DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

To expedite the production of this draft, we have made some assumptions concerning your intent that may not be accurate. Please note the following and let us know if you desire any changes:

1. Under this draft, the nomination paper signature requirement under 8.10 (3) (L) applies to a candidate for member of the board of directors of a local park and recreation district. In order to qualify for nomination, the candidate's nomination papers must contain at least 20 but not more than 100 signatures.

2. Under this draft, the contribution limits under s. 11.26 (1) (d) and (2) (e), stats., apply to a candidacy for member of the board of directors of a local park and recreation district. These contribution limits currently apply to campaigns for local office generally. In addition, under the draft, the disbursement (expenditure) limit under s. 11.31 (1) (h), stats., will apply if a candidate for board member voluntarily agrees to abide by the limit. This disbursement limit currently applies to any candidate for local office in a jurisdiction or from a district with a population of less than 500,000, if the candidate voluntarily agrees to abide by the limit.

3. The draft provides a mechanism for filling vacancies, removing board members for cause, and recalling board members. Please review proposed ss. 17.27 (1f), 17.13 (3), and 9.10 (1) (a) and (b), (2) (b), and (4) (a).

4. There may be a considerable period of time between the date on which the ordinances creating a local park district are in place and the date on which the spring election is held where the initial board of directors is elected (if the board is elected). In order to allow the local park district to begin operating during this time period, this draft provides for the initial appointment of a temporary board of directors, which will serve until the initial members of the board of directors are elected at the spring election. See proposed ss. 17.27 (1f) (a) 2. and 229.861 (5) (a) 3. and (6) (a).