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Representative(s) Constantine and Dockery offered the following:

**Amendment**

On page 137, line 23 thru page 139, line 24 remove from the bill: all of said lines

and insert in lieu thereof:

(1)(a) There is hereby created the Stewardship Florida Study Commission, consisting of 9 members. The Governor shall appoint five members and the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint two members. The membership of the commission shall reflect a broad range of interests and expertise related to land restoration, acquisition, and management and shall include, but not be limited to, persons with training in hydrogeology, wildlife biology, engineering, real estate, and forestry management, and persons with substantial expertise representing environmental interests, agricultural and silvicultural interests, outdoor recreational interests, and land development interests.

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1           (b) Each member of the commission may receive per diem  
2 and travel expenses, as provided in s. 112.061, Florida  
3 Statutes, while carrying out the official business of the  
4 commission.

5           (c) The commission shall be staffed by an executive  
6 director and other personnel who are appointed by the  
7 commission and who are exempt from part II of chapter 110,  
8 Florida Statutes, relating to the Career Service System.

9           (d) The commission shall execute a contract with the  
10 Florida Natural Areas Inventory for the scientific assistance  
11 necessary to fulfill the requirements of subsection (2).

12           (e) Appointments shall be made by August 15, 1999, and  
13 the commission's first meeting shall be held by September 15,  
14 1999. The commission shall exist until December 31, 2000. The  
15 Governor shall designate, from among the appointees, the chair  
16 of the commission.

17           (2) The Stewardship Florida Study Commission shall:

18           (a) Provide a report to the Acquisition and  
19 Restoration Commission, by September 1, 2000, which meets the  
20 following requirements:

21           1. Establishes specific goals for those identified in  
22 s. 259.105(4), Florida Statutes.

23           2. Provides recommendations expanding or refining the  
24 goals identified in s. 259.105(4), Florida Statutes.

25           3. Provides recommendations for the development and  
26 identification of performance measures to be used for  
27 analyzing the progress made towards the goals established  
28 pursuant to s. 259.105(4), Florida Statutes.

29           4. Provides recommendations for the process by which  
30 projects are to be submitted, reviewed, and approved by the  
31 Acquisition and Restoration Commission. The study commission

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1 is specifically to examine ways to streamline the process  
2 created by the Stewardship Florida Act.  
3 (b) The report shall be based on the following:  
4 1. Comments received during a minimum of four public  
5 hearings, in different areas of the state, held for the  
6 purpose of gathering public input and recommendations.  
7 2. An evaluation of Florida's existing public land  
8 acquisition programs for conservation, preservation, and  
9 recreational purposes, including those administered by the  
10 water management districts, to determine the extent of  
11 Florida's unmet needs for restoration, acquisition, and  
12 management of public lands and water areas and for acquisition  
13 of privately owned lands and water areas.  
14 3. Material and data developed by the Florida Natural  
15 Areas Inventory concerning Florida's conservation lands.  
16 (c) The commission may make recommendations concerning  
17 other aspects of the "Stewardship Florida Act."  
18 (3) There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$150,000  
19 from the Conservation and Recreation Lands Trust Fund and the  
20 sum of \$150,000 from the Water Management Lands Trust Fund to  
21 the Executive Office of the Governor for fiscal year 1999-2000  
22 to fund the expenses of the Stewardship Florida Study  
23 Commission. Of this appropriation the Florida Natural Areas  
24 Inventory shall receive no less than \$50,000 for the  
25 contractual services required under paragraph (1)(d).  
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