

## CHAPTER 2026-192

### Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 4013

An act relating to Lee County; amending chapter 2000-384, Laws of Florida; revising the boundaries of the Iona-McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District; repealing chapters 2000-422 and 2008-275, Laws of Florida, relating to the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District; providing for the merger of the districts; providing for transition of the governing body; transferring assets and liabilities of the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District to the Iona-McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District; requiring a referendum; providing effective dates.

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

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 2 of section 3 of chapter 2000-384, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 2. District creation; status; charter amendments; boundaries.

(3) The lands to be included within the district are the following described lands in Lee County:

In Township 45 South, Range 24 East, the unincorporated portions of Section 2 and 3, all of Sections 9 and 10, the west half (½) of the northwest quarter (¼) and the west half (½) of the southwest quarter (¼) of Section 11, all of Sections 15 and 16, the east half (½) of Section 17, all of sections 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and in Township 46 South, Range 24 East, that portion of Section 2 lying west of the waters of Hendry Creek, all of sections 3, 4, 5, 6, the north half (½) of 7, all of sections 8, 9, 10, those portions of sections 11 and 14 lying west of the waters of Hendry Creek, all of sections 15, 16, 17, 22, that portion of Section 23 lying west of the waters of Hendry Creek, and in Township 45 South, Range 23 East, the south half (½) of Section 25, the south half (½) of Section 27, the southeast quarter (¼) of Section 28, all of sections 33, 34, 35, 36, and in Township 46 South, Range 23 East, all of Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, and 12 less and except the southeast quarter (¼) thereof, the west half (½) of 13, and the east half (½) of 14 less and except that portion located within the territorial limits, of the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District, and less and except that portion of all the above described lands located within the municipal boundaries of the City of Fort Myers.

#### TOGETHER WITH

All that part of Lee County that is located and situated within San Carlos Island; Estero Island; Easterly One-Half (½) of Section 13, Township 46 South, Range 23 East; Section 18, Township 46 South,

Range 24 East; and section 7, Township 46 South, Range 24 East except that part which is located and situated north of the old railroad grade.

Section 2. Chapters 2000-422 and 2008-275, Laws of Florida, are repealed.

Section 3. Transition.—

(1) As of the effective date of this act, the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District is merged into the Iona-McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District. The Board of Commissioners of the Iona-McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District, as provided in this act and chapter 2000-384, Laws of Florida, shall serve as the governing body of the district and is authorized to exercise all powers that may be exercised by the board pursuant to chapter 2000-384, Laws of Florida.

(2) Notwithstanding s. 191.005, Florida Statutes, and chapter 97-340, Laws of Florida, from the effective date of this act until the next general election, the governing body of the Iona-McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District shall be composed of the five members of the Iona-McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District Board of Commissioners as of the effective date of this act and the two members of the governing board of the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District elected pursuant to chapter 2000-422, Laws of Florida, whose terms expire at the 2028 general election.

(3) All assets and liabilities, including any pension liabilities, of the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District as of the effective date of this act shall be transferred to the Iona-McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service 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 FORT MYERS BEACH AND IONA-MCGREGOR FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICTS

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

Shall Chapter 2026- , Laws of Florida, amending the boundaries of the Iona-McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District to include all territories currently included in the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District, abolishing the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District, providing for a

transitional board, and transferring the assets and liabilities of the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District to the Iona-McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service 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 upon its approval by a majority vote of those qualified electors of the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District and the Iona-McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service 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.

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