

CHAPTER 2018-177

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1117

An act relating to the Sebastian Inlet Tax District, Indian River and Brevard Counties; amending ch. 2003-373, Laws of Florida, as amended; authorizing the district to enter into interlocal agreements, memoranda of understanding, or other agreements with local and state authorities to provide security for district facilities; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 6 of section 3 of chapter 2003-373, as amended by chapter 2012-238, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 6. (a) It shall be the duty of said Board of Commissioners of Sebastian Inlet Tax District to construct, improve, widen or deepen, and maintain the inlet between the Indian River and the Atlantic Ocean. With character, manner of construction of said inlet shall be determined by said Board of Commissioners with the approval and recommendation of the Chief Engineer, and said Board is further authorized to do all acts and things proper, necessary, or convenient for the aforesaid purposes. The opening and maintenance of such inlet or waterway connecting the waters of the Atlantic Ocean with the waters of the Indian River within the Sebastian Inlet Tax District are hereby found and declared to be for public purposes and to be necessary for the use of shipping and for transportation and for the extension of commerce of the State of Florida and of said District, and also to be necessary for the maintenance of the health of the inhabitants of the territory embraced in the said District and for the convenience, comfort, and welfare of the said District and the inhabitants thereof. The District is authorized to conduct such programs and projects as it finds necessary or convenient for beach renourishment, erosion control, environmental protection, navigation, boating, recreation, and public safety for the operation and maintenance of the inlet and the waters of the Atlantic Ocean and Indian River Lagoon adjacent thereto.

(b) In order to protect, maintain, and ensure peaceful, recreational use of District facilities, the District may enter into such interlocal agreements, memoranda of understanding, or other agreements with local law enforcement agencies, the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, or the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission necessary to provide and facilitate security services on properties owned, controlled, or operated by the District.

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

Approved by the Governor March 23, 2018.

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