

By Senator Latvala

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the Department of  
 3           Environmental Protection; amending s. 20.255,  
 4           F.S.; prescribing the divisions within the  
 5           department; providing an effective date.

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

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9           Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 20.255, Florida  
10 Statutes, is amended to read:

11           20.255 Department of Environmental Protection.--There  
12 is created a Department of Environmental Protection.

13           (6) The following divisions of the Department of  
14 Environmental Protection are established:

- 15           (a) Division of Administrative and Technical Services.
- 16           (b) Division of Air Resource Management.
- 17           (c) Division of Water Resources ~~Facilities~~.
- 18           (d) Division of Law Enforcement.
- 19           (e) Division of Marine Resources.
- 20           (f) Division of Waste Management.
- 21           (g) Division of Recreation and Parks.
- 22           (h) Division of State Lands, the director of which is
- 23 to be appointed by the secretary of the department, subject to
- 24 confirmation by the Governor and Cabinet sitting as the Board
- 25 of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund.
- 26           ~~(i) Division of Environmental Resource Permitting.~~

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28 In order to ensure statewide and intradepartmental  
29 consistency, the department's divisions shall direct the  
30 district offices and bureaus on matters of interpretation and  
31 applicability of the department's rules and programs.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Changes the name of the Division of Water Facilities to the Division of Water Resources in the Department of Environmental Protection and deletes the Division of Environmental Resource Permitting.