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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE
ANALYSIS**

BILL #: HB 711

RELATING TO: Citrus Belt & Citrus Commission

SPONSOR(S): Representative Spratt

TIED BILL(S):

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

- (1) AGRICULTURE YEAS 8 NAYS 0
 - (2) GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS
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I. SUMMARY

The Florida Department of Citrus is governed by the statutorily created Citrus Commission, a board of twelve commissioners appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Florida Senate. To assure the geographic diversity of the Commission, chapter 601, F.S., provides for distinct districts within the citrus-producing regions of the state. Currently, there are three districts with four commissioners being appointed from each district. Section 601.04(4), F.S., requires that citrus districts be realigned every five years based on citrus production volume. The last redistricting occurred in 1995.

HB 711 amends s. 601.09, F.S., to modify boundaries of the three citrus districts thereby creating more equal production among the districts.

This bill appears to have no fiscal impact to state or local government.

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 Florida Department of Citrus is governed by the statutorily created Citrus Commission, a board of twelve commissioners appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Florida Senate. To assure the geographic diversity of the Commission, chapter 601, F.S., provides for distinct districts within the citrus-producing regions of the state. Currently, there are three districts with four commissioners being appointed from each district.

Section 601.04(4), F.S., requires that citrus districts be realigned every five years based on citrus production volume (total number of boxes of citrus produced in each district). The last redistricting occurred in 1995. Since 1995, citrus production volumes among the three districts have shifted; therefore, realignment of district lines is necessary. The citrus industry, through the Florida Citrus Commission and citrus industry associations composing the Joint Citrus Industry Legislative Committee (JCILC) have studied the issue and developed the district realignment proposed in this legislation.

C. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

HB 711 amends s. 601.09, F.S., by making the following changes in citrus district boundaries:

Okeechobee County, Osceola County, and that part of Volusia County west of the "Indian River" production area are transferred from Citrus District One to Citrus District Three;

Sarasota County is transferred from Citrus District Two to Citrus District One; and

Broward County and Dade County are transferred from Citrus District Two to Citrus District Three.

D. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

See Section C., Effect of Proposed Changes

III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

IV. CONSEQUENCES OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 18 OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION:

A. APPLICABILITY OF THE MANDATES PROVISION:

This bill does not require counties or municipalities to spend funds or to take action requiring the expenditure of funds.

B. REDUCTION OF REVENUE RAISING AUTHORITY:

This bill does not reduce the authority that municipalities or counties have to raise revenue in the aggregate.

C. REDUCTION OF STATE TAX SHARED WITH COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES:

This bill does not reduce any state tax shared with counties or municipalities.

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V. COMMENTS:

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

N/A

VII. SIGNATURES:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE:

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