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2 An act relating to the Cedar Hammock Fire Control
3 District, Manatee County; amending chapter 2000-391,
4 Laws of Florida, as amended; revising boundaries;
5 providing for a five-member board; removing obsolete
6 provisions; providing for ad valorem assessments, non-
7 ad valorem assessments, and impact fees; deleting
8 schedule of non-ad valorem assessments; amending
9 chapter 93-352, Laws of Florida, as amended; removing
10 a reference to the district and the Whitfield Fire
11 Control District; providing an effective date.

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

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15 Section 1. Section 3 of chapter 2000-391, Laws of Florida,
16 as amended by chapters 2005-297 and 2007-283, Laws of Florida,
17 is amended to read:

18 Section 1. Incorporation.—All of the unincorporated lands
19 in Manatee County, as described in this act, shall be
20 incorporated into an independent special fire control district.
21 Said special fire control district shall be a public municipal
22 corporation under the name of Cedar Hammock Fire Control
23 District. The district is organized and exists for all purposes
24 set forth in this act and chapters 189 and 191, Florida
25 Statutes. The district was created by special act in 1957 and

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26 | its charter may be amended only by special act of the
 27 | Legislature.

28 | Section 2. Jurisdiction.—The lands to be incorporated
 29 | within the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District are located in
 30 | Manatee County, Florida, and are described as follows:

31 |
 32 | BEGIN AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP
 33 | 35 SOUTH, RANGE 17 EAST; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE EAST
 34 | LINES OF SECTIONS 2, 11, 14, AND 23, TOWNSHIP 35
 35 | SOUTH, RANGE 17 EAST TO A POINT ON THE CENTERLINE OF
 36 | BOWLEES CREEK; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG SAID CENTERLINE
 37 | TO THE SHORELINE OF SARASOTA BAY; THENCE MEANDERING
 38 | SAID SHORELINE IN A WESTERLY AND NORTHWESTERLY
 39 | DIRECTION TO A POINT WHERE THE SHORELINE INTERSECTS
 40 | THE WEST LINE OF RANGE 17 EAST; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE
 41 | WEST LINE OF SAID RANGE 17 EAST TO THE SHORELINE OF
 42 | PALMA SOLA BAY; THENCE MEANDER SAID SHORELINE IN A
 43 | NORTHEASTERLY, NORTHERLY AND NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION
 44 | TO A POINT WHERE THE SHORELINE INTERSECTS THE SOUTH
 45 | LINE OF TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH; THENCE EAST ALONG THE SOUTH
 46 | LINE OF SAID TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH TO THE POINT OF
 47 | BEGINNING.

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 49 | LESS:

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 51 | THOSE LANDS ANNEXED BY THE CITY OF BRADENTON AFTER

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52 ADOPTION OF CHAPTER 57-1546, LAWS OF FLORIDA.

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54 LESS:

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56 THE LANDS WITHIN TRAILER ESTATES, RECORDED IN PLAT

57 BOOK 8 AT PAGE 138, FIRST ADDITION TO TRAILER ESTATES,

58 RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9 AT PAGE 71, AND SECOND

59 ADDITION TO TRAILER ESTATES, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9

60 AT PAGE 61, ALL IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MANATEE

61 COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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63 TOGETHER WITH:

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65 BLOCK B, TRAILER ESTATES, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8 AT

66 PAGE 138, PUBLIC RECORDS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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68 TOGETHER WITH:

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70 THAT PART OF SECTIONS 23 AND 26, TOWNSHIP 35 SOUTH,

71 RANGE 17 EAST LYING SOUTH OF BOWLEES CREEK; THE WEST

72 HALF OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 35 SOUTH, RANGE 17 EAST,

73 ALL OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 35 SOUTH, RANGE 17 EAST,

74 AND THE WEST HALF OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 35 SOUTH,

75 RANGE 17 EAST, LESS ANY LANDS OWNED BY THE SARASOTA

76 MANATEE AIRPORT AUTHORITY LOCATED EASTERLY OR

77 SOUTHERLY OF THE PERIMETER FENCE OF THE AIR OPERATIONS

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78 AREA OF THE SARASOTA BRADENTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
 79 AS DESIGNATED ON THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
 80 (FAA) APPROVED AIRPORT LAYOUT PLAN, AS AMENDED FROM
 81 TIME TO TIME, PURSUANT TO 49 U.S. CODE SS.
 82 47107 (A) (16) .

83
 84 ~~Begin at SE corner of Section 35, Township 34, Range~~
 85 ~~17 East, thence South to the SE corner of the center~~
 86 ~~line of Bowlees Creek, that point being located in~~
 87 ~~Section 23, Township 34, Range 17 East; Thence~~
 88 ~~Westerly along the center line of said Bowlees Creek~~
 89 ~~to the waters of Sarasota Bay;~~

90
 91 ~~Less and excepting all the lands within Trailer~~
 92 ~~Estates Subdivisions, as shown in Plat Book 8, Pages~~
 93 ~~138, 139, 140, and 141, and in Plat Book 9, Page 61, of~~
 94 ~~the Public Records of Manatee County, Florida.~~

95
 96 ~~Thence meander the shore line of Sarasota Bay in a~~
 97 ~~Westerly and Northwesterly direction to point where~~
 98 ~~said shore line intersects the West line of Section 7,~~
 99 ~~Township 35, Range 17 East, thence North along said~~
 100 ~~section line to intersection of said section line with~~
 101 ~~Cortez Road (State Road 684), thence continue North to~~
 102 ~~the waters of Palma Sola Bay, meander the shore of~~
 103 ~~Palma Sola Bay in an easterly, Northeasterly,~~

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104 ~~Northwesterly, and Northerly direction to point where~~
 105 ~~shore line intersects the South line of Section 31,~~
 106 ~~Township 34, Range 17 East, thence East along South~~
 107 ~~line of Section 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, Township 34, Range~~
 108 ~~17 East to Point of Beginning, less those lands~~
 109 ~~annexed by the City of Bradenton after the adoption of~~
 110 ~~Chapter 57-1546, Laws of Florida.~~

111
 112 ~~Together with Block B, Trailer Estates recorded in~~
 113 ~~Plat Book 8, Page 141 of the Public Records of Manatee~~
 114 ~~County, Florida.~~

115
 116 ~~Together with all of Section 23 South of Bowles Creek,~~
 117 ~~the West 1/2 of Section 25, Township 35 South, Range~~
 118 ~~17 East, all of Section 26 South of Bowles Creek, and~~
 119 ~~all of Sections 35 and 36, Township 35 South, Range 17~~
 120 ~~East less any and all land owned by Sarasota Manatee~~
 121 ~~County Joint Airport Authority.~~

122
 123 Section 3. Merger; district authority.—The Whitfield Fire
 124 Control District, created pursuant to chapter 67-914, Laws of
 125 Florida, as amended, was ~~is~~ merged into the Cedar Hammock Fire
 126 Control District pursuant to chapter 2007-283, Laws of Florida.
 127 The Cedar Hammock Fire Control District is granted the authority
 128 to provide fire control and emergency medical services; levy and
 129 collect taxes, assessments, and fees; and administer fire rescue

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130 programs and services within the district's amended boundary
 131 pursuant to chapter 2000-391, Laws of Florida, chapter 191,
 132 Florida Statutes, and applicable laws and as approved by
 133 district electors on September 5, 2006.

134 Section 4. Governing board.—

135 ~~(1) Upon the effective date of this act, the business and~~
 136 ~~affairs of the district shall be conducted and administered by a~~
 137 ~~seven member board of fire commissioners consisting of the five~~
 138 ~~elected fire commissioners of the Cedar Hammock Fire Control~~
 139 ~~District and the elected commissioners from seats 2 and 5 of the~~
 140 ~~Whitfield Fire Control District. The term of these seven seats~~
 141 ~~shall expire upon the election of the new board of fire~~
 142 ~~commissioners on November 4, 2008, pursuant to subsection (2).~~

143 (1) ~~(2)~~ ~~Effective November 4, 2008,~~ In accordance with
 144 chapter 191, Florida Statutes, the business and affairs of the
 145 district shall be conducted and administered by a five-member
 146 board of fire commissioners elected pursuant to chapter 191,
 147 Florida Statutes, by the electors of the district in a
 148 nonpartisan election held at the time and in the manner
 149 prescribed for holding general elections in s. section
 150 189.405(2)(a), Florida Statutes. Each member of the board shall
 151 be elected for a term of 4 years and shall serve until his or
 152 her successor assumes office, ~~except that the initial term for~~
 153 ~~seats 2 and 4 shall be 2 years, with all subsequent terms being~~
 154 ~~4 years.~~

155 (2) ~~(3)~~ The office of each board member is designated as a

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156 seat on the board, distinguished from each of the other seats by
157 a numeral: 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5. Each candidate must designate, at
158 the time he or she qualifies, the seat on the board for which he
159 or she is qualifying. The name of each candidate who qualifies
160 shall be included on the ballot in a way that clearly indicates
161 the seat for which he or she is a candidate. The candidate for
162 each seat who receives the most votes shall be elected to the
163 board.

164 (3)~~(4)~~ In accordance with chapter 191, Florida Statutes,
165 each member of the board must be a qualified elector at the time
166 he or she qualifies and continually throughout his or her term.

167 (4)~~(5)~~ Each elected member shall assume office 10 days
168 following the member's election. Annually, within 60 days after
169 the newly elected members have taken office, the board shall
170 organize by electing from its members a chair, a vice chair, a
171 secretary, and a treasurer. The positions of secretary and
172 treasurer may be held by one member.

173 (5)~~(6)~~ Members of the board may each be paid a salary or
174 honorarium to be determined by at least a majority plus one vote
175 of the board, pursuant to chapter 191, Florida Statutes.

176 (6)~~(7)~~ If a vacancy occurs on the board due to the
177 resignation, death, or removal of a board member or the failure
178 of anyone to qualify for a board seat, the remaining members may
179 appoint a qualified person to fill the seat until the next
180 general election, at which time an election shall be held to
181 fill the vacancy for the remaining term, if any.

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182 ~~(7)-(8)~~ The procedures for conducting district elections or
 183 referenda and for qualification of electors shall be pursuant to
 184 chapters 189 and 191, Florida Statutes.

185 ~~(8)-(9)~~ The board shall have those administrative duties
 186 set forth in this act and chapters 189 and 191, Florida
 187 Statutes, ~~as they may be amended from time to time.~~

188 Section 5. Ad valorem taxation.—The board shall continue
 189 to have the right, power, and authority to levy annually an ad
 190 valorem tax against the taxable real estate within the district
 191 to provide funds for the purposes of the district in an amount
 192 not to exceed 3.75 mills, as approved by district electors by
 193 referendum in September 2002 and September 2006. The district
 194 shall levy and collect ad valorem taxes in accordance with
 195 applicable general law, including chapter 200, Florida Statutes.

196 ~~Section 6.5.~~ Authority to levy non-ad valorem
 197 assessments.—Said district shall have the right, power, and
 198 authority to levy non-ad valorem assessments as defined in s.
 199 ~~section~~ 197.3632, Florida Statutes, against the taxable real
 200 estate lying within its territorial bounds in order to provide
 201 funds for the purpose of the district. The rate of such
 202 assessments shall be fixed annually by a resolution of the board
 203 of commissioners after the conduct of a public hearing. Such
 204 non-ad valorem assessments may be imposed, collected, and
 205 enforced pursuant to the provisions of ss. ~~sections~~ 197.363-
 206 197.3635, Florida Statutes.

207 Section 7. Non-ad valorem assessments.—The non-ad valorem

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208 assessment rates that the district currently charges pursuant to
209 Cedar Hammock Fire Control District Resolution 2014-07, adopted
210 September 10, 2014, are hereby confirmed. In accordance with s.
211 191.009, Florida Statutes, the district shall continue to have
212 the right, power, and authority to levy non-ad valorem
213 assessments as defined in s. 197.3632, Florida Statutes, against
214 the taxable real estate lying within its territorial bounds in
215 order to provide funds for the purpose of the district. Non-ad
216 valorem assessments shall be imposed, collected, and enforced
217 pursuant to s. 191.011, Florida Statutes. The rate of such
218 assessments shall be fixed annually by a resolution of the board
219 of commissioners after conducting a public hearing.
220 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the board may amend its
221 assessment rates in accordance with s. 191.009, Florida
222 Statutes. The methods for assessing and collecting non-ad
223 valorem assessments shall be in the manner set forth in this act
224 or chapter 170, chapter 189, chapter 191, or chapter 197,
225 Florida Statutes. The district is authorized to levy and enforce
226 non-ad valorem assessments in accordance with chapters 170, 189,
227 191, and 197, Florida Statutes.

228 ~~Section 6. Schedule of non-ad valorem assessments. The~~
229 ~~assessment procedures and amounts, as set forth herein,~~
230 ~~represent the manner to be followed and the maximum allowable~~
231 ~~rates that may be charged by the district. For assessment~~
232 ~~purposes, all property within the district shall be divided into~~
233 ~~three general classifications: vacant parcels, residential~~

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234 ~~parcels, and commercial/industrial parcels.~~

235 ~~(1) Vacant parcels shall include all parcels that are~~
 236 ~~essentially undeveloped and are usually classified by the~~
 237 ~~property appraiser as use code types 0000, 1000, 4000, 9900, and~~
 238 ~~5000 through 6900. The maximum annual assessment for these~~
 239 ~~parcels shall be:~~

240 ~~(a) Vacant platted lot (use code 0000), \$6 per lot.~~

241 ~~(b) Unsubdivided acreage (use codes 5000 through 6900 and~~
 242 ~~9900), \$6 per acre or fraction thereof, except that not more~~
 243 ~~than \$2,000 shall be assessed against any one parcel.~~

244 ~~(c) Vacant commercial and industrial (use codes 1000 and~~
 245 ~~4000) shall be assessed as a platted lot or unsubdivided~~
 246 ~~acreage, as applicable.~~

247
 248 ~~Whenever a residential unit is located on a parcel defined~~
 249 ~~herein as vacant, the residential plot shall be considered as~~
 250 ~~one lot or one acre, with the balance of the parcel being~~
 251 ~~assessed as vacant land in accordance with the schedule herein.~~
 252 ~~Whenever an agricultural or commercial building or structure is~~
 253 ~~located on a parcel defined herein as vacant, the building or~~
 254 ~~structure shall be assessed in accordance with the schedule of~~
 255 ~~commercial/industrial assessments.~~

256 ~~(2) Residential parcels shall include all parcels that are~~
 257 ~~developed for residential purposes and are usually classified by~~
 258 ~~the property appraiser as use code types 0100 through 0800 and~~
 259 ~~2800. All residential parcels shall be assessed by the number~~

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260 ~~and size of dwelling units per parcel. Surcharges may be~~
 261 ~~assigned by the district for dwelling units located on the third~~
 262 ~~or higher floors. The maximum annual assessment for these~~
 263 ~~parcels shall be:~~

264 ~~(a) Single family residential (use code 0100) shall be~~
 265 ~~assessed on a square footage basis for all dwelling units in~~
 266 ~~accordance with the following. The base assessment for all~~
 267 ~~dwellings shall be \$85 for the first 1,000 square feet in the~~
 268 ~~dwelling unit. All square footage above 1,000 square feet shall~~
 269 ~~be charged at a rate of \$0.00 per square foot.~~

270 ~~(b) Condominia residential (use code 0400) shall be~~
 271 ~~assessed as follows:~~

272 ~~(i) Units located on the first, second, and third floors,~~
 273 ~~\$85 per dwelling unit;~~

274 ~~(ii) Units located on the fourth and fifth floors, \$109~~
 275 ~~per dwelling unit;~~

276 ~~(iii) Units located on a floor above a fifth floor, \$117~~
 277 ~~per dwelling unit.~~

278 ~~(c) Mobile homes (use code 0200) shall be assessed \$85 per~~
 279 ~~dwelling unit.~~

280 ~~(d) Multifamily residential (use codes 0300 and 0800),~~
 281 ~~cooperatives (use code 0500), retirement homes (use code 0600),~~
 282 ~~and miscellaneous residential uses (use code 0700) shall be~~
 283 ~~assessed as follows:~~

284 ~~(i) Units located on the first, second, and third floors,~~
 285 ~~\$85 per dwelling unit;~~

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286 ~~(ii) Units located on the fourth and fifth floors, \$109~~
 287 ~~per dwelling unit;~~
 288 ~~(iii) Units located on a floor above a fifth floor, \$117~~
 289 ~~per dwelling unit.~~
 290 ~~(c) Any other residential unit, including, but not limited~~
 291 ~~to, the residential portions of mixed uses (use code 1200) and~~
 292 ~~mobile home or travel trailer parks (use code 2800), shall be~~
 293 ~~assessed \$85 per dwelling unit or available rental space, as~~
 294 ~~applicable.~~
 295 ~~(3) Commercial/industrial parcels shall include all other~~
 296 ~~developed parcels that are not included in the residential~~
 297 ~~category as defined above. All commercial/industrial parcels~~
 298 ~~shall be assessed on a square footage basis for all buildings~~
 299 ~~and structures in accordance with the following schedule and~~
 300 ~~hazard classification. The district may or may not vary the~~
 301 ~~assessment by hazard classifications as set forth herein. The~~
 302 ~~base assessment for all buildings and structures shall be \$150~~
 303 ~~for the first 1,000 square feet on a parcel. The schedule for~~
 304 ~~all square footage above 1,000 square feet is as follows. The~~
 305 ~~district may grant an improved hazard rating to all or part of~~
 306 ~~the buildings and structures if they are equipped with complete~~
 307 ~~internal fire suppression facilities.~~

Category	Use Codes	Square Foot Assessment
Mercantile (M)	1100, 1200, 1300,	\$0.050 per sq. ft.

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309	Business (B)	1400, 1500, 1600, and 2900	\$0.078 per sq. ft.
310	Assembly (A)	1700, 1800, 1900, 2200, 2300, 2400, 2500, 2600, 3000, and 3600	\$0.061 per sq. ft.
311	Factory/ Industrial (F)	4100, 4400, 4500, 4600, 4700, and 9100	\$0.023 per sq. ft.
312	Storage (S)	2000, 2700, 2800, and 4900	\$0.076 per sq. ft.
313	Hazardous (H)	4200, 4300, and 4800	\$0.102 per sq. ft.
314	Institutional (I)	7000, 7300, 7400,	\$0.030 per sq. ft.

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~~7500, and 7800~~

315 ~~Whenever a parcel is used for multiple hazard classifications,~~
 316 ~~the district may vary the assessment in accordance with actual~~
 317 ~~categories. The board of commissioners shall have the authority~~
 318 ~~to further define these use code numbers subject to information~~
 319 ~~received from the property appraiser's office.~~

320 Section 8.7. Impact fees.—

321 (1) (a) It is hereby found and determined that the district
 322 is located in one of the fastest growing areas of Manatee County
 323 which is itself experiencing one of the highest growth rates in
 324 the nation. New construction and resulting population growth
 325 have placed a strain upon the capabilities of the district to
 326 continue providing the high level of professional fire
 327 protection and emergency service for which the residents of the
 328 district pay and which they deserve.

329 (b) It is hereby declared that the cost of new facilities
 330 upon fire protection and emergency service should be borne by
 331 new users of the district's services to the extent new
 332 construction requires new facilities, but only to that extent.
 333 It is the legislative intent of this section to transfer to the
 334 new users of the district's fire protection and emergency
 335 services a fair share of the costs that new users impose on the
 336 district for new facilities.

337 (c) It is hereby declared that the amounts of the impact
 338 fees provided for in this section are just, reasonable, and
 339 equitable.

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340 (2) No person shall issue or obtain a building permit for
 341 new residential dwelling units or new commercial or industrial
 342 structures within the district, or issue or obtain construction
 343 plan approval for new recreational or travel trailer park
 344 developments located within the district, until the developer
 345 thereof shall have paid the applicable impact fee to the
 346 district according to a schedule determined by the board
 347 pursuant to general law as follows: ~~each new residential~~
 348 ~~dwelling unit, \$100 per unit; new commercial or industrial~~
 349 ~~structures, \$200 for the first 5,000 square feet of gross floor~~
 350 ~~area and \$0.05 per square foot thereafter; new recreational or~~
 351 ~~travel trailer park developments, \$25 per lot or permitted~~
 352 ~~space.~~

353 ~~(3) The impact fees collected by the district pursuant to~~
 354 ~~this section shall be kept as a separate fund from other~~
 355 ~~revenues of the district and shall be used exclusively for the~~
 356 ~~acquisition, purchase, or construction of new facilities or~~
 357 ~~portions thereof required to provide fire protection and~~
 358 ~~emergency service to new construction. "New facilities" means~~
 359 ~~land, buildings, and capital equipment, including, but not~~
 360 ~~limited to, fire and emergency vehicles and radiotelemetry~~
 361 ~~equipment. The fees shall not be used for the acquisition,~~
 362 ~~purchase, or construction of facilities which must be obtained~~
 363 ~~in any event, regardless of growth within the district. The~~
 364 ~~board of fire commissioners shall maintain adequate records to~~
 365 ~~ensure that impact fees are expended only for permissible new~~

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366 ~~facilities.~~

367 (3) Section 8. Other district powers, functions, and
368 duties. By referendum dated August 31, 2004, the district's
369 electors authorized the district's increase of impact fees
370 relating to new construction. The board shall establish a
371 schedule of impact fees in compliance with any standards set by
372 general law, including ss. 163.31801 and 191.009, Florida
373 Statutes, for new construction to pay for the cost of new
374 facilities and equipment, the need for which is in whole or in
375 part the result of new construction. The impact fees collected
376 by the district under this section shall be kept separate from
377 other revenues of the district and must be used exclusively to
378 acquire, purchase, or construct new facilities or portions
379 thereof needed to provide fire protection and emergency services
380 to new construction. As used in this section, the term "new
381 facilities" means land, buildings, and capital equipment,
382 including, but not limited to, fire and emergency vehicles,
383 radiotelemetry equipment, and other firefighting or rescue
384 equipment. The board shall maintain adequate records to ensure
385 that impact fees are expended only for permissible new
386 facilities or equipment. The board may enter into agreements
387 with general purpose local governments to share in the revenues
388 from fire protection impact fees imposed by such governments.

389 Section 9. Other district powers, functions, and duties.-
390 In addition to any powers set forth in this act, the district
391 shall hold all powers, functions, and duties set forth in

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392 chapters 189, 191, and 197, Florida Statutes, ~~as they may be~~
 393 ~~amended from time to time,~~ including, but not limited to, ad
 394 valorem taxation, bond issuance, other revenue-raising
 395 capabilities, budget preparation and approval, liens and
 396 foreclosure of liens, use of tax deeds and tax certificates as
 397 appropriate for non-ad valorem assessments, and contractual
 398 agreements. The district may be financed by any method
 399 established in this act, chapter 189, Florida Statutes, ~~or~~
 400 chapter 191, Florida Statutes, or any other applicable general
 401 or special law, ~~as they may be amended from time to time.~~

402 Section 10.9. Planning.—The district's planning
 403 requirements shall be as set forth in this act, chapters 189 and
 404 191, Florida Statutes, and other applicable general or special
 405 laws, ~~as they may be amended from time to time.~~

406 Section 11.10. Boundaries.—The district's geographic
 407 boundary limitations shall be as set forth in this act.

408 Section 12.11. Officers and employees.—Requirements for
 409 financial disclosure, meeting notices, public records
 410 maintenance, and per diem expenses for officers and employees
 411 shall be as set forth in chapters 112, 119, 189, 191, and 286,
 412 Florida Statutes, ~~as they may be amended from time to time.~~

413 Section 13.12. Bonds.—The procedures and requirements
 414 governing the issuance of bonds, notes, and other evidence of
 415 indebtedness by the district shall be as set forth in this act,
 416 chapter 191, Florida Statutes, and any other applicable general
 417 or special laws, ~~as they may be amended from time to time.~~

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418 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 1 of
 419 chapter 93-352, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 94-373,
 420 Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

421 Section 1. Manatee County district boards of fire
 422 commissioners; membership.—

423 (1) (a) The business affairs of the ~~Cedar Hammock Fire~~
 424 ~~Control District~~, Parrish Fire Control District, Southern
 425 Manatee Fire and Rescue District, Trailer Estates Fire Control
 426 District, and Westside Fire Control District, ~~and Whitfield Fire~~
 427 ~~Control District~~ in Manatee County shall each be conducted and
 428 administered by a five-member board of fire commissioners that
 429 is elected by the electors of the respective district in a
 430 nonpartisan election held at the time and in the manner
 431 prescribed for holding general elections in section
 432 189.405(2) (a), Florida Statutes. Each member of a district board
 433 shall be elected for a term of 4 years and shall serve until his
 434 or her successor is chosen and qualified, except that members
 435 elected to seats 2 and 4 in the first election held after the
 436 effective date of this act shall be elected for a term of 2
 437 years.

438 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.