

By Representative Boyd

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to water resources; amending s.  
3           259.032, F.S.; authorizing use and management  
4           of lands acquired under the Conservation and  
5           Recreation Lands Trust Fund for permissible  
6           water resource development and water supply  
7           development purposes; amending s. 259.101,  
8           F.S.; authorizing use of certain property  
9           acquired under the Florida Preservation 2000  
10          Act for such purposes; amending s. 373.0693,  
11          F.S.; correcting a cross reference; amending s.  
12          373.073, F.S.; revising procedure for  
13          appointment of members to the water management  
14          district governing boards; amending s. 373.139,  
15          F.S.; authorizing use of property owned or  
16          controlled by a water management district for  
17          permissible water resource development and  
18          water supply development purposes; amending s.  
19          373.236, F.S.; revising criteria relating to  
20          duration of consumptive use permits; providing  
21          for review and modification of certain permits;  
22          amending s. 373.507, F.S.; revising provisions  
23          relating to district and basin audits, budgets,  
24          and expense reports; requiring districts to  
25          furnish copies of documents to specified  
26          entities and to respond to comments; amending  
27          s. 373.536, F.S.; providing requirements for  
28          notice and advertisement of district budget  
29          hearings and workshops and for budget  
30          identification of administrative and operating  
31          expenses; revising requirements for submittal

1 of tentative budgets; amending s. 373.59, F.S.;  
2 deleting obsolete language; correcting a cross  
3 reference; authorizing use of interests in  
4 property acquired under the trust fund for  
5 permittable water resource development and  
6 water supply development purposes; repealing s.  
7 373.0735, F.S., relating to appointment of  
8 members to the governing board of the Southwest  
9 Florida Water Management District; providing  
10 effective dates.

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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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14 Section 1. Subsection (4) and paragraph (a) of  
15 subsection (9) of section 259.032, Florida Statutes, 1996  
16 Supplement, are amended to read:

17 259.032 Conservation and Recreation Lands Trust Fund;  
18 purpose.--

19 (4) Lands acquired under this section shall be for use  
20 as state-designated parks, recreation areas, preserves,  
21 reserves, historic or archaeological sites, geologic or  
22 botanical sites, recreational trails, forests, wilderness  
23 areas, wildlife management areas, urban open space, or other  
24 state-designated recreation or conservation lands; or they  
25 shall qualify for such state designation and use if they are  
26 to be managed by other governmental agencies or nonstate  
27 entities as provided for in this section. Lands acquired under  
28 this section may be used for permittable water resource  
29 development and water supply development purposes.

30 (9)(a) All lands managed under this section shall be:

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1           1. Managed in a manner that will provide the greatest  
2 combination of benefits to the public and to the resources.

3           2. Managed for public outdoor recreation which is  
4 compatible with the conservation and protection of public  
5 lands.

6           3. Managed for the purposes for which the lands were  
7 acquired, consistent with paragraph (11)(a).

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9 Management may include the following public uses: fishing,  
10 hunting, camping, bicycling, hiking, nature study, swimming,  
11 boating, canoeing, horseback riding, diving, birding, sailing,  
12 jogging, and other related outdoor activities. Management may  
13 also include permittable water resource development and water  
14 supply development.

15           Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section  
16 259.101, Florida Statutes, 1996 Supplement, is amended to  
17 read:

18           259.101 Florida Preservation 2000 Act.--

19           (7) ALTERNATE GOVERNMENTAL USE OF ACQUIRED LANDS.--

20           (a) The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement  
21 Trust Fund, or, in the case of water management district  
22 lands, the owning water management district, may authorize the  
23 granting of a lease, easement, or license for the use of any  
24 lands acquired pursuant to subsection (3), for any  
25 governmental use permitted by s. 17, Art. IX of the State  
26 Constitution of 1885, as adopted by s. 9(a), Art. XII of the  
27 State Constitution and which is determined by the board or the  
28 owning water management district to be compatible with the  
29 purposes for which such lands were acquired. Real property  
30 owned or controlled by the state or a water management

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1 district may be used for permittable water resource  
2 development and water supply development purposes.

3 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (8) of section  
4 373.0693, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

5 373.0693 Basins; basin boards.--

6 (8)(a) At 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 1988, the area  
7 transferred from the Southwest Florida Water Management  
8 District to the St. Johns River Water Management District by  
9 change of boundaries pursuant to chapter 76-243, Laws of  
10 Florida, shall cease to be a subdistrict or basin of the St.  
11 Johns River Water Management District known as the Oklawaha  
12 River Basin and said Oklawaha River Basin shall cease to  
13 exist. However, any recognition of an Oklawaha River Basin or  
14 an Oklawaha River Hydrologic Basin for regulatory purposes  
15 shall be unaffected. The area formerly known as the Oklawaha  
16 River Basin shall continue to be part of the St. Johns River  
17 Water Management District. There shall be established by the  
18 governing board of the St. Johns River Water Management  
19 District the Oklawaha River Basin Advisory Council to receive  
20 public input and advise the St. Johns River Water Management  
21 District's governing board on water management issues  
22 affecting the Oklawaha River Basin. The Oklawaha River Basin  
23 Advisory Council shall be appointed by action of the St. Johns  
24 River Water Management District's governing board and shall  
25 include one representative from each county which is wholly or  
26 partly included in the Oklawaha River Basin. The St. Johns  
27 River Water Management District's governing board member  
28 currently serving pursuant to s. 373.073(2)(c)3.  
29 ~~373.073(1)(b)3.c.~~, shall serve as chair of the Oklawaha River  
30 Basin Advisory Council. Members of the Oklawaha River Basin  
31 Advisory Council shall receive no compensation for their

1 services but are entitled to be reimbursed for per diem and  
2 travel expenses as provided in s. 112.061.

3 Section 4. Section 373.073, Florida Statutes, is  
4 amended to read:

5 373.073 Governing board.--

6 (1)(a) The governing board of each water management  
7 district shall be composed of 9 members who shall reside  
8 within the district, except that the Southwest Florida Water  
9 Management District shall be composed of 11 members who shall  
10 reside within the district. Members of the governing boards  
11 shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by  
12 the Senate at the next regular session of the Legislature, and  
13 the refusal or failure of the Senate to confirm an appointment  
14 creates a vacancy in the office to which the appointment was  
15 made. The term of office for a governing board member is 4  
16 years and commences on March 2 of the year in which the  
17 appointment is made and terminates on March 1 of the 4th  
18 calendar year of the term. Terms of office of governing board  
19 members shall be staggered to help maintain consistency and  
20 continuity in the exercise of governing board duties and to  
21 minimize disruption in district operations. ~~The term of~~  
22 ~~office of members of the board shall be 4 years and shall be~~  
23 ~~construed to commence on March 2 preceding the date of~~  
24 ~~appointment and to terminate March 1 of the year of the end of~~  
25 ~~a term. Members of the governing boards continued under this~~  
26 ~~chapter shall be appointed from the district at large as~~  
27 ~~vacancies occur on the governing boards. Such vacancies shall~~  
28 ~~be filled according to the residency requirements of paragraph~~  
29 ~~(b).~~

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1           (b) Commencing January 1, 1999, the Governor shall  
2 appoint the following number of governing board members in  
3 each year of the Governor's 4-year term of office:

4           1. In the first year of the Governor's term of office,  
5 the Governor shall appoint three members to the governing  
6 board of each district.

7           2. In the second year of the Governor's term of  
8 office, the Governor shall appoint three members to the  
9 governing board to the Southwest Florida Water Management  
10 District and two members to the governing board of each other  
11 district.

12           3. In the third year of the Governor's term of office,  
13 the Governor shall appoint three members to the governing  
14 board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District and  
15 two members to the governing board of each other district.

16           4. In the fourth year of the Governor's term of  
17 office, the Governor shall appoint two members to the  
18 governing board of each district.

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20 For any governing board vacancy that occurs before the date  
21 scheduled for the office to be filled under this paragraph,  
22 the Governor shall appoint a person meeting the residency  
23 requirements of subsection (2) for a term that will expire on  
24 the date scheduled for the term of that office to terminate  
25 under this subsection.

26           (2)(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other  
27 general or special law to the contrary, vacancies in the  
28 governing boards of the water management districts shall be  
29 filled according to the following residency requirements,  
30 representing areas designated by the United States Water  
31 Resources Council in United States Geological Survey, River

1 Basin and Hydrological Unit Map of Florida--1975, Map Series  
2 No. 72:

3 (a)~~1.~~ Northwest Florida Water Management District:

4 1.a. One member shall reside in the area generally  
5 designated as the "Perdido River Basin-Perdido Bay Coastal  
6 Area-Lower Conecuh River-Escambia River Basin" hydrologic  
7 units and that portion of the "Escambia Bay Coastal Area"  
8 hydrologic unit which lies west of Pensacola Bay and Escambia  
9 Bay.

10 2.b. One member shall reside in the area generally  
11 designated as the "Blackwater River Basin-Yellow River  
12 Basin-Choctawhatchee Bay Coastal Area" hydrologic units and  
13 that portion of the "Escambia Bay Coastal Area" hydrologic  
14 unit which lies east of Pensacola Bay and Escambia Bay.

15 3.e. One member shall reside in the area generally  
16 designated as the "Choctawhatchee River Basin-St. Andrews Bay  
17 Coastal Area" hydrologic units.

18 4.d. One member shall reside in the area generally  
19 designated as the "Lower Chattahoochee-Apalachicola  
20 River-Chipola River Basin-Coastal Area between Ochlockonee  
21 River Apalachicola Rivers-Apalachicola Bay coastal area and  
22 offshore islands" hydrologic units.

23 5.e. One member shall reside in the area generally  
24 designated as the "Ochlockonee River Basin-St. Marks and  
25 Wakulla Rivers and coastal area between Aucilla and  
26 Ochlockonee River Basin" hydrologic units.

27 6.f. Four members shall be appointed at large, except  
28 that no county shall have more than two members on the  
29 governing board.

30 (b)~~2.~~ Suwannee River Water Management District:  
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1           1.a. One member shall reside in the area generally  
2 designated as the "Aucilla River Basin" hydrologic unit.

3           2.b. One member shall reside in the area generally  
4 designated as the "Coastal Area between Suwannee and Aucilla  
5 Rivers" hydrologic unit.

6           3.c. One member shall reside in the area generally  
7 designated as the "Withlacoochee River Basin-Alapaha River  
8 Basin-Suwannee River Basin above the Withlacoochee River"  
9 hydrologic units.

10           4.d. One member shall reside in the area generally  
11 designated as the "Suwannee River Basin below the  
12 Withlacoochee River excluding the Santa Fe River Basin"  
13 hydrologic unit.

14           5.e. One member shall reside in the area generally  
15 designated as the "Santa Fe Basin-Waccasassa River and coastal  
16 area between Withlacoochee and Suwannee River" hydrologic  
17 units.

18           6.f. Four members shall be appointed at large, except  
19 that no county shall have more than two members on the  
20 governing board.

21           (c) ~~3.~~ St. Johns River Water Management District:

22           1.a. One member shall reside in the area generally  
23 designated as the "St. Mary River Basin-Coastal area between  
24 St. Marys and St. Johns Rivers" hydrologic units.

25           2.b. One member shall reside in the area generally  
26 designated as the "St. Johns River Basin below Oklawaha  
27 River-Coastal area between the St. Johns River and Ponce de  
28 Leon Inlet" hydrologic units.

29           3.c. One member shall reside in the area generally  
30 designated as the "Oklawaha River Basin" hydrologic unit.

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1           4.d. One member shall reside in the area generally  
2 designated as the "St. Johns River Basin above the Oklawaha  
3 River" hydrologic unit.

4           5.e. One member shall reside in the area generally  
5 designated as the "Coastal area between Ponce de Leon Inlet  
6 and Sebastian Inlet-Coastal area Sebastian Inlet to St. Lucie  
7 River" hydrologic units.

8           6.f. Four members shall be appointed at large, except  
9 that no county shall have more than two members on the  
10 governing board.

11           (d)~~4.~~ South Florida Water Management District:

12           1.a. Two members shall reside in Dade County.

13           2.b. One member shall reside in Broward County.

14           3.c. One member shall reside in Palm Beach County.

15           4.d. One member shall reside in Collier County, Lee  
16 County, Hendry County, or Charlotte County.

17           5.e. One member shall reside in Glades County,  
18 Okeechobee County, Highlands County, Polk County, Orange  
19 County, or Osceola County.

20           6.f. Two members, appointed at large, shall reside in  
21 an area consisting of St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward,  
22 Dade, and Monroe Counties.

23           7.g. One member, appointed at large, shall reside in  
24 an area consisting of Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Hendry, Glades,  
25 Osceola, Okeechobee, Polk, Highlands, and Orange Counties.

26           8.h. No county shall have more than three members on  
27 the governing board.

28           (e)~~5.~~ Southwest Florida Water Management District:

29           1.a. Two members shall reside in Hillsborough County.

30           2.b. One member shall reside in the area consisting of  
31 Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties.

- 1           ~~3.c.~~ Two members shall reside in Pinellas County.  
2           ~~4.d.~~ One member shall reside in Manatee County.  
3           ~~5.e.~~ One member shall reside in Polk County.  
4           ~~6.f.~~ One member shall reside in Pasco County.  
5           ~~7.g.~~ One member shall be appointed at large from Levy,  
6 Marion, Citrus, Sumter, Hernando, and Lake Counties.  
7           ~~8.h.~~ One member shall be appointed at large from  
8 Sarasota, Hardee, DeSoto, Charlotte, and Highlands Counties.  
9           ~~9.i.~~ One member shall be appointed at large from Levy,  
10 Marion, Citrus, Sumter, Hernando, Lake, Sarasota, Hardee,  
11 DeSoto, Charlotte, and Highlands Counties.

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13 No county described in subparagraph 7., subparagraph 8., or  
14 subparagraph 9.~~sub-subparagraphs g., h., or i.~~ shall have  
15 more than one member on the governing board.

16           ~~(2) Members of the governing boards shall be appointed~~  
17 ~~by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate at the~~  
18 ~~next regular session of the Legislature, and the refusal or~~  
19 ~~failure of the Senate to confirm an appointment shall create a~~  
20 ~~vacancy in the office to which the appointment was made.~~

21           Section 5. Subsections (2) through (7) of section  
22 373.139, Florida Statutes, 1996 Supplement, are renumbered as  
23 subsections (3) through (8), respectively, and a new  
24 subsection (2) is added to said section to read:

25           373.139 Acquisition of real property.--

26           (2) Real property owned or controlled by a water  
27 management district may be used for permittable water resource  
28 development and water supply development purposes.

29           Section 6. Section 373.236, Florida Statutes, is  
30 amended to read:

31           373.236 Duration of permits.--

1           (1) Permits which do not cause harm to the water  
2 resource shall ~~may~~ be granted for a ~~any~~ period of ~~time not~~  
3 ~~exceeding~~ 20 years, provided sufficient data is available to  
4 provide reasonable assurance that the amount of water  
5 requested will be available and the proposed use of water:

6           (a) Is a reasonable-beneficial use;

7           (b) Will not interfere with any presently existing  
8 legal use of water; and

9           (c) Is consistent with the public interest.

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11 Permits may be issued for shorter durations, or may be  
12 reviewed and modified during the term of the permit, where  
13 required by circumstances specific to the permit. The  
14 governing board or the department may base duration of permits  
15 on a reasonable system of classification according to source  
16 of supply or type of use, or both.

17           (2) The governing board or the department may  
18 authorize a permit of duration of up to 50 years in the case  
19 of a public water utility, municipality, or other governmental  
20 body or of a public works or public service corporation when  
21 that ~~where such a~~ period is required to provide for the  
22 retirement of bonds for the construction of waterworks and  
23 waste disposal facilities.

24           Section 7. Section 373.507, Florida Statutes, is  
25 amended to read:

26           373.507 Districts and basins; postaudits, budgets,  
27 ~~basins, and taxing authorities; budget and expense reports~~  
28 ~~audits.--~~

29           (1) Each district and basin referred to in this  
30 chapter must ~~shall~~ furnish a detailed copy of its budget and  
31 past year's expenditures to the Governor, the Legislature, and

1 the governing body of each county in which the ~~district or~~  
2 basin has jurisdiction or derives any funds for the operations  
3 of the ~~district or~~ basin.

4 (2) Each district and basin referred to in this  
5 chapter must, basin, and taxing authority shall make provision  
6 for an annual postaudit of its financial accounts. The  
7 postaudit must ~~These postaudits shall~~ be made in accordance  
8 with the rules of the Auditor General adopted under  
9 promulgated pursuant to ss. 166.241 and 11.47.

10 (3)(a) Each district referred to in this chapter must  
11 furnish copies of the following documents to the Governor, the  
12 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
13 Representatives, the chairs of all legislative committees and  
14 subcommittees with substantive or appropriations jurisdiction  
15 over districts, the secretary of the department, and the  
16 governing body of each county in which the district has  
17 jurisdiction or derives any funds for the operations of the  
18 district:

- 19 1. The tentative budget.
- 20 2. The adopted budget.
- 21 3. The past year's expenditures.
- 22 4. The postaudit described in subsection (2).

23 (b) The documents must be furnished by the earlier of  
24 10 days following completion of each document or as otherwise  
25 provided by law.

26 (c) If any entity in paragraph (a) provides written  
27 comments to the district regarding any document furnished, the  
28 district must respond to the comments in writing and furnish  
29 copies of the comments and written responses to the other  
30 entities.

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1           Section 8. Subsections (1) and (3), and paragraph (c)  
2 of subsection (5), of section 373.536, Florida Statutes, 1996  
3 Supplement, are amended to read:

4           373.536 District budget and hearing thereon.--

5           (1) The fiscal year of districts created under the  
6 provisions of this chapter shall extend from October 1 of one  
7 year through September 30 of the following year. The budget  
8 officer of the district shall, on or before July 15 of each  
9 year, submit for consideration by the governing board of the  
10 district a tentative budget for the district covering its  
11 proposed operation and requirements for the ensuing fiscal  
12 year. Unless alternative notice requirements are otherwise  
13 provided by law, notice of all budget hearings conducted by  
14 the governing board or district staff must be published in a  
15 newspaper of general circulation in each county in which the  
16 district lies not less than 5 days nor more than 15 days  
17 before the hearing. Budget workshops conducted for the public  
18 and not governed by s. 200.065 must be advertised in a  
19 newspaper of general circulation in the community or area in  
20 which the workshop will occur not less than 5 days nor more  
21 than 15 days before the workshop.The tentative budget shall  
22 be adopted in accordance with the provisions of s. 200.065;  
23 however, if the mailing of the notice of proposed property  
24 taxes is delayed beyond September 3 in any county in which the  
25 district lies, the district shall advertise its intention to  
26 adopt a tentative budget and millage rate, pursuant to s.  
27 200.065(3)(g), in a newspaper of general paid circulation in  
28 that county. The budget shall set forth, classified by object  
29 and purpose, and by fund if so designated, the proposed  
30 expenditures of the district for bonds or other debt, for  
31 construction, for acquisition of land, for operation and

1 maintenance of the district works, for the conduct of the  
2 affairs of the district generally, and for other purposes, to  
3 which may be added an amount to be held as a reserve. District  
4 administrative and operating expenses must be identified in  
5 the budget and allocated among district activities and  
6 programs in proportion to the time, personnel, and resources  
7 devoted to the specific activity or program.

8 (3) As provided in s. 200.065(2)(d), the board shall  
9 publish one or more notices of its intention to finally adopt  
10 a budget for the district for the ensuing fiscal year. The  
11 notice shall appear adjacent to an advertisement which shall  
12 set forth the tentative budget in full. The notice and  
13 advertisement shall be published in one or more newspapers  
14 having a combined general circulation in the counties having  
15 land in the district. Districts may include explanatory  
16 phrases and examples in budget advertisements published under  
17 s. 200.065 to clarify or illustrate the effect that the  
18 district budget may have on ad valorem taxes.

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20 (c) Each water management district shall, by August 1  
21 5 of each year, submit for review a tentative budget to the  
22 Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the  
23 House of Representatives, the chairs of all legislative  
24 committees and subcommittees with substantive or  
25 appropriations jurisdiction over water management districts,  
26 the secretary of the department, and the governing body of  
27 each county in which the district has jurisdiction or derives  
28 any funds for the operations of the district. The tentative  
29 budget, which must include ~~to the Department of Environmental~~  
30 ~~Protection, the Executive Office of the Governor, and the~~  
31 ~~chairs of the appropriations committees of the Legislature for~~

1 ~~review a tentative budget that includes~~, but is not limited  
2 to, the following information for the preceding fiscal year  
3 and the current fiscal year, and the proposed amounts for the  
4 upcoming fiscal year, in a standard format prescribed by the  
5 Executive Office of the Governor ~~department~~ which is generally  
6 consistent with the format prescribed by legislative budget  
7 instructions for state agencies and the format requirements of  
8 s. 216.031:

9           1. The millage rates and the percentage increase above  
10 the rolled-back rate, together with a summary of the reasons  
11 the increase is required, and the percentage increase in  
12 taxable value resulting from new construction;

13           2. For each program area, the salary and benefits,  
14 expenses, operating capital outlay, number of authorized  
15 positions, and other personal services;

16           3. A description of each new, expanded, reduced, or  
17 eliminated program;

18           4. A 5-year capital improvements plan; and

19           5. The funding sources, including, but not limited to,  
20 ad valorem taxes, Surface Water Improvement and Management  
21 Program funds, other state funds, federal funds, and user fees  
22 and permit fees for each program area.

23           Section 9. Subsection (1) and paragraph (a) of  
24 subsection (4) of section 373.59, Florida Statutes, 1996  
25 Supplement, are amended to read:

26           373.59 Water Management Lands Trust Fund.--

27           (1) There is established within the Department of  
28 Environmental Protection the Water Management Lands Trust Fund  
29 to be used as a nonlapsing fund for the purposes of this  
30 section. The moneys in this fund are hereby continually  
31 appropriated for the purposes of land acquisition, management,

1 maintenance, capital improvements, payments in lieu of taxes,  
2 and administration of the fund in accordance with the  
3 provisions of this section. ~~In addition, for fiscal year~~  
4 ~~1995-1996, moneys in the fund that are not revenues from the~~  
5 ~~sale of any bonds and that are not required for debt service~~  
6 ~~for any bond issue may be used to fund activities authorized~~  
7 ~~under the Surface Water Improvement and Management Act,~~  
8 ~~pursuant to ss. 373.451-373.4595, and for the control of~~  
9 ~~aquatic weeds pursuant to part II of chapter 369.~~Up to 25  
10 percent of the moneys in the fund may be allocated annually to  
11 the districts for management, maintenance, and capital  
12 improvements pursuant to subsection (8) ~~(7)~~.

13 (4)(a) Moneys from the Water Management Lands Trust  
14 Fund shall be used for acquiring the fee or other interest in  
15 lands necessary for water management, water supply, and the  
16 conservation and protection of water resources, except that  
17 such moneys shall not be used for the acquisition of  
18 rights-of-way for canals or pipelines. Such moneys shall also  
19 be used for management, maintenance, and capital improvements.  
20 Interests in real property acquired by the districts under  
21 this section may be used for permittable water resource  
22 development and water supply development purposes.Lands  
23 acquired with moneys from the fund shall be managed and  
24 maintained in an environmentally acceptable manner and, to the  
25 extent practicable, in such a way as to restore and protect  
26 their natural state and condition.

27 Section 10. Effective January 1, 1999, section  
28 373.0735, Florida Statutes, is hereby repealed.

29 Section 11. Except as otherwise provided herein, this  
30 act shall take effect July 1, 1997.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Authorizes use and management of lands acquired under the Conservation and Recreation Lands (CARL) program, use of real property acquired by the state or a water management district under the Florida Preservation 2000 Act, use of real property owned or controlled by a district, and use of interests in real property acquired under the Water Management Lands Trust Fund, for permittable water resource development and water supply development purposes. Revises procedure for appointment of members to the district governing boards, and provides a schedule of appointments beginning in 1999. Requires issuance of 20-year permits for consumptive use of water when described permit conditions are reasonably assured. Authorizes issuance of permits for shorter durations, and review and modification of permits issued. Authorizes issuance of 50-year permits for public water utilities. Revises provisions relating to district and basin audits, budgets, and expense reports, and requires districts to furnish copies of such financial documents to specified entities and to respond, in writing, to comments. Provides requirements relating to district budgets, hearings thereon, notice and advertisements thereof, and tentative budget submittals. See bill for details.