

CHAPTER 2025-235

House Bill No. 4035

An act relating to Lee County; amending chapter 98-461, Laws of Florida; revising the boundaries of the Lee County Mosquito Control District; repealing chapter 2001-335, Laws of Florida, relating to the Fort Myers Beach Mosquito Control District; providing for merger of the districts; transferring assets and liabilities of the Fort Myers Beach Mosquito Control District to the Lee County Mosquito Control District; requiring a referendum; providing effective dates.

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

Section 1. Section 1 of chapter 98-461, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 1. Continuation of a mosquito control district.—There is hereby provided for the continuation of the Lee County Mosquito Control District, an independent special district, the boundaries of which shall include all territory of Lee County, except the following described area:

DESCRIPTION

~~A tract or parcel of land lying in parts of Township 46 South, Range 24 East and Township 46 South, Range 24 East and part of Township 47 South, Range 24 East, Lee County, Florida, which tract or parcel, containing 14,615 acres more or less, is described as follows:~~

~~BEGINNING at the southeast corner of Section 24, Township 46 South, Range 24 East, running westerly along the south line of said section for 2,700 feet more or less to the waters of Estero Bay;~~

~~THENCE run southwestly along a northwesterly line across the waters of Estero Bay for 8,300 feet to a point of intersection;~~

~~THENCE run southerly along a westerly line across said Bay and Starvation Flats for 4,200 feet more or less to a point of intersection;~~

~~THENCE run southeasterly, southerly and southwestly along a westerly line of said area running across said Bay and Big Carlos Pass for 10,000 feet more or less;~~

~~THENCE run northwesterly across Big Carlos Pass and along the shoreline of Estero Island for 6,100 feet more or less to a point of intersection;~~

~~THENCE continue northwesterly along said shoreline for 3,200 feet more or less to a point of intersection;~~

~~THENCE continue along said shoreline northwesterly for 22,800 feet more or less to a point of intersection;~~

~~THENCE run northwesterly along said shoreline for 3,900 feet more or less to a point of intersection;~~

~~THENCE run northwesterly along said shoreline and across San Carlos Bay for 8,000 feet more or less to the intersection of a westerly prolongation of the north line of Section 13, Township 46 South, Range 23 East and the waters of San Carlos Bay;~~

~~THENCE run easterly along said prolongation and said north line and the north line of Sections 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, and 13 to the northeast corner of said Section 13, Township 46 South, Range 24 East;~~

~~THENCE run southerly along the easterly line of said Section 13 and Section 24, Township 46 South, Range 24 East, for 10,600 feet more or less to the Point of Beginning.~~

Section 2. Chapter 2001-335, Laws of Florida, is repealed.

Section 3. As of the effective date of this act, the Fort Myers Beach Mosquito Control District is merged into the Lee County Mosquito Control District. All assets and liabilities of the Fort Myers Beach Mosquito Control District as of that date shall be transferred to the Lee County Mosquito Control District.

Section 4. Referendum.—

(1) The referendum election called for by this act shall be held on November 3, 2026, concurrent with the 2026 general election.

(2) The ballot title for the referendum question shall be in substantially the following form:

MERGER OF MOSQUITO DISTRICTS, LEE COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT TO INCLUDE ALL OF LEE COUNTY

(3) The referendum question shall be placed on the ballot in substantially the following form:

Shall Chapter 2025- , Laws of Florida, amending the boundaries of the Lee County Mosquito Control District to include all of Lee County, abolishing the Fort Myers Beach Mosquito Control District, and transferring the assets and liabilities of the Fort Myers Beach Mosquito Control District to the Lee County Mosquito Control District, become effective?

() YES.

() NO.

(4) In the event this question is answered affirmatively by a majority of the qualified voters in each district voting in the referendum, this act shall take effect. The referendum election shall be conducted by the Supervisor of Elections of Lee County in accordance with the Florida Election Code.

Section 5. This act shall take effect only upon its approval by a majority vote of those qualified electors of Lee County Mosquito Control District and of the Fort Myers Beach Mosquito Control District voting in a referendum to be held on November 3, 2026, except that this section and section 4 shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 11, 2025.

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