Florida House of Representatives - 2000 By Representative Boyd

1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to water; creating the "Safe
3	Water Act of 2000"; directing the Department of
4	Environmental Protection to establish a Water
5	and Wastewater Treatment Grant Program for
6	local governments; providing standards;
7	requiring that grant criteria be adopted by
8	rule; providing funding; providing an effective
9	date.
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11	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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13	Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Safe Water
14	<u>Act of 2000."</u>
15	Section 2. (1) The Department of Environmental
16	Protection, as lead agency, in conjunction with the Department
17	of Community Affairs shall establish a Water and Wastewater
18	Treatment Grant Program for local governments and shall
19	develop a priority list of local governments eligible for
20	grants under the program. In developing the priority list,
21	the department shall first consider:
22	(a) Counties having a population of less than 125,000.
23	(b) Municipalities having a population of less than
24	<u>12,500.</u>
25	(2) The Department of Environmental Protection shall
26	adopt rules for awarding water and wastewater treatment grants
27	based on, but not limited to, the following criteria:
28	(a) The need for water and wastewater utilities; and
29	(b) Environmental issues related to septic tanks or
30	the lack of utilities, such as:
31	1. Public health and safety;
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1	2. Lack of local fiscal resources;
2	3. Consent orders or other state or federal regulatory
3	action; and
4	4. Coordination or leverage of federal funds.
5	(3) Beginning with fiscal year 2000-2001 and until
б	fiscal year 2010-2011, \$100 million shall be annually
7	deposited into the Water and Wastewater Treatment Grant
8	Program Trust Fund from the General Revenue Fund for the
9	purpose of funding the Water and Wastewater Treatment Grant
10	Program established in this section.
11	Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.
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14	SENATE SUMMARY
15	Directs the Department of Environmental Protection in conjunction with the Department of Community of Affairs
16	to establish a Water and Wastewater Treatment Grant Program for local governments. Requires that criteria for
17	awarding grants be adopted by rule. Provides funding for
18	10 years.
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