

1 **GREATER SEMINOLE AREA SPECIAL RECREATION DISTRICT**

2 an independent special district

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4 **A Re-Codification of Chapter 80-584, LAWS OF FLORIDA, As Amended by**
5 **Chapters 84-516, 86-445 and 88-445, Laws of Florida, Pursuant to**
6 **Chapter 97-255, Laws of Florida, Regarding the Uniform Special**
7 **District Accountability Act, including a new provision to provide**
8 **for removal from office for Commissioners who miss more than 50% of**
9 **the meetings in any one fiscal year.**

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11 *italics* are drafting notes regarding history of the section

12 ~~Strike outs~~ are deletions from the current law as amended

13 Underlined is new wording without substantive change

14 **bold underline** is new substantive provision

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16 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA:**

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18 **SECTION 1.** ~~Upon the filing with the Clerk of the Board of~~
19 ~~County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, of a certificate~~
20 ~~by the Clerk of the Canvassing Board of Pinellas County, Florida,~~
21 ~~that a majority of the voters of said district voting at a special~~
22 ~~election having approved this act,~~ All of the lands hereinafter
23 described shall become and are hereby created as part of an
24 independent special recreational district, ~~which shall become~~ a
25 public corporation, having the powers and duties herein set forth
26 under the name of the Greater Seminole Area Special Recreation
27 District. The land so to be incorporated being described as
28 follows:

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30 All lands and territory lying within the
31 boundaries as set forth below:

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33 From a point at the intersection of the center
34 lines of County Road 595A, a/k/a 113th Street N.
35 and Duhme Road, and Florida 694, a/k/a
36 Walsingham Road, as a POB (point of beginning);
37 run westerly along said center line of Florida
38 694, a/k/a Walsingham Road, to the center line
39 of Boca Ciega Bay; thence run south and
40 southeasterly along a said center line of Boca
41 Ciega Bay to a point where, if extended, the
42 center line of 54th Avenue N. would intersect
43 with the center line of Boca Ciega Bay; thence
44 run easterly to a point where, if extended, the
45 center line of 54th Avenue North would intersect
46 with the center line of Long Bayou; thence run
47 northwesterly and north along the center line of
48 Long Bayou and Lake Seminole to a point where,
49 if extended, the center line of 122nd Avenue
50 North would intersect with the center line of
51 Lake Seminole; thence westerly along the center

1 line of 122nd Avenue North until its
2 intersection with the center line of County Road
3 595A, a/k/a 113th Street North and Duhme Road;
4 thence southerly along the center line of County
5 Road 595A, a/k/a 113th Street North and Duhme
6 Road, to the POB where the center line of County
7 Road 595A, a/k/a 113th Street North and Duhme
8 Road, intersects with the center line of Florida
9 694, a/k/a Walsingham Road, all in Pinellas
10 County, Florida. However, any portion of the
11 current boundaries of the City of Largo are
12 excluded.

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14 *Ch 80-584, amm by Ch 84-516*

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16 **SECTION 2.** The business and affairs of said district shall be
17 conducted and administered by a board of seven commissioners who,
18 upon their election and qualification, shall serve for a period of 4
19 years.

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21 *Ch 80-584, amm by Ch 86-445*

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23 **SECTION 3.** Said seven commissioners shall serve for terms of 4
24 years each and shall be appointed as follows: five commissioners
25 shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas
26 County, two in 1988 and three in 1990 and every four years subsequent
27 thereto, and two commissioners shall be appointed by the City Council
28 of the City of Seminole, one in 1988 and one in 1990, and every four
29 years subsequent thereto. Any commissioner may be appointed to
30 succeed ~~himself~~ or herself. All commissioners shall be registered
31 voters residing within the district and shall have resided within the
32 district for at least one year prior to appointment. If any
33 Commissioner shall cease to reside anywhere within the district, or
34 fails to attend at least 50% of the duly called commissioners'
35 meetings in any one fiscal year, his or her office shall be declared
36 vacant and he or she shall be disqualified from further service. The
37 appropriate appointing entity shall within 60 days of such vacancy
38 appoint a successor to fill any unexpired term in the office of any
39 commissioner.

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41 *Ch 80-584, amm by Ch 86-445*

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43 **SECTION 4.** The district, by and through its commissioners, may
44 enter into a management contract with any association or organization
45 whose programs are intended to serve the recreational needs of
46 residents of the district.

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48 *Ch 80-584, amm by Ch 88-445*

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50 **SECTION 5.** ~~Subject~~ Pursuant to referendum approval by the voters
51 of said district, said district ~~shall have had~~ the right, power and
52 authority to levy ad valorem taxes not to exceed one-half mill
53 against the taxable real estate situated in said district. Said levy
54 ~~shall be~~ was for 3 years only. Property taxes determined and levied

1 under this section ~~shall be~~ were certified to the County Property
2 Appraiser and extended, assessed and collected in like manner as
3 provided by law for regular property taxes for the county and
4 municipalities. The proceeds under this section ~~shall be~~ were
5 remitted by the County Tax Collector to the board of commissioners of
6 said district for use in accomplishing the purposes of this act.

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8 *Ch 80-584, amm by NONE*
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10 **SECTION 6.** The district may acquire, hold title to, divest itself
11 of, and lease real and personal property within, adjacent to, or
12 contiguous to the district.

13
14 *Ch 80-584, amm by Ch 88-445*
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16 **SECTION 7.** ~~The primary purpose of the funds derived from the tax~~
17 ~~provided in this act is for the construction of a multipurpose~~
18 ~~community recreation center on real property currently owned by the~~
19 ~~district and further described as Parcel No. 606, Pinellas Farms,~~
20 ~~located in the south ½, 21-30-15, Pinellas County, Florida, and~~
21 ~~further described as follows:~~ The funds derived from the tax
22 provided herein were used for the purchase of that parcel of real
23 property owned by the Board of Public Instruction of Pinellas County,
24 Florida, and leased by the Seminole Youth Athletic Association or its
25 successor and further described as Parcel No. 606, Pinellas Farms,
26 located in the south ½, 21-30-15, Pinellas County, Florida, and
27 further described as follows:

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29 The South ½ of the northeast 1/4 of southwest 1/4 of
30 Section 21, Township 30 South, Range 15 East, less the east
31 sixty (60) feet thereof conveyed to Tampa and Gulf Coast
32 Railroad Company for railroad right-of-way, Pinellas
33 County, Florida
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35 *Ch 80-584, amm by Ch 88-445*
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37 ~~**SECTION 8.** If the district is unable to construct a multipurpose~~
38 ~~community recreation center on the parcel of real estate described in~~
39 ~~Section 7, the district may expend the funds collected by the tax for~~
40 ~~the acquisition, by purchase, lease, or otherwise, of land for the~~
41 ~~construction of a multipurpose community recreation center thereon,~~
42 ~~together with the costs of construction thereof.~~

43
44 *Ch 80-584, amm by Ch 88-445*
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46 **SECTION 98.** The proceeds of said tax and the funds of said
47 district shall be deposited in the name of the district in a bank
48 authorized to receive deposits of County funds, which bank shall be
49 designated by a resolution of the board of commissioners. Such
50 designation of such bank and deposit of funds therein shall be by the
51 exercise of due care and diligence on the part of said commissioners
52 for the safekeeping of funds. No funds of the district shall be paid
53 out or disbursed save and except by check. The board of
54 commissioners, as mentioned above, shall not have ~~the~~ any power and

1 authority to borrow money for the purposes of the district. ~~not to~~
2 ~~exceed 50 percent of the total assessment roll and to pledge for the~~
3 ~~payment thereof collections on said roll and give tax anticipation~~
4 ~~notes, which shall be the sole security for such loan; and neither~~
5 ~~the said district nor the Commissioners nor any of them shall be~~
6 ~~personally or individually liable as such for said loan or any part~~
7 ~~thereof, and in the event of such pledge, it shall be the duty of the~~
8 ~~Commissioners, upon collection of the assessment roll so pledged, to~~
9 ~~apply the first proceeds thereof to the payment of such loan for~~
10 ~~which such tax was pledged until full payment of said loan.~~

11
12 *Ch 80-584, amm by Ch 88-445*

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14 **SECTION 109.** All funds derived from the tax described herein
15 shall be used, ~~except as provided for in Section 8,~~ solely for the
16 purchase of that parcel of real estate described in Section 7,
17 including any legal or other expenses incident thereto. ~~In the event~~
18 ~~that there should be a surplus of funds after the purchase of said~~
19 ~~parcel of land, no funds of said district~~ shall not be used for any
20 purposes other than the administration of the affairs and business of
21 said district, including the construction, care, maintenance, upkeep
22 and operation of any recreational land and facilities as the board
23 may determine to be in the best interest of the district. The board
24 of commissioners shall not influence the finances of any existing
25 recreational organization or association.

26
27 *Ch 80-584, amm by NONE*

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29 **SECTION 110.** The board shall handle duties usually pertaining
30 to, vested in and encumbered upon like officers. A record shall be
31 kept of all meetings of said board, and in such meetings the
32 concurrence of a majority of said board members shall be necessary to
33 any affirmative action by said board. The board may adopt such rules
34 and regulations as it may deem necessary in and about the transaction
35 of its business and in carrying out the provisions of this act.

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37 *Ch 80-584, amm by NONE*

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39 **SECTION 1211.** The special recreation district shall exist until
40 dissolved by law.

41
42 *Ch 80-584, amm by Ch 88-445*

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44 **SECTION 1312.** The word "district" shall mean the special
45 recreation district hereby organized, and the words "board" and
46 "board of commissioners" shall mean the board of commissioners of and
47 for the special recreation district hereby created when used in this
48 act, unless otherwise specified.

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50 *Ch 80-584, amm by Ch 88-445*

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52 **SECTION 1413.** The provisions of this Act shall be liberally
53 construed to effect the business of this Act.

1 Ch 80-584, amm by NONE

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3 **SECTION 1514.** This act shall repeal all existing provisions of
4 Chapter 80-584, Laws of Florida, as Amended by Chapters 84-516, 86-
5 445 and 88-445 take effect only upon its approval by a majority vote
6 of those qualified electors of the Seminole Special Recreation
7 District voting in a referendum election to be held on October 7,
8 1980, in accordance with the provisions of law relating to elections
9 currently in force in Pinellas County, except that this section and
10 shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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12 Ch 80-584, amm by NONE

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14 ~~**SECTION 16.** Upon the expiration of the current terms of three~~
15 ~~commissioners in November 1986, the Board of County Commissioners of~~
16 ~~Pinellas County shall appoint two commissioners for 4-year terms and~~
17 ~~the City Council of the City of Seminole shall appoint one~~
18 ~~commissioner for a 2-year term. Upon the expiration of the current~~
19 ~~terms of two commissioners in November 1988, the County Commissioners~~
20 ~~of Pinellas County shall appoint two commissioners for 4-year terms.~~
21 ~~The two commissioners added to the board by this act shall be added~~
22 ~~one by appointment by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas~~
23 ~~County for a 4-year term, and one by the City Council of the City of~~
24 ~~Seminole for a 2-year term, both appointments to be made no later~~
25 ~~than January 1, 1987.~~

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27 Added by Ch 86-445

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31 CERTIFICATION:

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33 The undersigned, as Staff Counsel for the Greater Seminole Area
34 Special Recreation District does hereby certify that this re-
35 codification does not alter the boundaries of the special district,
36 which were once amended to add territory (compare the original
37 Section 1 in Chapter 80-584 as amended by Chapter 80-516, Laws of
38 Florida), and it does not require a referendum vote before it can
39 become effective.
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