.

There will be no cost or economic impact to the District or landowners to implement the proposed legislative changes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Berman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bob" being more prominent than the last name "Berman".

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FACT SHEET:

Proposed amendment to special act of the South Indian River Water Control District

- Increases board members from 5 to 6 with 3 elected to represent areas east and west of canal C-18 respectively and be elected solely by the landowners in each area.
- Clarifies the vote to include all gross acreage owned by a landowner to include any fractional acreage as determined by the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser.
- Set maximum compensation for Supervisors at \$50 for physically attending a meeting.
- Requires competitive bidding for Attorney, Treasurer and Engineering consultants at least every 3 years
- Provides a more fair and equal representation on the board of supervisors for each area.
- Splits district so that supervisors intended to represent the interests of an area are elected solely by the affected landowners of that area (East and West of canal C-18)
- Provides process for initial elections for supervisors from each area, subsequent annual elections and annual election of board officers for the entire board.
- Deletes antiquated language previously inserted for possible annexation of adjacent property that is no longer in private ownership and/or is necessary or viable.
- Defines the process and procedure for requests from landowners east of canal C-18 for the formation of engineering plans and requires supervisors to accept the results of proper voting and/or notarized petitions.
- Limits amount of initial project application fee to \$1,000 for engineering review of a project area.
- Allows district to expend funds prior to the assessment for a project.

There is no cost or economic impact to the district or to landowners for the changes proposed in the

1 CHAPTER 2001-313

2 House Bill No. 879

3 An act relating to the South Indian River Water Control District, Palm Beach County;
4 providing for codification of special laws relating to the South Indian River Water
5 Control District; amending, codifying, reenacting, and repealing all prior special acts;
6 providing for creation, status, charter amendments, and boundaries; providing for a
7 board of supervisors and powers and duties; providing minimum charter requirements
8 in accordance with s. 189.404, F.S.; providing for construction and effect; providing an
9 effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Pursuant to section 189.429, Florida Statutes, this act constitutes the
13 codification of all special acts relating to the South Indian River Water Control District. It
14 is the intent of the Legislature to provide a single, comprehensive special act charter for
15 the district including all current legislative authority granted to the district by its several
16 legislative enactments and any additional authority granted by this act and chapters 189
17 and 298, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time. It is further the intent of this act
18 to preserve all district authority as set forth in this act, and chapters 189 and 298, Florida
19 Statutes, and any other applicable general or special law.

21 Section 2. Chapters 11006 (1925), 12271 (1927), 19344 (1939), 20654 (1941), 21731
22 (1943), 69-1411, 71-820, 78-582, 79-534, 80-575, 81-462, 87-515, 87-517, 91-402, and
23 2000-435, Laws of Florida, related to the South Indian River Water Control District, are
24 amended, codified, reenacted, and repealed as provided herein.

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26 Section 3. The charter for the South Indian River Water Control District is re-created and
27 reenacted to read:

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29 Section 1. Creation; status; charter amendments; boundaries.—For the purpose of
30 comprehensive water management and control pursuant to chapter 298, Florida Statutes,
31 as it may be amended from time to time, the South Indian River Water Control District,
32 an independent water control district, is hereby declared to exist. The district is organized
33 and exists for all purposes set forth in this act and chapters 189 and 298, Florida Statutes.
34 The district was created by decree of the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit on
35 July 3, 1923. Its charter may be amended only by special act of the Legislature. The
36 boundaries of the district are declared to be as follows:

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38 A Tract of land lying in Palm Beach County, Florida and being all of Sections 33 and 34,
39 Township 40 South, Range 41 East; all of Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16
40 of Township 41 South, Range 41 East; all of Sections 9, 16, 17 and 18 of Township 41

41 South, Range 42 East; portions of Sections 4 and 9 of Township 41 South, Range 41 East,
42 and portions of Sections 7, 15 and 22 of Township 41 South, Range 42 East.

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44 The boundaries of said Tract of land being more particularly described as follows:

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46 Beginning at the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 41
47 South, Range 41 East, run southerly along the west line of the east half of Section 4 and
48 the east half of Section 9 of said Township 41 South, Range 41 East to the Southwest
49 corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 9. Thence run westerly along the north
50 line of Section 16, Township 41 South, Range 41 East, to the Northwest corner of said
51 Section 16. Thence run southerly along the west line of said Section 16 to the Southwest
52 corner of said Section 16. Thence run easterly along the south lines of Sections 16, 15, 14
53 and 13 of said Township 41 South, Range 41 East, to the Southeast corner of said Section
54 13. Thence continue easterly along the south lines of Sections 18, 17, and 16 of Township
55 41 South, Range 42 East to the southeast corner of said Section 16. Thence run southerly
56 along the west line of Section 22, Township 41 South, Range 42 East, to the southwest
57 corner of said Section 22. Thence run easterly along the south line of said Section 22 to a
58 point on the westerly right-of-way line of The Florida Turnpike. Thence run northerly
59 along the westerly right-of-way line of The Florida Turnpike to a point on the north line
60 of Section 22, Township 41 South, Range 42 East; Thence run easterly along the north
61 line of said Section 22, to a point on the Easterly right-of-way line of The Florida
62 Turnpike. Thence run northerly along said easterly right-of-way line of The Florida

63 Turnpike to a point in the south line of the North half of Section 15, Township 41 South,
64 Range 42 East; Thence run easterly along the south line of the North half of said Section
65 15 to a point in the east line of said Section 15. Thence run Northerly along the east line
66 of said Section 15 to the Northeast corner of Section 15, Township 41 South, Range 42
67 East. Thence run westerly along the north line of said Section 15 to the Northwest corner
68 of said Section 15; Thence run northerly along the east line of Section 9, Township 41
69 South, Range 42 East to the Northeast corner of said Section 9. Thence run westerly
70 along the north line of said Section 9 to the northwest corner of said Section 9. Thence
71 run southerly along the west line of said Section 9 to the Southwest corner of said Section
72 9. Thence run westerly along the north line of Section 17, Township 41 South, Range 42
73 East, to the northwest corner of said Section 17. Thence run northerly along the east line
74 of Section 7, Township 41 South, Range 42 East to the Southeast corner of the Northeast
75 quarter of the Northeast quarter of said Section 7. Thence run westerly along the south
76 line of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of said Section 7 to the Southwest
77 corner of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of said Section 7. Thence run
78 Northerly along the west line of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of said
79 Section 7 to a point in the North line of said Section 7. Thence run westerly along the
80 North line of Section 7, Township 41 South, Range 42 East to the Northwest corner of
81 said Section 7. Thence run northerly along the east line of Section 1, Township 41 South,
82 Range 41 East to the Northeast corner of said Section 1. Thence run westerly along the
83 north lines of Sections 1 and 2, Township 41 South, Range 41 East to the Northwest
84 corner of said Section 2. Thence run northerly along the East line of Section 34,
85 Township 40 South, Range 41 East to the Northeast corner of said Section 34. Thence run

86 westerly along the north line of said Sections 34 and 33 to the Northwest corner of said
87 Section 33. Thence run southerly along the west line of said Section 33 to the Southwest
88 corner of said Section 33. Thence run easterly along the north line of Section 4, Township
89 41 South, Range 41 East to the Northwest corner of the Northeast quarter of Section 4
90 and the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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92 Section 2. Minimum charter requirements. —In accordance with section 189.404(3),
93 Florida Statutes, the following subsections shall constitute the minimum charter
94 requirements for the South Indian River Water Control District:

95 (1) The District is organized and exists for all purposes set forth in this act and chapter
96 298, Florida Statutes, as they may be amended from time to time.

97 (2) The powers, functions, and duties of the District regarding non-ad valorem
98 assessments, bond issuance, other revenue-raising capabilities, budget preparation and
99 approval, liens and foreclosure of liens, use of tax deeds, tax certificates, and contractual
100 agreements shall be as set forth in this act, chapters 170, 189, 197, and 298, Florida
101 Statutes, or any other applicable general or special laws, as they may be amended from
102 time to time.

103 (3) The District was created by judicial decree on July 3, 1923, and confirmed by special
104 act of the Florida Legislature by chapter 11006 (1925), Laws of Florida, in accordance
105 with chapter 298, Florida Statutes.

106 (4) The District's charter may be amended only by special act of the Legislature.

107 (5) In accordance with chapter 189, Florida Statutes, this act, and chapter 298, Florida
108 Statutes, the District is governed by a ~~five-member~~ six-member board, elected ~~on a one-~~
109 ~~acre, one-vote basis by the landowners in the District~~ based upon the gross acreage
110 owned by a landowner. The number of votes cast shall be equal to the landowner's total
111 gross acreage reported by the Property Appraiser of Palm Beach County - including any
112 fractions of acres. The election, membership, and organization of the board shall be as set
113 forth in this act and chapter 298, Florida Statutes, as they may be amended from time to
114 time.

115 (6) The compensation of board members shall be limited to a maximum of \$50.00 for
116 physically attending a meeting of the Board of Supervisors ~~governed by this act and~~
117 ~~chapter 298, Florida Statutes, as they may be amended from time to time.~~

118 (7) The administrative duties of the Board of Supervisors shall be as set forth in this act
119 and chapter 298, Florida Statutes, as they may be amended from time to time.

120 (8) Requirements for financial disclosure, meeting notices, reporting, public records
121 maintenance, and per diem expenses for officers and employees shall be as set forth in
122 chapters 112, 189, 286, and 298, Florida Statutes, as they may be amended from time to
123 time. No less than every 3 years, a Request For Proposal (RFP) shall be advertised for
124 positions of accountant, attorney, and engineer.

125 (9) The procedures and requirements governing the issuance of bonds, notes, and other
126 evidence of indebtedness by the District shall be as set forth in this act, chapter 298,
127 Florida Statutes, and applicable general laws, as they may be amended from time to time.

128 (10) The procedures for conducting District elections and for qualification of electors
129 shall be pursuant to this act and chapters 189 and 298, Florida Statutes, as they may be
130 amended from time to time. Provided however, a quorum for purposes of holding the
131 annual meeting or any special meeting shall consist of those landowners present in person
132 or represented by proxy at said meeting.

133 (11) The District may be financed by any method established in this act, chapter 298,
134 Florida Statutes, and applicable general laws, as they may be amended from time to time.

135 (12) The methods for collecting non-ad valorem assessments, fees, or service charges
136 shall be as set forth in chapters 170, 197, and 298, Florida Statutes, and other applicable
137 general laws, as they may be amended from time to time.

138 (13) The District's planning requirements shall be as set forth in chapters 189 and 298,
139 Florida Statutes, as they may be amended from time to time.

140 (14) The District's geographic boundary limitations shall be as set forth in section 1 of
141 this charter.

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143 Section 3. Board of Supervisors; elections.—

144 (1) ~~The Board of Supervisors of the South Indian River Water Control District shall~~
145 ~~consist of five members, at least three of whom but not more than four of whom shall~~
146 ~~reside in the District, at least one of whom shall reside to the East of Canal 18, and at~~
147 ~~least one of whom shall reside to the West of Canal 18.~~ The Board of Supervisors of the
148 South Indian River Water Control District shall consist of six members, three of whom

149 shall reside to the East of Canal 18 and three of whom shall reside West of Canal 18 and
150 shall be elected by the landowners of each respective side of Canal 18. Immediately
151 following the enactment of this act, an election shall be held for the six positions. The
152 candidates receiving the highest number of votes from each area shall receive a 3-year
153 term, the candidates receiving the second highest number of votes shall receive a 2-year
154 term, and the candidates with the third highest number of votes shall receive a 1-year
155 term. Elections shall occur annually thereafter as the initial terms expire. The candidates
156 with the highest number of votes in the subsequent elections shall be elected for a 3-year
157 term. In even-numbered years, the members of the Board elected from the area East of
158 Canal 18 shall elect the President, Vice-President, and Secretary of the Board. In odd-
159 numbered years, the members of the Board elected from the area West of Canal 18 shall
160 elect the President, Vice-President, and Secretary of the Board for that year.

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162 (2) The Supervisor of Elections of Palm Beach County shall receive all of the ballots,
163 shall count said ballots, and shall report to the Board of Supervisors the results of the
164 counting as soon as practicable after the election. The Supervisor of Elections will then
165 safeguard all of the ballots and any interested landowner may examine the ballots under
166 the supervision of the Supervisor of Elections so that any landowner may have an
167 opportunity to contest the election by filing objections with the Board of Supervisors
168 concerning any ballot believed to be incorrect or improper. All objections must be filed in
169 writing with the Board of Supervisors no later than 1 week from the date of the election.
170 Members of the board shall be elected for terms of 3 years.

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172 Section 4. Water control and maintenance taxes.—

173 (1) The Board of Supervisors of the South Indian River Water Control District in Palm
174 Beach County is hereby authorized, empowered, and required to levy upon all the lands
175 within said district against which benefits have been assessed, the annual installment of
176 water control taxes and maintenance taxes as provided for under the general water control
177 laws of the state, and it shall certify said annual installment of water control taxes and
178 maintenance taxes pursuant to this act and chapters 197 and 298, Florida Statutes, in the
179 name of its president and secretary and under its corporate seal, in the manner provided
180 by law. Provided all water control taxes, maintenance taxes, or any other taxes authorized
181 herein shall be defined as non-ad valorem assessments as required by general law.

182 (2)(a) It shall be the duty of the Property Appraiser of said county to assess against each
183 tract of land within said district against which benefits have been assessed as the same is
184 certified to the Property Appraiser each year, the taxes as levied and certified by said
185 Board of Supervisors as hereinabove provided and to extend the total of said taxes upon
186 the assessment roll as required by chapter 197, Florida Statutes; and

187 (b) It shall be the duty of the Tax Collector of Palm Beach County to collect such taxes so
188 levied and assessed in the same manner and at the same time as state and county taxes are
189 collected and the Tax Collector shall pay the same to the Treasurer of said District within
190 the time prescribed for the payment over of state and county taxes. No additional bond
191 shall be required of the Tax Collector over that presently required by the provisions of
192 law.

193 (3) It shall be the duty of said Treasurer to hold said taxes so paid over to him or her for
194 the credit of said District, to be paid out as prescribed by law.

195 (4) That all taxes levied and assessed, as hereinabove provided, shall be due and payable
196 and shall be delinquent and shall thereafter bear the same penalties and the payment
197 thereof be enforced by the Tax Collector of Palm Beach County in the same manner and
198 at the same time as the payment of state and county taxes upon said land is enforced. The
199 right to foreclose delinquent taxes by the District or by bondholders of the District, as
200 provided in chapter 298, Florida Statutes, shall not be affected by anything herein
201 contained.

202 (5) The Property Appraiser and Tax Collector of Palm Beach County shall have and
203 receive the same compensation for said assessment and collection of said taxes as is now
204 allowed by law for the assessment and collection of Water Control District taxes which
205 shall be allowed and paid out of the taxes so collected.

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207 Section 5. Maintenance of District accounts.—The Board of Supervisors of the South
208 Indian River Water Control District is hereby required to maintain its accounts and books
209 of record in a manner conforming with generally accepted accounting principles and in a
210 manner which will provide for the tracing of receipts and expenditures applicable to road
211 construction; the tracing of receipts and expenditures applicable to road maintenance; the
212 tracing of receipts and expenditures applicable to the maintenance of water control
213 works; the tracing of receipts and expenditures applicable to the construction of water
214 control works; the tracing of receipts and expenditures applicable to the maintenance of

215 facilities for potable water distribution and wastewater collection systems; and the tracing
216 of receipts and expenditures applicable to the construction of facilities for fresh water and
217 sewage and waste removal. The term "water control works" as used herein shall be
218 defined as those water control works set forth in chapter 298, Florida Statutes. Further,
219 the maintenance budget of the District shall be presented in at least two budgets, which
220 shall not include an administrative budget. All administrative costs must be allocated to
221 the budget affected. Additional budgets will be set up for road construction, traffic
222 control devices, and the construction of facilities for potable water distribution and
223 wastewater collection systems. All assessments will be in direct relationship to the budget
224 and each budget will be a true reflection of the benefits received by the acres or parcels
225 assessed.

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227 Section 6. Notice of annual landowners' meeting.—

228 (1) The Board of Supervisors of the South Indian River Water Control District is
229 authorized and empowered to notify by mail each landowner in the District of the date,
230 time, and place of the annual landowners' meeting. Said notice shall be postmarked no
231 later than 30 days prior to said meeting and mailed to the mailing address of each
232 landowner as indicated by the Property Appraiser. In the event that the Board of
233 Supervisors sends such notice by mail pursuant to this section, notice shall not be
234 required as provided in section 298.11, Florida Statutes.

235 (2) The Board of Supervisors is authorized and empowered to send with the notice
236 specified in paragraph (1) forms for proxies and absentee ballots to be executed by the

237 respective landowners. Proxy forms and absentee ballots distributed pursuant to this act
238 shall be in a form adopted by the Board of Supervisors. Executed absentee ballots and
239 proxies shall be received by the Secretary of the District at the offices of the District prior
240 to the time of the annual landowners' meeting. Returned absentee ballots and proxies
241 shall be held unopened by the Secretary until said meeting. In the event that the Secretary
242 of the District is a Supervisor whose office is up for election, then the returned absentee
243 ballots and proxies shall be received and held by the President of the Board.

244 (3) The Board of Supervisors of the South Indian River Water Control District in Palm
245 Beach County is hereby authorized, empowered, and permitted to expend funds of the
246 District to pay for the printing and mailing of the notices specified in paragraph (1) and
247 the proxy forms and absentee ballots specified in paragraph (2).

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249 Section 7. Road maintenance defined.—The purchase and placement of stable materials
250 within the District shall be deemed to constitute road maintenance and not road
251 construction.

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253 Section 8. Definition of parcel.—For the purposes of this act, land which is under one
254 ownership, is not physically divided by any intervening ownership or easement, which is
255 not subdivided, and which contains no more than one residence shall be deemed to be
256 one parcel. If land which otherwise meets the requirements has more than one residence,
257 it shall be deemed to constitute as many parcels as there are residences.

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259 ~~Section 9. Annexation; outfall limitation.—~~

260 ~~(1) Upon the occurrence of the events described in paragraph (3), the following lands~~
261 ~~shall be annexed into the South Indian River Water Control District in Palm Beach~~
262 ~~County, and the boundary lines of the South Indian River Water Control District are~~
263 ~~hereby extended to include an area of land consisting of the West one-half of Section 4,~~
264 ~~and the East one-half of Section 5, Township 41 South, Range 41 East, less the State~~
265 ~~Road 706 right-of-way, in Palm Beach County, said area being contiguous to lands~~
266 ~~presently within the District.~~

267 ~~(2) The Plan of Reclamation for the area to be annexed shall be that Plan which was~~
268 ~~approved by the Engineer for the District, was constructed to the satisfaction of the~~
269 ~~Engineer for the District, and is maintained in the District's Minutes labeled "Indian~~
270 ~~Lakes Estates, Palm Beach County, Florida, prepared by Shalloway, Inc., Engineer of~~
271 ~~Record for Stuart Enterprises, Drawing #79-37-01 consisting of Sheets 1 through 5 plus~~
272 ~~the cover sheet and all amendments/changes thereto." For 25-year storm conditions, the~~
273 ~~maximum outfall from the annexed area into the remainder of the District shall not~~
274 ~~exceed 8 cubic feet per second. For 100-year storm conditions, the maximum outfall from~~
275 ~~the annexed area into the remainder of the District shall not exceed 13 cubic feet per~~
276 ~~second.~~

277 ~~(3) This annexation shall take effect upon certification to the Secretary of State of the~~
278 ~~approval of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Plan of Reclamation, a final Report of the~~

279 ~~Commissioners, upon the District's ability to implement reverse flow through the G-92~~
280 ~~Structure, through contract with the South Florida Water Management District.~~

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282 Section 10. Formulation and implementation of road plan and water control plans.—

283 (1) The Board of Supervisors of the South Indian River Water Control District in Palm
284 Beach County is hereby authorized to proceed in accordance with the provisions of
285 chapter 298, Florida Statutes, and the District Engineer is hereby given the additional
286 authority, in conjunction with the District Engineer's powers pursuant to section 298.16,
287 Florida Statutes, to formulate a road plan and water control plans for all of the lands
288 within the District and to formulate plans for providing potable water distribution and
289 wastewater collection systems to those lands within the District lying East of Canal 18 of
290 the South Florida Water Management District, and to the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of
291 the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) plus the North one-half (N 1/2) of the North one-half (N
292 1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section 1,
293 Township 41 South, Range 41 East, in Palm Beach County, with different taxing areas
294 within the taxing District according to the benefits received, and to revise the plans
295 according to the benefits received from time to time, taking into consideration both
296 construction and maintenance benefits so as to most equitably provide for taxation
297 according to benefits. The Board of Supervisors is hereby given the additional authority,
298 in conjunction with its powers pursuant to section 298.22, Florida Statutes, to implement
299 and authorize construction and maintenance of those improvements outlined in the road
300 plan, water control plans, and potable water distribution and wastewater collection

301 systems plans, according to the benefits received so as to most equitably provide for
302 taxation within the taxing District.

303 (2) In order to implement the road plan and water control plans of the District, and the
304 potable water distribution and wastewater collection systems plans for all lands within
305 the District lying East of Canal 18 of the South Florida Water Management District, and
306 to the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) plus the North one-
307 half (N 1/2) of the North one-half (N 1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of the
308 Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section 1, Township 41 South, Range 41 East, in Palm
309 Beach County, the Board of Supervisors of the South Indian River Water Control District
310 is hereby authorized to exercise any and all powers granted to the District in this act,
311 sections 298.22 and 298.23, Florida Statutes, and elsewhere in chapter 298, Florida
312 Statutes. The Board of Supervisors is hereby further authorized to take any and all actions
313 necessary to implement the road plan and water control plans of the District, and potable
314 water distribution and wastewater collection systems plans for all lands lying East of
315 Canal 18 of the South Florida Water Management District, and to the Northeast Quarter
316 (NE 1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) plus the North one-half (N 1/2) of the North
317 one-half (N 1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of
318 Section 1, Township 41 South, Range 41 East, in Palm Beach County.

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320 Section 11. Formation of engineering plan East of Canal 18.—The Board of Supervisors
321 shall authorize ~~is hereby prohibited from authorizing~~ the formation of an engineering
322 plan, including estimated costs, when ~~unless~~ there is documented evidence that at least 25

323 percent of the affected landowners desire to have such a plan formulated, and, thereafter,
324 the Board of Supervisors is prohibited from constructing any new road or increasing the
325 quality of any existing road within the District, except for the placement of stable
326 materials, or constructing any facilities to provide potable water distribution and
327 wastewater collection systems to those lands within the District lying East of Canal 18 of
328 the South Florida Water Management District, and to the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of
329 the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) plus the North one-half (N 1/2) of the North one-half (N
330 1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section 1,
331 Township 41 South, Range 41 East, in Palm Beach County, until there has first been a
332 vote in favor of the construction or improvement by the owners of a majority of the
333 parcels represented in the voting after notice has been duly given to all of the owners of
334 the lands within the area to be benefited in the same manner as notice is given and vote
335 taken in the Annual Landowners Meeting. A petition signed and notarized by the owners
336 of 51 percent of the parcels to be assessed ~~and certified by the county Supervisor of~~
337 ~~Elections will~~ shall satisfy each of the above requirements.

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339 Section 12. Authority to fund engineering studies, road improvements, recreational
340 lands.—The Board of Supervisors of the South Indian River Water Control District in
341 Palm Beach County is hereby authorized, empowered, and permitted to expend funds of
342 the District to pay for engineering studies for the purpose of planning a road
343 improvement program, and to pay for the construction, maintenance, improvement, and
344 repair of dedicated roads and road rights-of-way, including the swales thereof, within the

345 District where such construction, maintenance, improvement, and repair is not performed
346 by other governmental bodies and to levy special assessments to acquire, construct, and
347 maintain said improvements on the basis of parcels benefited rather than acres benefited
348 for said purposes. The Board of Supervisors of the South Indian River Water Control
349 District is further authorized, empowered, and permitted to expend funds of the District
350 to pay for engineering studies for the purpose of planning facilities to provide potable
351 water distribution and wastewater collection systems to those lands lying East of Canal
352 18 of the South Florida Water Management District, and to the Northeast Quarter (NE
353 1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) plus the North one-half (N 1/2) of the North one-
354 half (N 1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of
355 Section 1, Township 41 South, Range 41 East, in Palm Beach County, in cooperation
356 with the Town of Jupiter and the Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District, and
357 to pay for the construction, maintenance, improvement, and repair of those facilities
358 where such construction, maintenance, improvement, and repair is not performed by
359 other governmental bodies, and to levy special assessments, on the basis of parcels or
360 front footage benefited, acres benefited or other lawful basis, for said purposes, and to
361 transfer said facilities to the Town of Jupiter and the Loxahatchee River Environmental
362 Control District for operation and maintenance. The Board of Supervisors of the South
363 Indian River Water Control District is further authorized to receive and maintain real and
364 personal property for recreational purposes for land within the District lying East of
365 Canal 18 of the South Florida Water Management District only, and to make it available
366 for the use of the landowners. The Board of Supervisors is authorized to expend funds of
367 the District to pay for the maintenance of such property, the cost of which shall be borne

368 by the landowners owning land lying East of Canal 18 of the South Florida Water
369 Management District.

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371 Section 13. One-time assessment for improvement project.—At the time of beginning
372 any improvement project authorized by chapter 298, Florida Statutes, or any special
373 legislation for the South Indian River Water Control District, the Board of Supervisors of
374 the District is authorized and empowered to levy a one-time special assessment not to
375 exceed \$1,000 upon the land to be benefited to pay for the anticipated initial legal and
376 engineering planning cost of said project, after notice has been given and an opportunity
377 afforded to the landowners to discuss the project at a regularly scheduled meeting. The
378 estimated initial planning cost of the project must be presented as part of the annual
379 budget. ~~No~~ district moneys may be expended prior to the levy of said special assessment.

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381 Section 14. Transfer of roads and potable water distribution or wastewater collection
382 systems to another governmental entity.—If any governmental entity, whether existing at
383 this time or created in the future, elects to construct, improve, or maintain any road
384 within the District, or elects to construct, improve, maintain, or operate facilities to
385 provide potable water distribution and wastewater collection systems to those lands
386 within the District lying East of Canal 18 of the South Florida Water Management
387 District, and to the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) plus the
388 North one-half (N 1/2) of the North one-half (N 1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of
389 the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section 1, Township 41 South, Range 41 East, in Palm

390 Beach County, and the owners of a majority of the parcels within the District as a whole
391 or a majority of the landowners within the area to be benefited are in favor of said
392 election, then the Board of Supervisors shall cease constructing, improving, or
393 maintaining said road or roads or facilities providing potable water distribution and
394 wastewater collection systems to those lands within the District lying East of Canal 18 of
395 the South Florida Water Management District, and to the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of
396 the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) plus the North one-half (N 1/2) of the North one-half (N
397 1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section 1,
398 Township 41 South, Range 41 East, in Palm Beach County, on a date agreeable to the
399 entity which elects to assume such obligation, but in no event later than 30 days after the
400 meeting of the Board of Supervisors wherein the election and vote are communicated to
401 the board. Pursuant to this provision, and with the agreement of the electing entity, the
402 District may transfer equipment, water, sanitary sewage lines, funds, materials, and
403 obligations to the electing entity.

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405 Section 15. Authority to issue bonds.—The Board of Supervisors of the South Indian
406 River Water Control District is hereby authorized to issue bonds to pay for the purchase
407 of equipment, the construction and improvement of dedicated roads and road rights-of-
408 way including the swales thereof within the District, all drainage improvements within
409 the District, and all potable water distribution and wastewater collection systems
410 improvements for those lands within the District lying East of Canal 18 of the South
411 Florida Water Management District, and to the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of the

412 Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) plus the North one-half (N 1/2) of the North one-half (N 1/2)
413 of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section 1,
414 Township 41 South, Range 41 East, in Palm Beach County. The provisions of chapter
415 298, Florida Statutes, as well as all other applicable laws, shall be followed by the Board
416 of Supervisors of the South Indian River Water Control District in Palm Beach County in
417 issuing said bonds.

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419 Section 16. No effect on bondholders.—Nothing in this Act shall be deemed or construed
420 in any manner to affect the rights of the holders of any of the bonds heretofore issued by
421 said District in accordance with law, or of depriving said bondholders or any of them of
422 any right of action or remedy given to them by law in connection with said bonds or the
423 enforcement of the collection of taxes to pay principal and interest of the same.

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425 Section 4. This act shall be construed as remedial and shall be liberally construed to
426 promote the purpose for which it is intended.

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428 Section 5. In the event that any part of this act should be held void for any reason, such
429 holding shall not affect any other part thereof.

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431 Section 6. Chapters 11006 (1925), 12271 (1927), 19344 (1939), 20654 (1941), 21731
432 (1943), 69-1411, 71-820, 78-582, 79-534, 80-575, 81-462, 87-515, 87-517, 91-402, and
433 2000-435, Laws of Florida, are repealed.

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435 Section 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

436 Approved by the Governor May 25, 2001.

437 Filed in Office Secretary of State May 25, 2001.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

LOCAL BILL ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FORM

Read all instructions carefully.

House local bill policy requires that no local bill will be considered by a committee or a subcommittee without an Economic Impact Statement. This form must be prepared at the LOCAL LEVEL by an individual who is qualified to establish fiscal data and impacts, and has personal knowledge of the information given (for example, a chief financial officer of a particular local government). Please submit this completed, original form to the Local Government Affairs Subcommittee as soon as possible after a bill is filed. Additional pages may be attached as necessary.

BILL #: _____

SPONSOR(S): _____

RELATING TO: South Indian River Water Control District
[Indicate Area Affected (City, County or Special District) and Subject]

I. REVENUES:

These figures are new revenues that would not exist but for the passage of the bill. The term "revenue" contemplates, but is not limited to, taxes, fees and special assessments. For example, license plate fees may be a revenue source. If the bill will add or remove property or individuals from the tax base, include this information as well.

	<u>First FY</u>	<u>Second FY</u>
Revenue decrease due to bill:	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Revenue increase due to bill:	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>

II. COST:

Include all costs, both direct and indirect, including start-up costs. If the bill repeals the existence of a certain entity, state the related costs, such as satisfying liabilities and distributing assets.

Expenditures for Implementation, Administration and Enforcement:

<u>First FY</u>	<u>Second FY</u>
\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>

Please include explanations and calculations regarding how each dollar figure was determined in reaching total cost.

N/A

III. FUNDING SOURCE(S):

State the specific sources from which funding will be received, for example, license plate fees, state funds, borrowed funds or special assessments.

If certain funding changes are anticipated to occur beyond the following two fiscal years, explain the change and at what rate taxes, fees or assessments will be collected in those years.

	<u>First FY</u>	<u>Second FY</u>
Local:	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
State:	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Federal:	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>

IV. ECONOMIC IMPACT:

Potential Advantages:

Include all possible outcomes linked to the bill, such as increased efficiencies, and positive or negative changes to tax revenue. If an act is being repealed or an entity dissolved, include the increased or decreased efficiencies caused thereby.

Include specific figures for anticipated job growth.

- 1. Advantages to Individuals: NONE

- 2. Advantages to Businesses: NONE

- 3. Advantages to Government: NONE

Potential Disadvantages:

Include all possible outcomes linked to the bill, such as inefficiencies, shortages, or market changes anticipated.

Include reduced business opportunities, such as reduced access to capital or training.

State any decreases in tax revenue as a result of the bill.

1. Disadvantages to Individuals: NONE

2. Disadvantages to Businesses: NONE

3. Disadvantages to Government: NONE

V. DESCRIBE THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF THE BILL ON PRESENT GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES:

NO IMPACT

VI. SPECIFIC DATA USED IN REACHING ESTIMATES:

Include the type(s) and source(s) of data used, percentages, dollar figures, all assumptions made, history of the industry/issue affected by the bill, and any audits.

N/A

VII. CERTIFICATION BY PREPARER

I hereby certify I am qualified to establish fiscal data and impacts and have personal knowledge of the information given. I have reviewed all available financial information applicable to the substance of the above-stated local bill and confirm the foregoing Economic Impact Statement is a true and accurate estimate of the economic impact of the bill.

PREPARED BY: 
[Must be signed by Preparer]

Print preparer's name: April Lundgren

10/8/2025
Date

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