

CHAPTER 2025-240

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 4047

An act relating to the Fort Pierce Farms Water Control District, St. Lucie County; amending chapter 2013-256, Laws of Florida; increasing the maximum annual maintenance tax; limiting the annual assessment rate increases; requiring a referendum; providing effective dates.

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

Section 1. Subsection (10) of section 2 of section 3 of chapter 2013-256, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 2. Minimum charter requirements.—In accordance with s. 189.404(3), Florida Statutes, the following are the minimum requirements for the charter of the Fort Pierce Farms Water Control District:

(10) The district is authorized to assess and levy a maintenance tax that shall be equal and uniform in amount upon each acre of land assessed, and upon any tract or parcel less than 1 acre in size, and that may shall not exceed \$60 \$25 per acre in any one year. Any increase in the district's annual assessment rate may not exceed 10 percent when compared to the prior year's annual assessment rate.

Section 2. Referendum.—On or before December 31, 2026, the Supervisor of Elections of St. Lucie County shall conduct a referendum by mail ballot of the landowners within the district voting in the same manner by which the district's governing board is elected. The referendum question shall be placed on the ballot in substantially the following form:

Shall the maximum annual maintenance tax that may be levied by the Fort Pierce Farms Water Control District be increased from \$25 to \$60 per acre, provided that the amount levied may not increase by more than 10 percent in any one year?

() YES.

() NO.

Section 3. This act shall take effect only upon its approval by a majority vote of those landowners within the district voting in a referendum held in accordance with section 2, except that this section and section 2 shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor July 2, 2025.

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