

CHAPTER 2026-200

House Bill No. 4037

An act relating to Pasco County Mosquito Control District, Pasco County; amending chapter 2005-322, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 2025-242, Laws of Florida; revising a cross-reference; revising term limits for members of the governing body of the district; requiring the Pasco County Board of County Commissioners to designate geographical districts by specified numerals; providing requirements for a specified subdistrict; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 1 of section 2 of chapter 2005-322, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 2025-242, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 1. Minimum charter requirements.—In accordance with section 189.031(3) ~~189.404(3)~~, Florida Statutes, the following subsections shall comprise the minimum required charter provisions for Pasco County Mosquito Control District:

(1) The district is organized and exists for all purposes set forth in this act and chapter 388, Florida Statutes.

(2) The powers, functions, and duties of the district regarding ad valorem taxation, non-ad valorem assessments, bond issuance, other revenue-raising capabilities, budget preparation and approval, liens, foreclosure of liens, use of tax deeds and tax certificates, and contractual agreements shall be as set forth in chapters 170, 189, 197, 200, and 388, Florida Statutes, this act, or any other applicable general or special law.

(3) The district was created by the petition process formerly provided for in chapter 390, Florida Statutes (1951), and now continued in chapter 388, Florida Statutes.

(4) The district's charter may be amended only by special act of the Legislature, unless otherwise provided by chapter 189 or chapter 388, Florida Statutes.

(5) In accordance with section 388.101(1), Florida Statutes, the district is governed by a three-member board elected with staggered terms, 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 three ~~two~~ 4-year terms, with service of a term of office commencing at a member's election at or after the November 2026 election. 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. In addition to drawing the initial geographical subdistricts, the Pasco County Board of County Commissioners shall also designate each subdistrict by a numeral 1, 2, or 3. The geographical subdistrict designated as Seat 2 shall be the subdistrict that includes all or a majority of the City of Zephyrhills, and shall be the seat that is on the ballot for the November 2026 election.

(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. However, the requirements in paragraph (c) and this paragraph relating to residency and electors voting within a subdistrict do not apply until the November 2026 election for Seat 2, and until the November 2028 election for Seats 1 and 3. The membership and organization of the board shall be as set forth in this act and chapter 388, Florida Statutes.

(6) Board members may be paid a salary in accordance with this act and chapter 388, Florida Statutes. Pursuant to section 112.08, Florida Statutes, board members may receive benefits, such as medical insurance or accidental death and dismemberment insurance, in addition to the maximum salary allowed under general law. Each additional benefit shall be granted by unanimous resolution of the district with all members present.

(7) The administrative duties of the board of commissioners shall be as set forth in this act and chapter 388, Florida Statutes.

(8) Requirements for financial disclosure, meeting notices, reporting, public records maintenance, and per diem expenses for officers and

employees shall be as set forth in chapters 112, 189, 286, and 388, Florida Statutes.

(9) The procedures and requirements governing the issuance of bonds, notes, and other evidence of indebtedness by the district shall be as set forth in chapters 189 and 388, Florida Statutes, and applicable general laws.

(10) The procedures for conducting district elections and for qualification of electors shall be pursuant to chapters 189 and 388, Florida Statutes, and applicable general laws.

(11) The district may be financed by any method established in this act, chapter 189 or chapter 388, Florida Statutes, or any applicable general laws.

(12) Pursuant to section 388.221, Florida Statutes, the district's authority to levy upon all of the personal and real taxable property in the district a special tax during each year as maintenance tax is preserved.

(13) The method for collecting non-ad valorem assessments, fees, service charges, or state matching funds shall be as set forth in chapters 170, 197, and 388, Florida Statutes.

(14) The district's planning requirements shall be as set forth in chapters 189 and 388, Florida Statutes.

(15) The district's geographic boundary limitations shall be coterminous with the boundaries of Pasco County as defined in section 7.51, Florida Statutes, and may be amended pursuant to section 388.211, Florida Statutes.

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

Approved by the Governor April 23, 2026.

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