

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 2983

**WHEREAS**, the Bay County Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") requests that the Supervisor of Elections place a question on the Primary Election Ballot, as required by Chapter 196, Florida Statutes, which asks the voters of Bay County the following question:

Shall the Board of County Commissioners of this county be authorized to grant, pursuant to Section 3, Article VII of the State Constitution, property tax exemptions to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses?

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>
NO	<input type="checkbox"/>

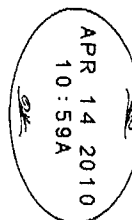
**WHEREAS**, Section 196.1995(2), Florida Statutes, states that the ballot question shall be in substantially the form as set forth above; and ,

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to clarify the purpose of the exemption by adding language to the ballot question which defines the purposes for the grant of the exemption, but which does not substantially change the ballot question;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Bay County Board of County Commissioners that:

1. The Board requests that the Supervisor of Elections place a question on the Primary Election Ballot, as required by Chapter 196, Florida Statutes, which asks the voters of Bay County the following question:

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Shall the Board of County Commissioners of this county continue to be authorized to grant, pursuant to Section 3, Article VII of the State Constitution, property tax exemptions to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses to establish new jobs?

YES	
NO	

2. The Board finds that the addition of the language "to establish new jobs" and "to continue" is substantially the same form as the language in Section 196.1995(2) Florida Statutes and serves only to clarify the intended purpose of the grant for ad valorem tax exemption. The language "to establish new jobs" is substantially similar to the language used to define "New business" in Section 196.012(15) and (16) Florida Statutes. The language "to continue" serves to clarify that the exemption is not a new exemption it has been authorized since the state constitution was amended by the voters in 1980.

**DONE AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Bay County, Florida, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010.

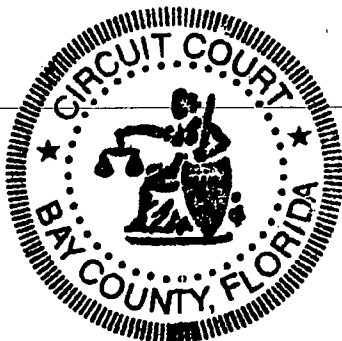


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: William T. Dozier  
William T. Dozier, Chairman

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Bill Kinsaul  
Bill Kinsaul, Clerk  
By: Kim Ladgus  
Deputy Clerk

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Office of County Attorney

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