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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
ANALYSIS - LOCAL LEGISLATION**

BILL #: HB 1445

RELATING TO: Barron Water Control District

SPONSOR(S): Representative Spratt

TIED BILL(S): None

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

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I. SUMMARY:

This bill extends the date of expiration for the operation of the Barron Water Control District of Glades and Hendry counties from May 7, 2005 to September 30, 2020.

According to the Economic Impact Statement, this bill contains a positive fiscal impact.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. DOES THE BILL SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

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| 1. <u>Less Government</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. <u>Lower Taxes</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. <u>Individual Freedom</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. <u>Personal Responsibility</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. <u>Family Empowerment</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

B. PRESENT SITUATION:

The formation of the Barron Water Control District, which includes areas in both Glades and Hendry Counties, was requested through petition of the Circuit Court under ch. 298, F.S. (Case Number 72-197). The Twentieth Judicial Circuit Court for Hendry County granted this petition by court order on May 8, 1975. The petition includes a provision that the incorporation status of the District remain in existence for thirty years. The District is set to expire on May 7, 2005. Due to the present expiration date, the debt must be paid off entirely in 5 years.

Chapter 84-436, L.O.F., addresses the single issue of the modification of a quorum for the District.

C. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Extending the expiration date allows the District to likewise extend its assessments, so that the actual annual repayments are lower. According to the Economic Impact Statement, the District will also continue to provide a positive contribution to both the private and open agricultural market.

D. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

Section 1 -- Provides that extending the incorporation status of the Barron Water Control District of Glades and Hendry Counties results in the following benefits: the District can raise funds, fulfill the terms of its water management plan, pay for completed projects, pay off bonds, and build new works; Extends date of operation of Barron Water Control District, from its scheduled expiration date of May 7, 2005, to a later expiration date of midnight, September 30, 2020.

Section 2 -- Provides for an effective date upon becoming a law.

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III. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes No

IF YES, WHEN? December 15, 1999

WHERE? The Clewiston News and Glades County Democrat

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:

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

N/A

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

N/A

C. OTHER COMMENTS:

According to the Economic Impact Statement, this bill results in current year and future year savings of approximately \$383,600 per year. This estimate is projected from the District's debt amount at the end of 1999, straight line retirement and present day interest rates.

The physical area included in the District is located in both Glades and Hendry counties. As such, publications appeared in both counties' local newspapers, to satisfy the notice requirement.

V. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

None

VI. SIGNATURES:

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