

By Representative Bronson

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to water management; amending  
3           s. 20.02, F.S.; providing for an increase in  
4           the reference to the constitutional limitation  
5           on executive departments; creating ss. 20.44,  
6           20.45, 20.46, 20.47, 20.48, F.S.; creating the  
7           Department of Northwest Florida Water  
8           Management, the Department of Suwannee River  
9           Water Management, the Department of St. Johns  
10          River Water Management, the Department of  
11          Southwest Florida Water Management, and the  
12          Department of South Florida Water Management;  
13          providing a contingent effective date.

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

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17           Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 20.02, Florida  
18 Statutes, is amended to read:

19           20.02 Declaration of policy.--

20           (2) Within constitutional limitations, the agencies  
21 that compose the executive branch must be consolidated into no  
22 more than 30 ~~25~~ departments, exclusive of those specifically  
23 provided for or authorized in the State Constitution,  
24 consistent with executive capacity to administer effectively  
25 at all levels. The agencies in the executive branch should be  
26 integrated into one of the departments of the executive branch  
27 to achieve maximum efficiency and effectiveness as intended by  
28 s. 6, Art. IV of the State Constitution.

29           Section 2. Sections 20.44, 20.45, 20.46, 20.47, and  
30 20.48, Florida Statutes, are created to read:

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1           20.44 Department of Northwest Florida Water  
2 Management.--There is created a Department of Northwest  
3 Florida Water Management. The head of the department is the  
4 Secretary of Northwest Florida Water Management. The secretary  
5 shall be appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by  
6 the Senate. The secretary shall serve at the pleasure of the  
7 Governor.

8           20.45 Department of Suwannee River Water  
9 Management.--There is created a Department of Suwannee River  
10 Water Management. The head of the Department of Suwannee River  
11 Water Management is the Secretary of Suwannee River Water  
12 Management. The secretary shall be appointed by the Governor  
13 subject to confirmation by the Senate. The secretary shall  
14 serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

15           20.46 Department of St. Johns River Water  
16 Management.--There is created a Department of St. Johns River  
17 Water Management. The head of the Department of St. Johns  
18 River Water Management is the Secretary of St. Johns River  
19 Water Management. The secretary shall be appointed by the  
20 Governor subject to confirmation by the Senate. The secretary  
21 shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

22           20.47 Department of Southwest Florida Water  
23 Management.--There is created the Department of Southwest  
24 Florida Water Management. The head of the Department of  
25 Southwest Florida Water Management is the Secretary of  
26 Southwest Florida Water Management. The secretary shall be  
27 appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the  
28 Senate. The secretary shall serve at the pleasure of the  
29 Governor.

30           20.48 Department of South Florida Water  
31 Management.--There is created the Department of South Florida

1 Water Management. The head of the Department of South Florida  
2 Water Management is the Secretary of South Florida Water  
3 Management. The secretary shall be appointed by the Governor  
4 subject to confirmation by the Senate. The secretary shall  
5 serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

6 Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 1999,  
7 but it shall not take effect unless Section 6 of Article IV of  
8 the State Constitution is amended to increase to at least 30  
9 the maximum permissible number of executive departments which  
10 may be created by law.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Creates the Department of Northwest Florida Water Management, the Department of Suwannee River Water Management, the Department of St. Johns River Water Management, the Department of Southwest Florida Water Management, and the Department of South Florida Water Management. Contingent on the adoption of an amendment to the State Constitution.