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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to Marion County; prohibiting watercraft within specified areas of Lake Weir from proceeding at greater than "no-wake" speeds; requiring the board of county commissioners to erect signs; directing the Marion County Sheriff to enforce the prohibition; providing penalties; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. The waters of Lake Weir, Marion County, within 500 feet of the shoreline of the lake and within 500 feet of the shore of Bird Island are designated a preserve. Within this area watercraft must proceed at idle speed. The Marion County Board of County Commissioners shall erect signs within the preserve area designated by this act; such signs must contain the prohibition "NO WAKE" and the statement "VIOLATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED." Violation of this act constitutes a noncriminal violation and is punishable as provided in section 775.083, Florida Statutes. The Sheriff of Marion County is responsible for enforcing this act.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2001.