

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES LOCAL BILL STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 927

Mosquito Control District of Pinellas County

SPONSOR(S): Berfield

TIED BILLS:

IDEN./SIM. BILLS: SB 1916

| REFERENCE | ACTION | ANALYST | STAFF DIRECTOR |
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| 1) <u>Local Government Council</u> | <u>8 Y, 0 N</u> | <u>Smith</u> | <u>Hamby</u> |
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SUMMARY ANALYSIS

This bill abolishes the Mosquito Control District of Pinellas County, and provides for the transfer of assets and liabilities to Pinellas County.

The bill does not appear to have any impact on local and state budgets.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. HOUSE PRINCIPLES ANALYSIS:

Provide limited government/Ensure lower taxes – This bill abolishes the Mosquito Control District of Pinellas County (District). The District is authorized to impose ad valorem taxes.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Current Situation

Chapter 67-1920(4), L.O.F., designates the Board of County Commissioners as the governing body of the Pinellas Mosquito Control District. The District is governed by ch. 388, F.S., and Chapter 5E-13, Florida Administrative Code.

The District provides services through an integrated pest management program utilizing techniques such as biological control, water management projects, source reduction practices and cultural control.

The District is funded primarily by local ad valorem tax assessments. In addition, the County receives State funding which requires annual and monthly reporting on Mosquito Control Activity.

Effect of Proposed Changes

This bill repeals chapter 18792, L.O.F., 1937, and chapter 67-1920, L.O.F., and thereby abolishes the Mosquito Control District of Pinellas County on January 1, 2007, and transfers the assets and liabilities of the District to Pinellas County.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: Repeals chapter 18792, L.O.F., 1937, and chapter 67-1920, L.O.F.

Section 2: Abolishes the District; transfers the assets and liabilities of the District to Pinellas County, and provides that Pinellas County will assume the District's obligations.

Section 3: Provides an effective date of January 1, 2007.

II. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes No

IF YES, WHEN? December 30, 2005

WHERE? *Pinellas News*, St. Petersburg, Pinellas County, Florida.

B. REFERENDUM(S) REQUIRED? Yes No

IF YES, WHEN?

C. LOCAL BILL CERTIFICATION FILED? Yes, attached No

D. ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FILED? Yes, attached No

III. COMMENTS

- A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES: Not applicable.
- B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY: Not applicable.
- C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS: None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE & COMBINED BILL CHANGES

None.