

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

HB 7003 — OGSR/Water Management District Surplus Lands

by Ethics, Elections and Open Government Subcommittee and Rep. Griffitts (SB 7004 by Environment and Natural Resources Committee)

The bill amends s. 373.089(1), F.S., to save from repeal the public records exemption for written valuations of land determined by a governing board of a water management district to be surplus; related documents used to form, or which pertain to, such valuations; and written offers to purchase such surplus land. The exemption expires two weeks before the contract or agreement regarding the purchase, exchange, or disposal of the surplus land is first considered for approval by the district.

The Open Government Sunset Review Act requires the Legislature to review each public record and each public meeting exemption five years after enactment. The exemption in s. 373.089, F.S., is scheduled to repeal on October 2, 2023. This bill removes the scheduled repeal to continue the confidential and exempt status of the information.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2023, unless otherwise provided.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 113-0