

House Bill No. 551

An act relating to South Indian River Water Control District, Palm Beach County; amending ch. 2001-313, Laws of Florida; providing for authority to acquire property for recreational purposes within a specified area of the district; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 12 of section 3 of chapter 2001-313, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 12. Authority to fund engineering studies, road improvements, recreational lands.—The Board of Supervisors of the South Indian River Water Control District in Palm Beach County is hereby authorized, empowered, and permitted to expend funds of the District to pay for engineering studies for the purpose of planning a road improvement program, and to pay for the construction, maintenance, improvement, and repair of dedicated roads and road rights-of-way, including the swales thereof, within the District where such construction, maintenance, improvement, and repair is not performed by other governmental bodies and to levy special assessments to acquire, construct, and maintain said improvements on the basis of parcels benefited rather than acres benefited for said purposes. The Board of Supervisors of the South Indian River Water Control District is further authorized, empowered, and permitted to expend funds of the District to pay for engineering studies for the purpose of planning facilities to provide potable water distribution and wastewater collection systems to those lands lying East of Canal 18 of the South Florida Water Management District, and to the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) plus the North one-half (N $\frac{1}{2}$) of the North one-half (N $\frac{1}{2}$) of the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 1, Township 41 South, Range 41 East, in Palm Beach County, in cooperation with the Town of Jupiter and the Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District, and to pay for the construction, maintenance, improvement, and repair of those facilities where such construction, maintenance, improvement, and repair is not performed by other governmental bodies, and to levy special assessments, on the basis of parcels or front footage benefited, acres benefited or other lawful basis, for said purposes, and to transfer said facilities to the Town of Jupiter and the Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District for operation and maintenance. The Board of Supervisors of the South Indian River Water Control District is further authorized to hold, control, acquire by donation or purchase, receive and maintain real and personal property for recreational purposes for land within the District lying East of Canal 18 of the South Florida Water Management District only, and to make it available for the use of the landowners. The Board of Supervisors is authorized to expend funds of the District to pay for the maintenance of such property, the cost of which shall be borne by the landowners owning land lying East of Canal 18 of the South Florida Water Management District.

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

Approved by the Governor July 16, 2003.

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