

CHAPTER 2026-218

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 4081

An act relating to the Eastpoint Water and Sewer District, Franklin County; amending chapter 2023-7, Laws of Florida; modifying the boundaries of the district to include additional lands; providing additional powers of the board; providing for referenda; providing construction; providing effective dates.

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

Section 1. Effective upon approval by a majority vote of those qualified electors as provided in section 4 of this act, section 2 of section 2 of chapter 2023-7, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 2. Boundaries.—The Eastpoint Water and Sewer District shall include all that portion of Eastpoint in said county described as follows:

All of Sections 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 28, and ~~Section~~ 30 and all of Fractional Sections 27, 29, 31, and 32 in Township 8 South, Range 6 West; All of Fractional Sections 25 and 36 in Township 8 South, Range 7 West; All of Fractional Section 1 in Township 9 South, Range 7 West; and all of Fractional Section 6 in Township 9 South, Range 6 West.

Section 2. Effective upon approval by a majority vote of those qualified electors as provided in section 5 of this act, section 2 of section 2 of chapter 2023-7, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 2. Boundaries.—The Eastpoint Water and Sewer District shall include all that portion of Eastpoint in said county described as follows:

All of Section 30 and all of Fractional Sections 29, 31, and 32 in Township 8 South, Range 6 West; All of Fractional Sections 25 and 36 in Township 8 South, Range 7 West; All of Fractional Section 1 in Township 9 South, Range 7 West; and all of Fractional Section 6 in Township 9 South, Range 6 West.

AND

All of St. George Island.

Section 3. Subsection (19) is added to section 8 of section 2 of chapter 2023-7, Laws of Florida, to read:

Section 8. Powers of board.— The board may:

(19) Inspect septic tanks within the district to ensure the septic tanks are being operated in compliance with applicable permits and provide reasonable penalties for violations.

Section 4. Referendum election.—

(1) A referendum of those qualified electors within the area proposed to be annexed into the district as described in section 1 of 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:

“EXPANDING BOUNDARIES OF THE EASTPOINT WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT.”

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

Shall section 1 of Chapter 2026-__, Laws of Florida, amending the charter of the Eastpoint Water and Sewer District, Franklin County, to expand the boundaries of the district to contain the lands described therein, become effective?

() YES.

() NO.

(4) The referendum shall be conducted by the Supervisor of Elections of Franklin County in accordance with the Florida Election Code.

Section 5. Referendum election.—

(1) A referendum of those qualified electors within the area proposed to be annexed into the district as described in section 2 of this act shall be held at the first general election after the district reaches an irrevocable agreement to acquire the water utility serving St. George Island by the Eastpoint Water and Sewer District, unless the acquisition occurs within 120 days before a general election, in which case such referendum shall be held at the second general election after the acquisition.

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

“EXPANDING BOUNDARIES OF THE EASTPOINT WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT.”

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

Shall section 2 of Chapter 2026-__, Laws of Florida, amending the charter of the Eastpoint Water and Sewer District, Franklin County, to expand the boundaries of the district to contain the lands described therein, become effective?

☐ YES.

☐ NO.

(4) The referendum shall be conducted by the Supervisor of Elections of Franklin County in accordance with the Florida Election Code.

Section 6. If the amendments to chapter 2023-7, Laws of Florida, by sections 1 and 2 of this act are both approved by qualified electors as provided in sections 4 and 5 of this act, both amendments to chapter 2023-7, Laws of Florida, shall be given full effect.

Section 7. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 8, 2026.

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