

CHAPTER 2010-258

House Bill No. 1215

An act relating to Broward County; amending chapter 98-521, Laws of Florida, as amended; requiring each member of the South Broward Utility Advisory Board appointed by the Town of Southwest Ranches to be a water or sewer user within the service area of the former South Broward Utility; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, in 2008, chapter 98-521, Laws of Florida, was amended to provide the Town of Southwest Ranches (“Ranches”) with two members on the South Broward Utility Advisory Board, and

WHEREAS, currently, the appointed members are required to be both water and sewer users within the South Broward Utility service area, and

WHEREAS, because most of the properties in the Ranches have wells and septic systems, very few properties use both water and sewer, and

WHEREAS, to increase the potential field of appointed board members, the Ranches desires for its appointees to be water or sewer users, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. Section 1 of chapter 98-521, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 2008-278, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 1. There is hereby created the South Broward Utility Advisory Board, which shall be an advisory board of the City of Sunrise. The board shall be composed of seven members, as follows: two members shall be appointed by the City of Sunrise, two members shall be appointed by the Town of Davie, one member shall be appointed by the City of Pembroke Pines, and two members shall be appointed by the Town of Southwest Ranches. Each member appointed by the Town of Southwest Ranches shall be a water or sewer user within the service area of the former South Broward Utility. All other Each appointed members member shall be a water and sewer users user within the service area of the former South Broward Utility. The term Terms of each member shall be for 2 years, except that all appointments and retention of board members shall be at the sole discretion of the appointing authorities.

(1) The responsibility of the board shall be to review and advise the City of Sunrise regarding any proposed change by the city to the water and sewer rates charged within the area which was formerly the South Broward Utility service area. In the event of a proposed rate change within such area, the South Broward Utility Advisory Board may require the City of Sunrise to hire a rate consultant to advise the city regarding such proposed rate change.

(2) Within 30 days following notice of a rate change, the advisory board shall present a report of its findings to the Commission of the City of Sunrise. If presented within the 30-day period, the report shall be considered by the commission before rates may be altered or changed within the area formerly served by the South Broward Utility.

(3) The City of Sunrise shall appropriate not more than \$25,000 annually for a rate consultant for the South Broward Utility Advisory Board, as provided in subsection (1).

(4) The advisory board shall have no legal standing to bring any legal action.

(5) The City of Sunrise shall, by ordinance, provide for such other procedures and regulations which are not in conflict with this act as are necessary for the continued operation of the board.

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

Approved by the Governor May 26, 2010.

Filed in Office Secretary of State May 26, 2010.