

Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability

CS/HB 975 — Archaeological Sites and Specimens

by Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee and Rep. Metz (CS/CS/SB 1188 by Appropriations Committee; Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee; and Senator Hays)

Current law prohibits unpermitted archaeological activity or the removal or alteration of any archaeological site or specimen located upon state land or within the boundaries of a designated state archaeological landmark or landmark zone.

This bill expands the lands upon which such unpermitted activities are prohibited to include lands owned by a water authority. The bill defines “water authority” to mean an independent special district created by special act whose purpose is to control and conserve freshwater resources. The term does not include water management districts.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2013.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 116-0