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**DATE:** April 21, 1997

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE ON  
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS  
BILL RESEARCH & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT - LOCAL LEGISLATION**

**BILL #:** HB 2015

**RELATING TO:** Cedar Key Special Water and Sewerage District (Levy County)

**SPONSOR(S):** Representative Boyd

**COMPANION BILL(S):** None

**ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:**

- (1) COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
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**I. SUMMARY:**

This bill amends the boundaries of the Cedar Key Special Water and Sewerage District.

According to the Economic Impact Statement, certain property owners are subjected to an ad valorem tax imposed by the District for which they receive no benefit or services from the District. Redesignation of the District boundaries will assist the District in better meeting a wider percentage of users within the District area. It will also cause the District to lose approximately \$3,232.00 in ad valorem taxes, and decrease District boundaries by approximately 16,000 acres.

II. SUBSTANTIVE RESEARCH:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

The Cedar Key Special Water and Sewerage District (District) is an independent special district created by special act chapter 63-1569, Laws of Florida, as a public body corporate and political subdivision in Levy County. It is governed by three commissioners (Board) who serve staggered terms and are appointed by the Governor. The District, through its Board, has all of the powers of a public body corporate and political subdivision, including the authority to levy ad valorem taxes, and issue bonds.

Currently, certain property owners are subjected to an ad valorem tax imposed by the District for which they receive no benefit or services from the District.

Existing District boundaries encompass approximately 27,420 acres.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Redesignation of the District boundaries will assist the District in meeting a wider percentage of users within the District area. It will also cause the District to lose approximately \$3,232.00 in ad valorem taxes.

The bill will decrease District boundaries by approximately 16,000 acres.

C. LAWS OF FLORIDA/FLORIDA STATUTES AFFECTED:

Chapter 63-1569, Laws of Florida.

D. APPLICATION OF PRINCIPLES:

1. Less Government:

a. Does the bill create, increase or reduce, either directly or indirectly:

(1) any authority to make rules or adjudicate disputes?

No.

(2) any new responsibilities, obligations or work for other governmental or private organizations or individuals?

No.

(3) any entitlement to a government service or benefit?

No.

- b. If an agency or program is eliminated or reduced:

Not applicable.

(1) what responsibilities, costs and powers are passed on to another program, agency, level of government, or private entity?

(2) what is the cost of such responsibility at the new level/agency?

(3) how is the new agency accountable to the people governed?

2. Lower Taxes:

- a. Does the bill increase anyone's taxes?

No.

- b. Does the bill require or authorize an increase in any fees?

No.

- c. Does the bill reduce total taxes, both rates and revenues?

Yes. It reduces ad valorem taxes currently imposed on property owners within the District boundaries who do not use District services.

- d. Does the bill reduce total fees, both rates and revenues?

No.

- e. Does the bill authorize any fee or tax increase by any local government?

No.

3. Personal Responsibility:

- a. Does the bill reduce or eliminate an entitlement to government services or subsidy?

No.

- b. Do the beneficiaries of the legislation directly pay any portion of the cost of implementation and operation?

No.

4. Individual Freedom:

- a. Does the bill increase the allowable options of individuals or private organizations/associations to conduct their own affairs?

No.

- b. Does the bill prohibit, or create new government interference with, any presently lawful activity?

No.

5. Family Empowerment:

- a. If the bill purports to provide services to families or children:

Not applicable.

(1) Who evaluates the family's needs?

(2) Who makes the decisions?

(3) Are private alternatives permitted?

(4) Are families required to participate in a program?

(5) Are families penalized for not participating in a program?

- b. Does the bill directly affect the legal rights and obligations between family members?

Not applicable.

- c. If the bill creates or changes a program providing services to families or children, in which of the following does the bill vest control of the program, either through direct participation or appointment authority:

Not applicable.

(1) parents and guardians?

(2) service providers?

(3) government employees/agencies?

E. SECTION-BY-SECTION RESEARCH:

Section 1. Redesignates District boundaries.

Section 2. Provides an effective date of upon becoming a law.

III. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes  No

IF YES, WHEN? March 13, 1997.

WHERE? Levy County Journal, Levy County, Florida.

B. REFERENDUM(S) REQUIRED? Yes  No

IF YES, WHEN?

C. LOCAL BILL CERTIFICATION FILED? Yes, attached  No

D. ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FILED? Yes, attached  No

IV. COMMENTS:

The District boundary redesignation eliminates from the District property owners who currently do not receive District services. To effectuate this result, the boundary line runs along rights-of-way, and roadways thereby eliminating many acres of land.

The Local Bill Certification form from Representative Janegale Boyd's office indicates that two public hearings were noticed and held, and that the bill was approved by a majority of the Levy County Delegation. However, the Local Bill Certification form has not been signed by the Delegation chair.

V. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

None.

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VI. SIGNATURES:

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