

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Coral Springs Improvement
3 District, Broward County; amending ch. 2004-469, Laws
4 of Florida; providing an exception to general law;
5 requiring members of the board of supervisors be
6 elected; providing terms of office for board members;
7 providing requirements for candidates and the
8 supervisor of elections; providing a definition;
9 providing an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 5 of section
14 3 of chapter 2004-469, Laws of Florida, are amended to read:

15 Section 5. Board of supervisors; election; organization;
16 terms of office; quorum; report and minutes.—

17 (1) The board of supervisors of the district shall be the
18 governing body of the district and shall exercise the powers
19 granted to the district under this act and under chapter 298,
20 Florida Statutes. The board shall consist of three members, and
21 except as otherwise provided herein, each member shall hold
22 office for a term of 4 years and until his or her successor
23 shall be chosen and shall qualify. ~~A majority of the members of~~
24 ~~the board shall be residents of Broward County, and all members~~

25 ~~shall be residents of Florida. All members of the board shall be~~
26 ~~landowners within the district.~~

27 (3) (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the
28 contrary, members of the board of supervisors shall be elected
29 by the qualified electors of the district. Election of board
30 members by the qualified electors shall be the exclusive method
31 for the election of the members of the board of supervisors.

32 (b) The board shall call an election at which the members
33 of the board of supervisors will be elected. Such election shall
34 be held in conjunction with the next general election held in
35 November 2018. Candidates may qualify for the offices of board
36 of supervisors, which shall be designated as seat 1, seat 2, and
37 seat 3, each elected at large within the district. A candidate
38 qualifying for election must be an elector and resident of the
39 district. Each board member shall be elected by the qualified
40 electors of the district for a term of 4 years, except that, at
41 the first such election, the two members elected to seat 1 and
42 seat 2 shall be elected for terms of 4 years each, and the
43 member elected to seat 3 shall be elected for a term of 2 years.
44 Thereafter, there shall be an election held every 2 years for
45 expiring terms and all members shall be elected for terms of 4
46 years each. The candidate receiving the most votes for each seat
47 shall be elected. All elected board members must be qualified
48 electors of the district. Members of the board of supervisors as
49 of October 1, 2017, shall serve until the certification of the

50 November 2018 general election results.

51 (c) Elections of board members by qualified electors held
52 pursuant to this subsection shall be nonpartisan and shall be
53 conducted in the manner prescribed by law for holding general
54 elections. Board members shall assume the office on the second
55 Tuesday following their election.

56 (d) Candidates seeking election to the board by qualified
57 electors under this subsection shall conduct their campaigns in
58 accordance with chapter 106, Florida Statutes, and shall file
59 qualifying papers and qualify for individual seats in accordance
60 with section 99.061, Florida Statutes. Candidates shall pay a
61 qualifying fee, which shall consist of a filing fee and election
62 assessment or, as an alternative, shall file a petition signed
63 by not less than 1 percent of the qualified electors of the
64 district, and take the oath required in section 99.021, Florida
65 Statutes, with the Supervisor of Elections of Broward County.
66 The amount of the filing fee is 3 percent of the annual salary
67 of the office. The amount of the election assessment is 1
68 percent of the annual salary of the office. The filing fee and
69 election assessment shall be distributed as provided in section
70 105.031(3), Florida Statutes.

71 (e) The Supervisor of Elections of Broward County shall
72 appoint the inspectors and clerks of elections, prepare and
73 furnish the ballots, designate polling places, and canvass the
74 returns of the election of board members by qualified electors.

75 | The county canvassing board shall declare and certify the
 76 | results of the election.

77 | (f) Subsections (4), (5), (6), (7), and (8) shall apply to
 78 | a board of supervisors elected pursuant to this subsection.

79 | (g) The terms "qualified elector" and "elector" mean any
 80 | person at least 18 years of age who is a citizen of the United
 81 | States, a permanent resident of Florida, and a resident of the
 82 | district who registers with the supervisor of elections of the
 83 | county within which the district lands are located when the
 84 | registration books are open. ~~In the month of June of each fourth~~
 85 | ~~year commencing June of 1971, there shall be held a meeting of~~
 86 | ~~the landowners of the district at the office of the district in~~
 87 | ~~Broward County for the purpose of electing three supervisors for~~
 88 | ~~said district. Notice of said landowners' meeting shall be~~
 89 | ~~published once a week for 2 consecutive weeks in a newspaper in~~
 90 | ~~Broward County that is in general circulation in the district,~~
 91 | ~~the last of said publication to be not less than 14 days nor~~
 92 | ~~more than 28 days before the date of the election. The~~
 93 | ~~landowners, when assembled at such meeting, shall organize by~~
 94 | ~~electing a chair who shall conduct the meeting. At such meeting,~~
 95 | ~~each landowner shall be entitled to cast one vote per acre of~~
 96 | ~~land owned by him or her and located within the district for~~
 97 | ~~each person to be elected. A landowner may vote in person or by~~
 98 | ~~proxy in writing. Fractions of an acre shall be treated as one~~
 99 | ~~acre, entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto.~~

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100 | ~~The three persons receiving the highest number of votes for the~~
101 | ~~office of supervisor shall be declared elected.~~

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