

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2016 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED

Committee on Community Affairs

HB 525 — Small Community Sewer Construction Assistance Act

by Rep. Beshears and others (SB 444 by Senator Montford)

The Department of Environmental Protection administers the Small Community Sewer Construction Assistance Act (Act) to assist financially disadvantaged small communities with their needs for adequate sewer facilities. A “financially disadvantaged small community” is defined in statute as a municipality that has a population of 10,000 or fewer, according to the last decennial census and a per capita annual income less than the state per capita annual income as determined by the United States Department of Commerce.

The bill expands grant eligibility to small disadvantaged communities in need of adequate sewer facilities to include counties and special districts that fall under the same population and per capita annual income parameters as currently required under the Act. Specifically, the bill includes only special districts whose public purpose includes water and sewer services, utility systems and services, or wastewater systems and services.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2016.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 111-0