

CHAPTER 2021-251

House Bill No. 1213

An act relating to Homosassa Special Water District, Citrus County; amending ch. 2003-354, Laws of Florida; revising requirements to fill a vacancy on the Board of Commissioners; increasing the threshold cost of work for which the district must use the competitive bid process; authorizing the governing board of District to procure contractual services without receiving competitive sealed bids under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 3 and section 10 of section 3 of chapter 2003-354, Laws of Florida, are amended to read:

Section 3. District governing board.—

(4) In the event of a vacancy, due to any cause, on the Board of Commissioners, the vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the term by the remaining Commissioners, or if they fail to act special election within 30 days after the occurrence of the vacancy, the vacancy shall be filled by a special ~~unless the vacancy occurs within 90 days after a regular election.~~

Section 10. Construction contracts.—All work done by the District in the construction, reconstruction, repair, maintenance, improvement, or enlargement of such water supply and distribution system involving the expenditure of more than ~~\$35,000~~ \$5,000 shall be done by contract entered into following advertisement for bids received on a stated date pursuant to notice for sealed bids published at least once each week for 2 consecutive weeks in a newspaper or journal of general circulation among contractors in the State of Florida, and all such contracts shall be secured by performance bonds in an amount not less than 80 percent of the contract price, furnished by a surety company or companies authorized to do business in the State of Florida. If the governing board of the District determines in writing that an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare, or a substantial loss, requires emergency action, the District may proceed with the procurement of contractual services necessitated by the immediate danger, without receiving competitive sealed bids, after receiving pricing information from at least two prospective vendors.

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

Approved by the Governor June 21, 2021.

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