

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 Act of 2000."

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16 Section 2. (1) The Department of Environmental
17 Protection, as lead agency, in conjunction with the Department
18 of Community Affairs shall establish a Water and Wastewater
19 Treatment Grant Program for local governments and shall
20 develop a priority list of local governments eligible for
21 grants under the program. In developing the priority list,
22 the department shall first consider:

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(a) Counties having a population of less than 125,000.

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(b) Municipalities having a population of less than

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12,500.

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26 (2) The Department of Environmental Protection shall
27 adopt rules for awarding water and wastewater treatment grants
28 based on, but not limited to, the following criteria:

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(a) The need for water and wastewater utilities; and

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(b) Environmental issues related to septic tanks or

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the lack of utilities, such as:

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1. Public health and safety;

