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2 An act relating to enterprise zones; amending  
3 s. 290.0067, F.S.; providing that the  
4 enterprise zone authorized for communities  
5 impacted by Lake Apopka land acquisition need  
6 not meet certain criteria relating to pervasive  
7 poverty, unemployment, and general distress;  
8 creating s. 290.0069, F.S.; authorizing the  
9 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
10 Development to designate an enterprise zone in  
11 Liberty County; providing requirements with  
12 respect thereto; authorizing the Office of  
13 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to  
14 designate an enterprise zone in Columbia  
15 County; providing requirements with respect  
16 thereto; authorizing the Office of Tourism,  
17 Trade, and Economic Development to designate an  
18 enterprise zone in Suwannee County; providing  
19 requirements with respect thereto; providing an  
20 extended application period for certain  
21 businesses to claim tax incentives; authorizing  
22 the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
23 Development to designate an enterprise zone in  
24 Gadsden County; providing requirements with  
25 respect thereto; authorizing municipalities to  
26 designate satellite enterprise zones; providing  
27 conditions under which a local government may  
28 amend the boundaries of an enterprise zone that  
29 contains a brownfield pilot program; providing  
30 an effective date.  
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1 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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3 Section 1. Section 290.0067, Florida Statutes, is  
4 amended to read:

5 290.0067 Enterprise zone designation for communities  
6 impacted by Lake Apopka land acquisition.--Orange County and  
7 the municipality of Apopka may jointly apply to the Office of  
8 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for designation of  
9 one enterprise zone encompassing areas suffering adverse  
10 economic impacts due to governmental acquisition of Lake  
11 Apopka farmlands pursuant to s. 373.461. The application must  
12 be submitted by December 31, 1998, and must comply with the  
13 requirements of s. 290.0055, except s. 290.0055(3) and (4)(d).  
14 Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 290.0065 limiting the  
15 total number of enterprise zones designated and the number of  
16 enterprise zones within a population category, the Office of  
17 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development may designate one  
18 enterprise zone under this section. The Office of Tourism,  
19 Trade, and Economic Development shall establish the initial  
20 effective date of the enterprise zone designated pursuant to  
21 this section based upon when unemployment will occur due to  
22 the cessation of farming on lands acquired pursuant to s.  
23 373.461. The zone shall terminate 5 years following the  
24 established effective date.

25 Section 2. Section 290.0069, Florida Statutes, is  
26 created to read:

27 290.0069 Enterprise zone designation for Liberty  
28 County.--Liberty County may apply to the Office of Tourism,  
29 Trade, and Economic Development for designation of one  
30 enterprise zone within an area in Liberty County that is south  
31 of the border between Liberty and Gadsden Counties, south of

1 Highway 12, east of Highway 271, and north of Highway 20. The  
2 application must be submitted by December 31, 1999, and must  
3 comply with the requirements of s. 290.0055. Notwithstanding  
4 the provisions of s. 290.0065 limiting the total number of  
5 enterprise zones designated and the number of enterprise zones  
6 within a population category, the Office of Tourism, Trade,  
7 and Economic Development may designate one enterprise zone  
8 under this section. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
9 Development shall establish the initial effective date of the  
10 enterprise zone designated pursuant to this section.

11       Section 3. Columbia County, or Columbia County and the  
12 municipality of Lake City jointly, may apply to the Office of  
13 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for designation of  
14 one enterprise zone encompassing an area within the county, or  
15 within both the county and the municipality. In identifying  
16 the area to be nominated for designation as an enterprise  
17 zone, Columbia County, or Columbia County and the municipality  
18 of Lake City jointly, shall seek to maximize the strategic  
19 economic development advantages resulting from the  
20 intersection of Interstate 75 and Interstate 10 within  
21 Columbia County. The application must be submitted by December  
22 31, 1999, and must comply with the requirements of section  
23 290.0055, Florida Statutes. Notwithstanding the provisions of  
24 section 290.0065, Florida Statutes, limiting the total number  
25 of enterprise zones designated and the number of enterprise  
26 zones within a population category, the Office of Tourism,  
27 Trade, and Economic Development may designate one enterprise  
28 zone under this section. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and  
29 Economic Development shall establish the initial effective  
30 date of the enterprise zone designated pursuant to this  
31 section.

1           Section 4. Suwannee County, or Suwannee County and the  
2 municipality of Live Oak jointly, may apply to the Office of  
3 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for designation of  
4 one enterprise zone encompassing an area within the county, or  
5 within both the county and the municipality. In identifying  
6 the area to be nominated for designation as an enterprise  
7 zone, Suwannee County, or Suwannee County and the municipality  
8 of Live Oak jointly, shall seek to maximize the strategic  
9 economic development advantages resulting from the  
10 intersection of Interstate 75 and Interstate 10. The  
11 application must be submitted by December 31, 1999, and must  
12 comply with the requirements of section 290.0055, Florida  
13 Statutes. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 290.0065,  
14 Florida Statutes, limiting the total number of enterprise  
15 zones designated and the number of enterprise zones within a  
16 population category, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and  
17 Economic Development may designate one enterprise zone under  
18 this section. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
19 Development shall establish the initial effective date of the  
20 enterprise zone designated pursuant to this section.

21           Section 5. Notwithstanding the time limitations  
22 contained in chapters 212 and 220, Florida Statutes, relating  
23 to enterprise zone tax incentives, a business that was  
24 purchased in February 1992 within an area of Tampa that  
25 received a designation as an enterprise zone under section  
26 290.0065, Florida Statutes, effective July 1, 1995, and that  
27 was eligible to receive enterprise zone tax incentives from  
28 July 1, 1995, to July 1, 1998, must submit an application for  
29 the tax incentives by December 1, 1999. All other requirements  
30 of the enterprise zone program apply to such a business.

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1           Section 6. Gadsden County may apply to the Office of  
2 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for designation of  
3 one enterprise zone encompassing an area within the county.  
4 The application must be submitted by December 31, 1999, and  
5 must comply with the requirements of section 290.0055, Florida  
6 Statutes. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 290.0065,  
7 Florida Statutes, limiting the total number of enterprise  
8 zones designated and the number of enterprise zones within a  
9 population category, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and  
10 Economic Development may designate one enterprise zone under  
11 this section. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
12 Development shall establish the initial effective date of the  
13 enterprise zone designated pursuant to this section.

14           Section 7. Before December 31, 1999, any municipality  
15 an area of which has previously received designation as an  
16 Enterprise Zone in the population category described in  
17 section 290.0065(3)(a)3., Florida Statutes, may create a  
18 satellite enterprise zone not exceeding 1.5 square miles in  
19 area outside of and, notwithstanding anything contained in  
20 section 290.0055(4), Florida Statutes, or any other law, in  
21 addition to the previously designated enterprise zone  
22 boundaries. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
23 Development shall amend the boundaries of the areas previously  
24 designated by any such municipality as enterprise zones upon  
25 receipt of a resolution adopted by the municipality describing  
26 the satellite enterprise zone areas, as long as the additional  
27 areas are consistent with the categories, criteria, and  
28 limitations imposed by section 290.0055, Florida Statutes.  
29 However, the requirements imposed by section 290.0055(4)(d),  
30 Florida Statutes, do not apply to such satellite enterprise  
31 zone areas.

1           Section 8. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
2 contrary, the governing body of a municipality or a county  
3 containing a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency brownfield  
4 pilot project that was designated as of May 1, 1997, may apply  
5 to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development  
6 before December 31, 1999, to amend the boundaries of an  
7 enterprise zone designated in a municipality or a county  
8 containing such brownfield pilot project. The office shall  
9 approve the application to amend the boundaries of the  
10 enterprise zone if the added area does not increase the  
11 overall size of the expanded zone more than its original size  
12 or 20 square miles, whichever is larger.

13           Section 9. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
14 law.

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