

CHAPTER 2025-242

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 4051

An act relating to the Pasco County Mosquito Control District, Pasco County; amending chapter 2005-322, Laws of Florida; providing applicability of laws on term limits for independent special district board members; providing for geographical subdistricts; requiring the Pasco County Board of County Commissioners to draw geographical subdistricts subject to certain requirements; providing qualifications for district board candidates and members; removing obsolete language; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 1 of section 2 of chapter 2005-322, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 1. Minimum charter requirements.—In accordance with section 189.404(3), Florida Statutes, the following subsections shall comprise the minimum required charter provisions for Pasco County Mosquito Control District:

(5) In accordance with section 388.101(1), Florida Statutes, the district is governed by a three-member board, and section 189.0312, Florida Statutes, as may be amended, applies to this subsection, except that a member of the board may not serve for more than two 4-year terms. Notwithstanding section 388.101, Florida Statutes, the following apply, beginning with the November 2026 election:

(a) The office of each member of the board is designated as being a seat on the board, distinguished from each of the other seats by a numeral 1, 2, or 3, which represents designated geographical subdistricts.

(b) The Pasco County Board of County Commissioners shall be responsible for drawing the boundaries of the geographical subdistricts after providing notice and public hearing as provided in general law. The geographical subdistricts shall consist of contiguous and compact territories, nearly equal in population as is practicable, and shall use existing political and geographical boundaries. The Pasco County Board of County Commissioners shall draw initial geographical subdistricts by January 1, 2026, and following the completion of a decennial census thereafter.

(c) Candidates for the board must qualify as directed by chapter 99, Florida Statutes. Each candidate must designate, at the time he or she qualifies, the seat on the board for which he or she qualifies. Each candidate must reside in the designated subdistrict, and only electors of the subdistrict are authorized to vote for the member of that subdistrict. The name of each candidate who qualifies must be included on the ballot in a way that clearly

indicates the seat for which he or she is a candidate. The candidate for each seat who receives the most votes shall be elected to the board.

(d) Each member shall be elected for a term of 4 years and serve until the member's successor assumes office.

(e) For the length of their terms of office, members of the board must remain residents and electors of the subdistrict from which they are elected to represent ~~By resolution dated March 8, 1993, the board elected to stagger the members' terms of office pursuant to section 388.101(3), Florida Statutes. Therefore, upon this act becoming law, one board member shall be elected in the 2006 general election and two board members in the 2008 general election. Thereafter, each election shall be for a term of 4 years. The membership and organization of the board shall be as set forth in this act and chapter 388, Florida Statutes.~~

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor June 6, 2025.

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