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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Commissioners
FROM: Tony Gomillion, County Administrator
DATE: August 2, 2016
SUBJECT: Pace Fire Rescue District Request

DISCUSSION

Discussion of a request from Pace Fire for the inclusion of a non-binding referendum on the November 8, 2016 ballot related to the establishment of a "Legislative Fire District".

BACKGROUND

The Pace request is attached as well as the related State statute.



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July 26, 2016

Mr. Tony Gomillion
County Administrator
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Dear Mr. Gomillion:

As you may recall in 2014 then Fire Chief Donnie Wadkins approached the Board of County Commissioners about a non-binding referendum being placed on the election ballot regarding the Pace Fire Rescue District becoming an independent special district for funding purposes. The Board of County Commissioners seemed to be favorable, at that time, in allowing the referendum to be placed on the ballot. However, as you may recall Chief Wadkins did not meet the deadline set by the Supervisor of Elections Office to accommodate the changes in the ballots for those who reside with the Pace Fire Rescue District.

I have been directed by the Pace Fire Rescue Board of Directors to re-visit this venture and the possibilities of the district becoming an independent district. Therefore, I am requesting the Board of County Commissioner approve placing the following on the election ballot in the general election to be held in November as a non-binding referendum:

Creation of Independent Fire District for Pace Community

Shall an independent special district be created for the Pace Fire Rescue District to continue providing quality fire, rescue and emergency medical services for the residents of the Pace Community with the authority to levy assessments, fees, charges and a millage not to exceed 3.75 mills pursuant to Section 191.009, Florida Statutes?

If you or the Board of County Commissioners need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Robert P. Whitfield, Jr.
Fire Chief

West's Florida Statutes Annotated

Title XIII. Planning and Development (Chapters 186-191)

Chapter 191. Independent Special Fire Control Districts (Refs & Annos)

West's F.S.A. § 191.014

191.014. District creation and expansion

Effective: July 1, 2014

[Currentness](#)

- (1) New districts may be created only by the Legislature under [s. 189.031](#).

- (2) The boundaries of a district may be modified, extended, or enlarged upon approval or ratification by the Legislature.

Credits

Laws 1997, c. 97-256, § 13, eff. May 30, 1997. Amended by Laws 2012, c. 2012-16, § 2, eff. July 1, 2012; Laws 2014, c. 2014-22, § 75, eff. July 1, 2014.

West's F. S. A. § 191.014, FL ST § 191.014

Current through the 2016 Second Regular Session of the Twenty-Fourth Legislature.

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