## Florida Senate - 2007

By the Committee on Community Affairs; and Senator Saunders

578-2535-07 1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to the South Florida Water Management District; amending s. 373.073, F.S.; 3 providing for two additional members to be 4 5 appointed to the governing board of the South б Florida Water Management District; revising the 7 residence requirements for the members of the 8 governing board; providing an effective date. 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 10 11 12 Section 1. Subsection (1) and paragraph (d) of 13 subsection (2) of section 373.073, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 14 373.073 Governing board.--15 (1)(a) The governing board of each water management 16 17 district shall be composed of 9 members who shall reside 18 within the district, except that the South Florida Water Management District and the Southwest Florida Water Management 19 District shall be composed of 11 members who shall reside 20 within their respective districts the district. Members of the 21 22 governing boards shall be appointed by the Governor, subject 23 to confirmation by the Senate at the next regular session of the Legislature, and the refusal or failure of the Senate to 24 confirm an appointment creates a vacancy in the office to 25 which the appointment was made. The term of office for a 26 27 governing board member is 4 years and commences on March 2 of 2.8 the year in which the appointment is made and terminates on 29 March 1 of the fourth calendar year of the term or may continue until a successor is appointed, but not more than 180 30 days. Terms of office of governing board members shall be 31

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1 staggered to help maintain consistency and continuity in the 2 exercise of governing board duties and to minimize disruption in district operations. 3 (b) Commencing January 1, 1999, the Governor shall 4 appoint the following number of governing board members in 5 6 each year of the Governor's 4-year term of office: 7 1. In the first year of the Governor's term of office, 8 the Governor shall appoint three members to the governing board of each district. 9 10 2. In the second year of the Governor's term of office, the Governor shall appoint three members to the 11 12 governing board of the South Florida Water Management 13 District, three members to the governing board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District, and two members 14 to the governing board of each other district. 15 3. In the third year of the Governor's term of office, 16 17 the Governor shall appoint three members to the governing board of the South Florida Water Management District, three 18 members to the governing board of the Southwest Florida Water 19 Management District, and two members to the governing board of 20 21 each other district. 22 4. In the fourth year of the Governor's term of 23 office, the Governor shall appoint two members to the governing board of each district. 2.4 25 For any governing board vacancy that occurs before the date 26 27 scheduled for the office to be filled under this paragraph, 2.8 the Governor shall appoint a person meeting residency 29 requirements of subsection (2) for a term that will expire on the date scheduled for the term of that office to terminate 30 under this subsection. In addition to the residency 31

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1 requirements for the governing boards as provided by 2 subsection (2), the Governor shall consider appointing governing board members to represent an equitable cross 3 section of regional interests and technical expertise. 4 5 (2) Membership on governing boards shall be selected б from candidates who have significant experience in one or more 7 of the following areas, including, but not limited to: 8 agriculture, the development industry, local government, 9 government-owned or privately owned water utilities, law, civil engineering, environmental science, hydrology, 10 accounting, or financial businesses. Notwithstanding the 11 12 provisions of any other general or special law to the 13 contrary, vacancies in the governing boards of the water management districts shall be filled according to the 14 following residency requirements, representing areas 15 designated by the United States Water Resources Council in 16 17 United States Geological Survey, River Basin and Hydrological Unit Map of Florida--1975, Map Series No. 72: 18 (d) South Florida Water Management District: 19 1. Two members shall reside in Dade County. 2.0 21 2. One member shall reside in Broward County. 22 3. One member shall reside in Palm Beach County. 23 One member shall reside in Lee County. 5. One member shall reside in St. Lucie County or 2.4 25 Martin County. 6.4. One member shall reside in Collier County, Lee 26 27 County, Hendry County, or Charlotte County. 2.8 7.5. One member shall reside in Glades County, Okeechobee County, Highlands County, Polk County, Orange 29 30 County, or Osceola County. 31

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1	<u>8.6.</u> Two members, appointed at large, shall reside in
2	an area consisting of St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward,
3	Dade, and Monroe Counties.
4	<u>9.</u> 7. One member, appointed at large, shall reside in
5	an area consisting of Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Hendry, Glades,
6	Osceola, Okeechobee, Polk, Highlands, and Orange Counties.
7	<u>10.8. A</u> No county <u>may not</u> <del>shall</del> have more than three
8	members on the governing board.
9	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.
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11	STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR <u>Senate Bill 1764</u>
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14	The committee substitute increases the number of governing board members for the South Florida Water Management District from 9 members to 11 members, and provides that one governing board member shall reside in Lee County, and one governing board member shall reside in either St. Lucie or Martin counties.
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