

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 of the  
6           Coral Springs Improvement District to be elected;  
7           providing terms of office for the board; providing  
8           requirements for candidates seeking election;  
9           authorizing the Supervisor of Elections of Broward  
10          County to conduct certain election duties; providing  
11          definitions; 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. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 5 of section  
16           3 of chapter 2004-469, Laws of Florida, are amended to read:

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

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

26 | ~~the board shall be residents of Broward County, and all members~~  
27 | ~~shall be residents of Florida. All members of the board shall be~~  
28 | ~~landowners within the district.~~

29 |       (3) (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
30 | contrary, members of the board of supervisors shall be elected  
31 | by the qualified electors of the district. Board members shall  
32 | be elected solely by the qualified electors of the district.

33 |       (b) The board shall call an election at which the members  
34 | of the board of supervisors will be elected. Such election shall  
35 | be held in conjunction with the next general election held in  
36 | November 2024. Candidates may qualify for the offices of board  
37 | of supervisors which shall be designated as seats 1, 2, and 3,  
38 | each elected at large within the district. A candidate  
39 | qualifying for election must be an elector and resident of the  
40 | district. Each board member shall be elected by the qualified  
41 | electors of the district for a term of 4 years, except that, at  
42 | the first such election, the two members elected to seats 1 and  
43 | 2 shall be elected for terms of 4 years each, and the member  
44 | elected to seat 3 shall be elected for a term of 2 years.  
45 | Thereafter, there shall be an election held every 2 years for  
46 | expiring terms and all members shall be elected for terms of 4  
47 | years each. The candidate receiving the most votes for each seat  
48 | shall be elected. All elected board members must be qualified  
49 | electors of the district. Members of the board of supervisors as  
50 | of October 1, 2023, shall serve until the certification of the

51 November 2024 general election results.

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

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

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

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

78 | (f) Subsections (4)-(8) shall apply to a board of  
 79 | supervisors elected pursuant to this subsection.

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

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

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