

House Bill No. 1587

An act relating to Okaloosa County; amending chapter 2000-434, Laws of Florida; revising boundaries of the Baker Fire District, Okaloosa County; amending chapter 2001-333, Laws of Florida; revising boundaries of the North Okaloosa Fire District; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the North Okaloosa Fire District and the Baker Fire District are independent special fire districts created by acts of the Florida Legislature, and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the local act that created the Baker Fire District created an overlap regarding boundaries of a portion of territory between the North Okaloosa Fire District and the Baker Fire District, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this act is to clarify and ratify the agreements between the parties regarding fire district boundaries, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. Section 2 of section 2 of chapter 2000-434, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 2. Creation; boundaries.—

(1) All of the following lands in Okaloosa County shall be incorporated as an independent special fire control district, which shall be a public municipal corporation for the public benefit, with perpetual existence, to be known as the Baker Fire District, in which name it may sue and be sued, and lease, own, possess, and convey real and personal property, by purchase or gift or otherwise, to carry out the purposes of this act. The lands so incorporated shall include the following:

Begin at Okaloosa/Santa Rosa County line and six  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles south of the Alabama State Line, thence Easterly and Southeasterly on State Forest Road (Peaden Bridge Road then John Riley Barnhill Road) to intersect with Narrows Creek, thence Easterly along Narrows Creek to intersect with State Highway 189, thence run North  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile along State Highway 189 to intersect with State Forest Road (Shockley Springs Road) thence run Easterly along State Forest Road (Shockley Springs Road) to intersect Bear Branch, continue East along Bear Branch to intersect Yellow River, thence Southerly along the channel of the Yellow River to the North Section line of Section 2, Township 3 North, Range 24 West, thence run West along Section lines to the intersection of Old River Road, thence run South along Old River Road to the intersection of Griffith Cemetery Road, thence continue South along Griffith Cemetery Road to intersection of Buck Ward Road, thence continuing Southeasterly along Buck Ward Road to the intersection of Old River Road, thence South along Old River Road to the intersection with Garrett Mill Road, thence West along Garrett Mill Road to intersect State Highway 4, thence

Northwesterly along State Highway 4 to intersect Keyser Mill Road, continue Southwesterly along Keyser Mill Road to intersect Galliver Cut off (County Road 189), thence North along Galliver Cut off to Lighthouse Church Road, continue West along Lighthouse Church Road to intersection with Poplar Head Church Road, continue West to Penny Creek, thence Westerly along Penny Creek to Blackwater River, thence Northwesterly along Blackwater River to Okaloosa/Santa Rosa County Line, thence North along Okaloosa/Santa Rosa County line for nine miles to point of beginning. Okaloosa County, Florida.

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(2) Any lands within a municipality included in the boundaries of the district as described herein shall be excluded from the district and its jurisdiction. If any area, tract, or parcel of land within the boundaries of the district shall hereafter become annexed to a municipality, such area, tract, or parcel of land shall be excluded from the district effective the next January 1 following such annexation by a municipality. Nothing contained in this act shall preclude any municipality from annexing lands to the territorial limits of the municipality even if such land is included within the district.

(3) Should any part of the territory covered in this act be held not to be included herein, then this act shall continue in effect as to the balance of the territory.

Section 2. Section 1 of section 2 of chapter 2001-333, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 1. Creation; boundaries.—Upon this act becoming a law, all of the following lands lying in Okaloosa County shall be incorporated as an

independent special fire control district, which shall be a public municipal corporation for the public benefit, with perpetual existence, to be known as the North Okaloosa Fire District, in which case it may sue and be sued, lease, own, possess, and convey real and personal property, by purchase or gift or otherwise, in order to carry out the purposes of this act. The lands so incorporated shall include the following:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of Section 12, Township North, Range 23 West, thence West along Section lines to the Northwest corner of Section 7, Township 4 North, Range 23 West, and the channel of the Yellow River, thence Southerly along the channel of the Yellow River to the North Section line of Section 2, Township 3 North, Range 24 West, thence run West along Section lines to the intersection of Old River Road, thence run South along Old River Road to the intersection of Griffith Cemetery Road, thence southwesterly along Griffith Cemetery Road thence continue South long Griffith Cemetery Road to intersection of Buck Ward Road, thence continuing Southeasterly along Buck Ward Road to the intersection of Old River Road, thence South along Old River Road to the intersection with Garrett Mill Road, thence West along Garrett Mill Road 3 thence West along Garrett Mill Road to the intersection of Highway 4, continue North along Highway 4 for approximately  $\frac{3}{8}$  miles to the intersection of Keyser Mill Road, thence Southwest along Keyser Mill Road to Baggett Creek and the Northwest corner of Section 20, Township North, Range 24 West, thence South along Section lines to the Southwest corner of Section 29, Township 3 North, Range 24 West, thence East along Section lines to the channel of the Yellow River, thence Southerly along the channel of the Yellow River to the intersection of the boundary with Eglin Air Force Base, thence run East along Eglin Air Force Base boundary, to the Southwest corner of Section 11, Township 2 North, Range 24 West, thence run North along Section line to the channel of the Shoal River, thence Easterly along the channel of the Shoal River to the intersection of the North Section line of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 24 West, thence run East along Section line to the channel of the Shoal River, thence Southerly and Easterly along the channel of the Shoal River to the intersection of the boundary of Eglin Air Force Base, thence run Easterly along the boundary line of Eglin Air Force Base to the Southeast corner of Section 1, Township 2 North, Range 23 West, thence run North along Section lines to the North right-of-way boundary of Interstate 10, thence run West along said North right-of-way boundary of Interstate 10 to the channel of the Shoal River, thence Easterly and Northerly along channel of Shoal River to the East Section line of Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 23 West, thence along Section lines to the Point of Beginning, less and except the City Limits of the Town of Crestview, Okaloosa County, Florida. Also described as all of the following property less and except the City Limits of the Town of Crestview, Okaloosa County, Florida, All of Sections 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, in Township 4 North, Range 23 West; All of Sections 12, 13, 24, 25, 35, 36, in Township 4 North, Range 24 West; All of Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, and that portion of Sections 1, 12, 13, 14, 23 West of the Shoal River and that portion of section 26 that is both

West of the Shoal River and South of Interstate 10, in Township 3 North, Range 23 West; All of Sections 1, 2, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 34, 35, 36, all of Section 3 except that portion that is both West of Old River Road and North of Griffith Cemetery Road, that portion of Section 4 both East of Griffith Cemetery Road, and South of Buck Ward Road that portion of Section 5 South of Buck Ward Road and East of North branch of Three Mile Branch, that portion of Section 9 East of Three Mile Branch and South of Mill Creek, and that portion of Section 17 both East of Keyser Mill Road and South of Garrett Mill Road, that portion of Section 33 East of the Yellow River, in Township 3 North, Range 24 West; all of Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and that portion of section 7 North of the Shoal River, in Township 2 North, Range 23 West; All of Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, and those portions of Sections 4 and 9 East of the Yellow River, and that portion of Section 11 North of the Shoal River, in Township 2 North, Range 24 West.

~~Beginning at the Northeast corner of Section 12, Township North, Range 23 West, thence West along Section lines to the Northwest corner of Section 7, Township 4 North, Range 23 West, and the channel of the Yellow River, thence Southerly along the channel of the Yellow River to the North Section line of Section 2, Township 3 North, Range 24 West, thence run West along Section lines to the intersection of Old River Road, thence run South along Old River Road to the intersection of Griffith Cemetery Road, thence southwesterly along Griffith Cemetery Road for 1 mile to intersection of the North branch of Three Mile Branch, thence Southerly along Three Mile Branch to Mill Creek, thence southerly along South branch of Mill Creek to Garrett Mill Road, thence West along Garrett Mill Road for approximately  $\frac{3}{8}$  miles to the intersection of Highway 4, continue North along Highway 4 for approximately  $\frac{3}{8}$  miles to the intersection of Keyser Mill Road, thence Southwest along Keyser Mill Road to Baggett Creek and the Northwest corner of Section 20, Township North, Range 24 West, thence South along Section lines to the Southwest corner of Section 29, Township 3 North, Range 24 West, thence East along Section lines to the channel of the Yellow River, thence Southerly along the channel of the Yellow River to the intersection of the boundary with Eglin Air Force Base, thence run 14 East along Eglin Air Force Base boundary, to the Southwest corner of Section 11, Township 2 North, Range 24 West, thence run North along Section line to the channel of the Shoal River, thence Easterly along the channel of the Shoal River to the intersection of the North Section line of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 24 West, thence run East along Section line to the channel of the Shoal River, thence Southerly and Easterly along the channel of the Shoal River to the intersection of the boundary of Eglin Air Force Base, thence run Easterly along the boundary line of Eglin Air Force Base to the Southeast corner of Section 1, Township 2 North, Range 23 West, thence run North along Section lines to the North right-of-way boundary of Interstate 10, thence run West along said North right-of-way boundary of Interstate 10 to the channel of the Shoal River, thence Easterly and Northerly along channel of Shoal River to the East Section line of Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 23 West, thence along Section lines to the Point of Beginning, less and except the City Limits of the Town of Crestview, Okaloosa County, Florida. Also described as all of the~~

following property less and except the City Limits of the Town of Crestview, Okaloosa County, Florida, All of Sections 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, in Township 4 North, Range 23 West; All of Sections 12, 13, 24, 25, 35, 36, in Township 4 North, Range 24 West; All of Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, and that portion of Sections 1, 12, 13, 14, 23 West of the Shoal River and that portion of section 26 that is both West of the Shoal River and South of Interstate 10, in Township 3 North, Range 23 West; All of Sections 1, 2, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 34, 35, 36, all of Section 3 except that portion that is both West of Old River Road and North of Griffith Cemetery Road, that portion of Section 4 both East of Griffith Cemetery Road, and South of Buck Ward Road, that portion of Section 5 South of Buck Ward Road and East of North branch of Three Mile Branch, that portion of Section 9 East of Three Mile Branch and South of Mill Creek, and that portion of Section 17 both East of Keyser Mill Road and South of Garrett Mill Road, that portion of Section 33 East of the Yellow River, in Township 3 North, Range 24 West; all of Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and that portion of section 7 North of the Shoal River, in Township 2 North, Range 23 West; All of Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, and those portions of Sections 4 and 9 East of the Yellow River, and that portion of Section 11 North of the Shoal River, in Township 2 North, Range 24 West.

Any federal lands or lands located within the described boundaries of the City of Crestview are excluded from the district. If any portion of the district is annexed into a municipality or becomes part of another fire district, the North Okaloosa Fire District shall be entitled to receive all revenues, including non-ad valorem assessments and impact fees generated from that property in the calendar year of annexation, i.e., January 1 through December 31.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor July 16, 2003.

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