



September 9, 2019

Andrea Knowles  
Executive Director  
Broward County Legislative Delegation  
115 South Andrews Avenue, Room 429  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

RE: Local Bill relating to Coral Springs Improvement District elections

Dear Ms. Knowles,

The City of Coral Springs is requesting that Coral Springs Improvement District ("District") have their elections administered through the Broward County Supervisor of Elections.

District is a governmental entity that gives more power to those that own more land within their district. Furthermore, the current form of elections provides for a proxy vote that we believe is not as secure as an absentee vote from the Supervisor of Elections. If enacted, this bill would amend the District's enabling legislation and require the District to conduct all future elections through the Supervisor of Elections. Such an amendment would provide for direct accountability and transparency.

Only the Florida Legislature can amend the enabling legislation of the District. Therefore, this cannot be accomplished at the local level.

The City's proposed local bill is being sponsored by Representative Dan Daley. The City's contact person is Assistant City Manager Robert Curnow with a phone number of (954) 344-1085, a mailing address of 9500 Sample Road, Coral Springs, FL 33065, and an email address of [rcurnow@coralsprings.org](mailto:rcurnow@coralsprings.org). This bill was filed as a Local Bill by Representative Kristin Jacobs during the 2018 Regular Legislative Session as HB 897 and during the 2019 Regular Legislative Session as HB 1181.

Sincerely,

Robert Curnow  
Assistant City Manager

encl(s)

cc: Coral Springs City Commission  
John Hearn, City Attorney

1 A bill to be entitled

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

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

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

12 Section 5. Board of supervisors; election; organization; terms of office; quorum; report  
13 and minutes.-

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

21 (3) (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, members of the board of  
22 supervisors shall be elected by the qualified electors of the district. Election of board members  
23 by the qualified electors shall be the exclusive method for the election of the members of the  
24 board of supervisors.

25           The board shall call an election at which the members of the board of supervisors  
26 will be elected. Such election shall be held in conjunction with the next general election held in  
27 November 2024. Candidates may qualify for the offices of board of supervisors, which shall be  
28 designated as seat 1, seat 2, and seat 3, each elected at large within the district. A candidate  
29 qualifying for election must be an elector and resident of the district. Each board member shall  
30 be elected by the qualified electors of the district for a term of 4 years, except that, at the first  
31 such election, the two members elected to seat 1 and seat 2 shall be elected for terms of 4 years  
32 each, and the member elected to seat 3 shall be elected for a term of 2 years. Thereafter, there  
33 shall be an election held every 2 years for expiring terms and all members shall be elected for  
34 terms of 4 years each. The Candidate receiving the most votes for each seat shall be elected. All  
35 election board members must be qualified electors of the district. Members of the board of  
36 supervisors as of October 1, 2023, shall serve until the certification of the November 2024  
37 general election results.

38           Elections of board members by qualified electors held pursuant to this subsection  
39 shall be nonpartisan and shall be conducted in the manner prescribed by law for holding general  
40 elections. Board members shall assume the office on the second Tuesday following their  
41 election.

42           Candidates seeking election to the board by qualified electors under this  
43 subsection shall conduct their campaigns in assessment or, as an alternative, shall file a petition  
44 signed by not less than 1 percent of the qualified electors of the district, and take the oath  
45 required in section 99.021, Florida Statutes, with the Supervisor of Elections of Broward County.  
46 The amount of the filing fee is 3 percent of the annual salary of the office. The amount of the  
47 election assessment is 1 percent of the annual salary of the office. The filing fee and election  
48 assessment shall be distributed as provided in section 105.031(3), Florida Statutes.

49 (e) The Supervisor of Elections of Broward County shall appoint the inspectors and  
50 clerks of elections, prepare and furnish the ballots, designate polling places, and canvass the  
51 returns of the election of board members by qualified electors. The county canvassing board  
52 shall declare and certify the results of the election.

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

55 (g) The terms "qualified elector" and "elector" mean any person at least 18 years of  
56 age who is a citizen of the United States, a permanent resident of Florida, and a resident of the  
57 district who registers with the supervisor of elections of the county within which the district  
58 lands are located when the registration books are open. In the fourth of June of each fourth year  
59 commencing June of 1971, there shall be held a meeting of the landowners of the district at the  
60 office of the district in Broward County for the purpose of electing three supervisors for said  
61 district. Notice of said landowners meeting shall be published once a week for 2 consecutive  
62 weeks in a newspaper in Broward County that is in general circulation in the district, the last of  
63 said publication to be not less than 14 days nor more than 28 days before the date of the election.  
64 The landowners, when assembled at such meeting, shall organize by electing a chair who shall  
65 conduct the meeting. At such meeting, each landowner shall be entitled to cast one vote per acre  
66 of land owned by him or her and located within the district for each person to be elected. A  
67 landowner may vote in person or by proxy in writing. Fractions of an acre shall be treated as one  
68 acre, entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. The three persons receiving the  
69 highest number of votes for the office of supervisor shall be declared elected.

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

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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
2020 ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FORM**

**\*Read all instructions carefully.\***

**House local bill policy requires that no local bill will be considered by a committee or a subcommittee without an Economic Impact Statement. This form must be prepared by an individual who is qualified to establish fiscal data and impacts and has personal knowledge of the information given (for example, a chief financial officer of a particular local government). Please file this completed, original form with the Clerk of the House as soon as possible after a bill is filed. Additional pages may be attached as necessary.**

**BILL #:**

**SPONSOR(S):**

**RELATING TO:**

[Indicate Area Affected (City, County or Special District) and Subject]

**Check if this is a revised Economic Impact Statement**

**I. REVENUES:**

These figures are new revenues that would not exist but for the passage of the bill. The term "revenue" contemplates, but is not limited to, taxes, fees and special assessments. For example, license plate fees may be a revenue source. If the bill will add or remove property or individuals from the tax base, include this information as well.

	<u>FY 20-21</u>	<u>FY 21-22</u>
Revenue decrease due to bill:	\$ <input style="width: 80px;" type="text" value="N/A"/>	\$ <input style="width: 80px;" type="text" value="N/A"/>
Revenue increase due to bill:	\$ <input style="width: 80px;" type="text" value="N/A"/>	\$ <input style="width: 80px;" type="text" value="N/A"/>

**II. COST:**

Include all costs, both direct and indirect, including start-up costs. If the bill repeals the existence of a certain entity, state the related costs, such as satisfying liabilities and distributing assets.

Expenditures for Implementation, Administration and Enforcement:

	<u>FY 20-21</u>	<u>FY 21-22</u>
	\$ <input style="width: 80px;" type="text" value="N/A"/>	\$ <input style="width: 80px;" type="text" value="N/A"/>

Please include explanations and calculations regarding how each dollar figure was determined in reaching total cost.

The estimated fiscal impact of this local bill would be \$14,300 every other year, beginning in FY 2024-25. Costs include the estimated amount payable to the Broward county Supervisor of Elections for a November general election every other year. Estimate based on amount paid by Coral Springs in the 2016 election- which was \$43,899 for 34 precincts, or approximately \$1,300 per precinct. Coral Springs Improvement District has 11 voting precincts.

**III. FUNDING SOURCE(S):**

State the specific sources from which funding will be received, for example, license plate fees, state funds, borrowed funds, or special assessments.

If certain funding changes are anticipated to occur beyond the following two fiscal years, explain the change and at what rate taxes, fees or assessments will be collected in those years.

	<u>FY 20-21</u>	<u>FY 21-22</u>
Local:	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
State:	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Federal:	\$ N/A	\$ N/A

**IV. ECONOMIC IMPACT:**

Potential Advantages:

Include all possible outcomes linked to the bill, such as increased efficiencies, and positive or negative changes to tax revenue. If an act is being repealed or an entity dissolved, include the increased or decreased efficiencies caused thereby.

Include specific figures for anticipated job growth.

1. Advantages to Individuals:	Allows for direct election of governing board by residents of the district, vs. the current proxy voting system
2. Advantages to Businesses:	N/A
3. Advantages to Government:	Provides accountability and transparency to residents of the district.

Potential Disadvantages:

Include all possible outcomes linked to the bill, such as inefficiencies, shortages, or market changes anticipated.

Include reduced business opportunities, such as reduced access to capital or training.

State any decreases in tax revenue as a result of the bill.

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| 1. Disadvantages to Individuals: | N/A |
| 2. Disadvantages to Businesses:  | N/A |
| 3. Disadvantages to Government:  | N/A |

**V. DESCRIBE THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF THE BILL ON PRESENT GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES:**

No impact on services

**VI. SPECIFIC DATA USED IN REACHING ESTIMATES:**

Include the type(s) and source(s) of data used, percentages, dollar figures, all assumptions made, history of the industry/issue affected by the bill, and any audits.

Broward County Supervisor of Elections precinct maps and 2016 election invoices.

**VII. CERTIFICATION BY PREPARER**

I hereby certify I am qualified to establish fiscal data and impacts and have personal knowledge of the information given. I have reviewed all available financial information applicable to the substance of the above-stated local bill and confirm the foregoing Economic Impact Statement is a true and accurate estimate of the economic impact of the bill.



PREPARED BY:

[Must be signed by Preparer]

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09/09/2019

Date

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