

By Senator Brown-Waite

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to water management districts;  
3           creating s. 373.0835, F.S.; creating the  
4           Independent Public Fiscal Office to provide  
5           fiscal oversight of each water management  
6           district on behalf of the people of the state;  
7           providing protection for employees of the water  
8           management districts and independent  
9           contractors; providing an effective date.

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

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13           Section 1. Section 373.0835, Florida Statutes, is  
14 created to read:15           373.0835 Independent Public Fiscal Office.--

16           (1) There is created the Independent Public Fiscal  
17 Office as part of the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee. It  
18 is the duty of the office to provide fiscal oversight of each  
19 water management district on behalf of the people of the  
20 state. The fiscal staff employed by the office shall work with  
21 the employees of the water management districts, analyze the  
22 programs and expenditures of each district, examine all  
23 internal audit reports, and make recommendations to the  
24 governing board of each district about programs and  
25 expenditures that are unnecessary or exceed the district's  
26 authority as delegated by the Legislature.

27           (2) The committee shall employ staff to work in the  
28 main administrative office of each water management district  
29 as follows:

30           (a) South Florida Water Management District, two  
31 full-time employees.

