

House Bill No. 721

An act relating to the Pine Tree Water Control District, Palm Beach County; providing that the Pine Tree Water Control District shall become a dependent district of the Village of Wellington; providing that the Village of Wellington Council members shall act as the board of supervisors of said district; providing for a referendum; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the property making up the Pine Tree Water Control District was annexed into the Village of Wellington, and

WHEREAS, the Pine Tree Water Control District and the Village of Wellington have entered into an operating agreement where the district is staffed by Village of Wellington employees, and

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of the Village of Wellington and the Pine Tree Water Control District have mutually agreed that the management of the offices of the district would be more efficiently administered if the village council also acted as the district board of supervisors, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. Pine Tree Water Control District continuation and transfer.— The Pine Tree Water Control District, an independent special district created by a special act of the Legislature, shall become a dependent district of the Village of Wellington on the effective date of this act. All special acts of the Pine Tree Water Control District shall become ordinances of the Village of Wellington on the effective date of this act.

(1) The assets, liabilities, and written contracts of the Pine Tree Water Control District, including all rights, obligations, duties, and relationships now existing by law or agreement shall be unaffected and shall remain in full force and effect and shall be those of the district as a dependent district of the Village of Wellington. All rights, claims, actions, orders, and all contracts of the special district and all legal or administrative proceedings involving the district shall continue in full force and effect under the jurisdiction of the district as a dependent district of the Village of Wellington.

(2) The terms of office of the members of the Board of Supervisors of the Pine Tree Water Control District shall terminate, and the members of the Village Council of the Village of Wellington shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Supervisors of the Pine Tree Water Control District.

(3) To the extent not inconsistent with village ordinances, all resolutions and policies of the Pine Tree Water Control District shall remain in effect until amended, revised, or repealed by the village council.

(4) Additional provisions which are necessary to effect this transition and to provide for the operation of the Pine Tree Water Control District as a dependent district of the village shall be adopted by ordinance.

Section 2. Referendum.—On or before December 1, 2006, the Pine Tree Water Control District shall call and the Supervisor of Elections of Palm Beach County shall conduct a referendum, in accordance with the provisions of law relating to elections currently in force, on the question of whether the Pine Tree Water Control District shall become a dependent district of the Village of Wellington.

Section 3. This act shall take effect only if a majority of those qualified electors of the Pine Tree Water Control District voting in a referendum held pursuant to this act approve the referendum question in section 2, except that this section and section 2 shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 8, 2005.

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