

House Bill No. 1865

An act relating to the Manatee County local option sales tax; validating all acts and proceedings had and taken in connection with the special election held in Manatee County; authorizing the levy of the one half-cent local option sales tax in Manatee County for the purpose of providing funds to finance the cost of acquisition, construction, and installation of, and renovation to, certain capital improvements and educational facilities within the District; declaring said special election legal and valid; approving the issuance of sales tax revenue bonds; providing for severability; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. All acts and proceedings heretofore had and taken in connection with the special election held in Manatee County on May 21, 2002, including, without limitation, any acts in connection with the notice of such election to authorize the levy of the one half-cent local option sales tax on tangible personal property sold in Manatee County for the purpose of providing funds to finance the cost of acquisition, construction, and installation of, and renovation to, certain capital improvements and educational facilities within the District, are hereby ratified, validated, and confirmed and said special election is hereby declared to be valid and legal in all respects.

Section 2. All acts and proceedings heretofore taken, had, done, and performed by the School Board of Manatee County and by the duly constituted officials of such board, in connection with the authorization and issuance of not to exceed \$117,500,000 sales tax revenue bonds of said board, to be paid from the proceeds of the sales tax authorized in said election, are hereby severally ratified, validated, confirmed, and legalized in every respect.

Section 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared severable.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 2, 2003.

Filed in Office Secretary of State June 2, 2003.