



1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to water policy; repealing s.  
3           373.0693(11), F.S.; deleting a provision requiring  
4           legislative approval to abolish or combine basins existing  
5           within the Southwest Florida Water Management District;  
6           amending s. 373.0693, F.S.; authorizing basin board  
7           boundaries within the Southwest Florida Water Management  
8           District to be amended by governing board resolution;  
9           amending s. 373.451, F.S.; revising legislative intent  
10          with respect to the Surface Water Improvement and  
11          Management Act; deleting requirement that state and local  
12          funds be provided for certain purposes; amending s.  
13          373.453, F.S.; revising criteria to be applied in  
14          determining the priority of water bodies under surface  
15          water and management plans and programs; providing for  
16          periodic lists of water bodies of regional or statewide  
17          significance; authorizing participation by additional  
18          persons in the development of plans and programs; deleting  
19          certain reporting requirements; requiring identification  
20          of potential funding sources for the plans and programs;  
21          requiring review of plans developed by water management  
22          districts by various state agencies within a specified  
23          time; deleting the requirement that state agencies be on  
24          certain advisory committees; authorizing water management  
25          districts to enter into contracts with governmental  
26          agencies regarding the development and implementation of  
27          water improvement and management programs; amending s.  
28          373.459, F.S.; providing for appropriation of funds for



29 surface water improvement and management activities by  
30 water management districts; providing for release of funds  
31 by the Department of Environmental Protection; repealing  
32 s. 373.455, F.S., relating to review of surface water  
33 improvement and management plans; repealing s. 373.456,  
34 F.S., relating to approval of surface water improvement  
35 and management plans; repealing s. 373.457, F.S., relating  
36 to implementation of surface water improvement and  
37 management plans and programs; amending s. 373.079, F.S.;  
38 relating to the hiring of legal staff in the water  
39 management districts; amending ss. 259.101, 373.4136,  
40 403.067, and 403.1835, F.S.; deleting cross references;  
41 amending s. 373.2295, F.S.; redefining the term  
42 "interdistrict transfer and use" to exclude transfers of  
43 water within a single county; providing for criteria for  
44 the issuance of permits for transfer of water from one  
45 water management district to another within a single  
46 county; validating and providing continued effect of  
47 agreements between water management districts which were  
48 entered into before the effective date of the act;  
49 amending s. 373.069, F.S.; revising boundaries of the St.  
50 Johns River and Southwest Florida Water Management  
51 Districts; amending s. 373.0691, F.S.; providing for the  
52 transfer of land and other incidentals from the St. Johns  
53 River Water Management District to the Southwest Florida  
54 Water Management District; amending s. 403.1837, F.S.;  
55 removing the cap on the issuance of bonds by the Florida



56 Water Pollution Control Financing Corporation; deleting  
57 obsolete language; providing an effective date.

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

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61 Section 1. Subsection (11) of section 373.0693, Florida  
62 Statutes, is amended to read:

63 373.0693 Basins; basin boards.--

64 ~~(11)(a) Basins existing within the Southwest Florida Water~~  
65 ~~Management District, as described in rule 40D-0.061, Florida~~  
66 ~~Administrative Code, may not be abolished or combined without~~  
67 ~~the approval of the Legislature, except that the entire area~~  
68 ~~lying to the East of the Hillsborough County line and presently~~  
69 ~~located within the Hillsborough Basin is hereby annexed into the~~  
70 ~~Peace River Basin. Within the Southwest Florida Water Management~~  
71 ~~District, the entire area lying to the East of the Hillsborough~~  
72 ~~County line and presently located within the Alafia Basin is~~  
73 ~~hereby annexed into the Peace River Basin.~~

74 ~~(b) Assets or liabilities of the basin located in those~~  
75 ~~areas transferred from the Hillsborough and Alafia Basins into~~  
76 ~~the Peace River Basin pursuant to this section, including funds~~  
77 ~~held in trust, shall be transferred to the Peace River Basin.~~

78 Section 2. Subsections (5), (7), and (8) of section  
79 373.451, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

80 373.451 Short title; legislative findings and intent.--

81 (5) The Legislature finds that many surface water problems  
82 can be and have been corrected and prevented through plans and  
83 programs for surface water improvement and management that are



84 developed ~~planned, designed,~~ and implemented by the water  
85 management districts, the department, and local governments.

86 (7) It is also the intent of the Legislature that the  
87 department, the water management districts, and others ~~shall~~  
88 ~~conduct or coordinate statewide research by the water management~~  
89 ~~districts or others~~ to provide a better scientific understanding  
90 of the causes and effects of surface water pollution and of the  
91 destruction of natural systems in order to improve and manage  
92 surface waters and associated natural systems.

93 ~~(8) The state, through the department, shall provide funds~~  
94 ~~to assist with the implementation of the district plans and~~  
95 ~~programs under this act. However, to achieve the goals of this~~  
96 ~~act, cooperation and funding is necessary from the state, the~~  
97 ~~water management districts, and local governments.~~

98 Section 3. Section 373.453, Florida Statutes, is amended  
99 to read:

100 373.453 Surface water improvement and management plans and  
101 programs.--

102 (1)(a) Each water management district, in cooperation with  
103 the department, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer  
104 Services, the Department of Community Affairs, the Fish and  
105 Wildlife Conservation Commission, ~~and~~ local governments, and  
106 others, shall ~~prepare and~~ maintain a list that prioritizes ~~which~~  
107 ~~shall prioritize~~ water bodies of regional or statewide  
108 significance within the each water management district. The list  
109 shall be reviewed and updated every 5 ~~3~~ years. ~~The list shall be~~  
110 ~~based on criteria adopted by rule of the department and shall~~



111 ~~assign priorities to the water bodies based on their need for~~  
112 ~~protection and restoration.~~

113 (b) Criteria to be used in developing the lists ~~developed~~  
114 ~~by the department~~ shall include, but need not be limited to,  
115 consideration of violations of water quality standards occurring  
116 in the water body, the amounts of nutrients entering the water  
117 body and the water body's trophic state, water bodies on the  
118 department's list of impaired waters, water bodies with  
119 established total maximum daily loads, the existence of or need  
120 for a continuous aquatic weed control program in the water body,  
121 the biological condition of the water body, reduced fish and  
122 wildlife values, ~~and~~ threats to agricultural and urban water  
123 supplies, threats to ~~and~~ public recreational opportunities, the  
124 management of the water body through federal, state, or local  
125 water quality programs or plans, and public input.

126 (c) In maintaining ~~developing~~ their respective priority  
127 water body lists, water management districts shall give  
128 consideration to the following priority areas:

129 1. The South Florida Water Management District shall give  
130 priority to the restoration needs of Lake Okeechobee, Biscayne  
131 Bay, the Lake Worth Lagoon, and the Indian River Lagoon system  
132 and their tributaries.

133 2. The Southwest Florida Water Management District shall  
134 give priority to the restoration needs of Tampa Bay and its  
135 tributaries.

136 3. The St. Johns River Water Management District shall  
137 give priority to the restoration needs of Lake Apopka, the Lower



138 St. Johns River, and the Indian River Lagoon system and their  
139 tributaries.

140 (2) Unless otherwise provided by law ~~Once the priority~~  
141 ~~lists are approved by the department,~~ the water management  
142 districts, in cooperation with state agencies, ~~the department,~~  
143 ~~the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Department of~~  
144 ~~Community Affairs, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer~~  
145 ~~Services, and local governments, and others, may shall~~ develop  
146 surface water improvement and management plans and programs for  
147 the water bodies identified ~~based~~ on the priority lists. ~~The~~  
148 ~~department shall establish a uniform format for such plans and a~~  
149 ~~schedule for reviewing and updating the plans. These Plans~~  
150 developed pursuant to this subsection shall include, but not be  
151 limited to:

152 (a) A description of the water body system, its historical  
153 and current uses, its hydrology, and ~~a history of~~ the conditions  
154 which have led to the need for restoration or protection;

155 (b) An identification of all governmental units that have  
156 jurisdiction over the water body and its drainage basin within  
157 the approved surface water improvement and management plan area,  
158 including local, regional, state, and federal units;

159 (c) A description of land uses within the drainage basin  
160 of the priority water body ~~within the approved surface water~~  
161 ~~improvement and management plan area~~ and those of important  
162 tributaries, ~~point and nonpoint sources of pollution, and~~  
163 ~~permitted discharge activities;~~

164 (d) Identification ~~A list of the owners~~ of point and  
165 nonpoint sources of water pollution that are discharged into the



166 ~~each~~ water body and its important tributaries ~~tributary thereto~~  
167 ~~and that adversely affect the public interest, including~~  
168 ~~separate lists of those sources that are:~~

- 169 ~~1. Operating without a permit;~~
- 170 ~~2. Operating with a temporary operating permit; and~~
- 171 ~~3. Presently violating effluent limits or water quality~~  
172 ~~standards.~~

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174 ~~The plan shall also include recommendations and schedules for~~  
175 ~~bringing all sources into compliance with state standards when~~  
176 ~~not contrary to the public interest. This paragraph does not~~  
177 ~~authorize any existing or future violation of any applicable~~  
178 ~~statute, regulation, or permit requirement, and does not~~  
179 ~~diminish the authority of the department or the water management~~  
180 ~~district;~~

181 (e) A description of strategies and a schedule for related  
182 management actions ~~potential strategies~~ for restoring or  
183 protecting the water body to Class III or better, including  
184 those needed to help achieve state-adopted total maximum daily  
185 loads for the water body;

186 ~~(f) A listing of studies that are being or have been~~  
187 ~~prepared for the water body;~~

188 ~~(g) A description of the research and feasibility studies~~  
189 ~~which will be performed to determine the particular strategy or~~  
190 ~~strategies to restore or protect the water body;~~

191 ~~(f)(h)~~ A description of the management actions ~~measures~~  
192 ~~needed to manage and maintain the water body once it has been~~  
193 ~~restored and to prevent future degradation; and~~



194 ~~(i) A schedule for restoration and protection of the water~~  
195 ~~body; and~~

196 (g)(j) An estimate of the funding needed to carry out the  
197 restoration or protection strategies and a listing of available  
198 and potential funding sources and amounts.

199 (3) ~~Each water management district shall be responsible~~  
200 ~~for planning and coordinating restoration or protection~~  
201 ~~strategies for the priority water bodies within the district~~  
202 ~~which have been approved by the department as water bodies of~~  
203 ~~regional and statewide significance in need of protection or~~  
204 ~~restoration.~~ The governing board of the appropriate water  
205 management district shall hold at least one public hearing and  
206 public workshop ~~workshops~~ in the vicinity of a priority ~~the~~  
207 water body for which a plan is being developed to obtain ~~under~~  
208 ~~consideration as may be necessary for obtaining~~ public input  
209 prior to finalizing the surface water improvement and management  
210 plan ~~plans~~ for the water body ~~bodies on the priority list~~. The  
211 water management district shall then forward a copy of the plan  
212 ~~plans~~ to the department, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
213 Commission, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services,  
214 ~~and~~ to appropriate local governmental units for their review and  
215 comment within 45 calendar days after the date the plan is  
216 forwarded to them. The department shall specifically comment on  
217 the likelihood that implementing the plan will significantly  
218 improve or protect water quality and associated natural systems.  
219 At the end of the 45-day review period, the water management  
220 district may proceed to approve the plan, whether or not  
221 comments have been submitted.





222           (4) Plans shall be updated as necessary to ensure that  
223 they effectively address the restoration and protection needs of  
224 the priority water bodies and that they reflect current  
225 scientific understandings and budgetary adjustments. If a  
226 district determines that modifications of or additions to a plan  
227 are necessary, such modifications or additions shall be subject  
228 to the review process established in this section. Each  
229 ~~September 1, the water management districts shall submit a~~  
230 ~~funding proposal for the next state fiscal year to the~~  
231 ~~department for its review and approval. The proposal shall~~  
232 ~~specify the activities that need state funding and the amounts~~  
233 ~~of funding, and shall describe the specific restoration or~~  
234 ~~protection activities proposed. The department shall review~~  
235 ~~water management district funding proposals and shall consider~~  
236 ~~them in making its annual budget request.~~

237           (5) The governing board of each water management district  
238 is encouraged to appoint advisory committees as necessary to  
239 assist in formulating and evaluating strategies for water body  
240 protection and restoration activities and to increase public  
241 awareness and intergovernmental cooperation. Such committees  
242 should include representatives of ~~the Fish and Wildlife~~  
243 ~~Conservation Commission, the Department of Agriculture and~~  
244 ~~Consumer Services~~, appropriate local governments, state and  
245 federal agencies, existing advisory councils for the priority  
246 ~~subject~~ water body, and representatives of the public who use  
247 the water body.

248           (6) The water management districts may contract with  
249 appropriate state, local, and regional agencies and others to



250 perform various tasks associated with the development and  
251 implementation of the surface water improvement and management  
252 plans and programs.

253 Section 4. Section 373.459, Florida Statutes, is amended  
254 to read:

255 373.459 Funds for surface water improvement and  
256 management.--

257 (1) Legislative appropriations provided to the water  
258 management districts for surface water improvement and  
259 management activities shall be available for detailed planning  
260 and plan and program implementation.

261 (2)~~(1)~~ The Ecosystem Management and Restoration Trust Fund  
262 shall be used for the deposit of funds appropriated by the  
263 Legislature for the purposes of ss. 373.451-373.4595. The  
264 department shall administer all funds appropriated to or  
265 received for surface water improvement and management  
266 activities. Expenditure of the moneys shall be limited to the  
267 costs of detailed planning ~~for~~ and plan and program  
268 implementation of programs prepared for priority surface water  
269 bodies waters. Moneys from the fund shall not be expended for  
270 planning for, or construction or expansion of, treatment  
271 facilities for domestic or industrial waste disposal.

272 (3)~~(2)~~ The ~~secretary of the~~ department shall authorize the  
273 release of money from the fund in accordance with the provisions  
274 of s. 373.501(2) and procedures in s. 373.59(4) and (5) within  
275 ~~30 days after receipt of a request adopted by the governing~~  
276 ~~board of a water management district or by the executive~~  
277 ~~director when authority has been delegated by the governing~~



278 ~~board, certifying that the money is needed for detailed planning~~  
279 ~~for or implementation of plans approved pursuant to ss. 373.453,~~  
280 ~~373.455, and 373.456. A water management district may not~~  
281 ~~receive more than 50 percent of the moneys appropriated to the~~  
282 ~~fund for the purposes of ss. 373.451-373.4595 in any fiscal year~~  
283 ~~unless otherwise provided for by law. Each year after funds are~~  
284 ~~appropriated, each water management district shall receive the~~  
285 ~~amount requested pursuant to s. 373.453(4) or 10 percent of the~~  
286 ~~money appropriated for the purposes of ss. 373.451-373.4595,~~  
287 ~~whichever is less. The department shall allocate the remaining~~  
288 ~~money in the appropriation for such purposes annually, based~~  
289 ~~upon the specific needs of the districts. The department, at its~~  
290 ~~discretion, may include any funds allocated to a district for~~  
291 ~~such purposes in previous years which remain unencumbered by the~~  
292 ~~district on July 1, to the amount of money to be distributed~~  
293 ~~based upon specific needs of the districts.~~

294 ~~(3) The amount of money that may be released to a water~~  
295 ~~management district from the fund for approved plans, or~~  
296 ~~continuations of approved plans, to improve and manage the~~  
297 ~~surface waters described in ss. 373.451-373.4595 is limited to~~  
298 ~~not more than 60 percent of the amount of money necessary for~~  
299 ~~the approved plans of the South Florida Water Management~~  
300 ~~District, the Southwest Florida Water Management District, and~~  
301 ~~the St. Johns River Water Management District, and not more than~~  
302 ~~80 percent of the amount of money necessary for the approved~~  
303 ~~plans of the Northwest Florida Water Management District and the~~  
304 ~~Suwannee River Water Management District. The remaining funds~~



305 ~~necessary for the approved plans shall be provided by the~~  
306 ~~district.~~

307 (4) Moneys in the fund that ~~which~~ are not needed to meet  
308 current obligations incurred under this section shall be  
309 transferred to the State Board of Administration, to the credit  
310 of the trust fund, to be invested in the manner provided by law.  
311 Interest received on such investments shall be credited to the  
312 trust fund.

313 Section 5. Sections 373.455, 373.456, and 373.457, Florida  
314 Statutes, are repealed.

315 Section 6. Subsection (5) of section 373.079, Florida  
316 Statutes, is amended to read:

317 373.079 Members of governing board; oath of office;  
318 staff.--

319 (5) The executive director ~~governing board~~ may employ a  
320 legal staff for the purposes of:

321 (a) Providing legal counsel to ~~the governing board on~~  
322 ~~matters relating to the exercise of its powers and duties and to~~  
323 the executive director and district staff on matters relating to  
324 the day-to-day operations of the district;

325 (b) Representing the district ~~it~~ in all proceedings of an  
326 administrative or judicial nature; and

327 (c) Otherwise assisting in the administration of the  
328 provisions of this chapter.

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330 Attorneys employed by the governing board ~~district~~ must  
331 represent the legal interest or position of the governing board.



332 Section 7. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section  
333 259.101, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

334 259.101 Florida Preservation 2000 Act.--

335 (3) LAND ACQUISITION PROGRAMS SUPPLEMENTED.--Less the  
336 costs of issuance, the costs of funding reserve accounts, and  
337 other costs with respect to the bonds, the proceeds of bonds  
338 issued pursuant to this act shall be deposited into the Florida  
339 Preservation 2000 Trust Fund created by s. 375.045. In fiscal  
340 year 2000-2001, for each Florida Preservation 2000 program  
341 described in paragraphs (a)-(g), that portion of each program's  
342 total remaining cash balance which, as of June 30, 2000, is in  
343 excess of that program's total remaining appropriation balances  
344 shall be redistributed by the department and deposited into the  
345 Save Our Everglades Trust Fund for land acquisition. For  
346 purposes of calculating the total remaining cash balances for  
347 this redistribution, the Florida Preservation 2000 Series 2000  
348 bond proceeds, including interest thereon, and the fiscal year  
349 1999-2000 General Appropriations Act amounts shall be deducted  
350 from the remaining cash and appropriation balances,  
351 respectively. The remaining proceeds shall be distributed by the  
352 Department of Environmental Protection in the following manner:

353 (b) Thirty percent to the Department of Environmental  
354 Protection for the purchase of water management lands pursuant  
355 to s. 373.59, to be distributed among the water management  
356 districts as provided in that section. Funds received by each  
357 district may also be used for acquisition of lands necessary to  
358 implement surface water improvement and management plans  
359 ~~approved in accordance with s. 373.456~~ or for acquisition of



360 lands necessary to implement the Everglades Construction Project  
361 authorized by s. 373.4592.

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363 Local governments may use federal grants or loans, private  
364 donations, or environmental mitigation funds, including  
365 environmental mitigation funds required pursuant to s. 338.250,  
366 for any part or all of any local match required for the purposes  
367 described in this subsection. Bond proceeds allocated pursuant  
368 to paragraph (c) may be used to purchase lands on the priority  
369 lists developed pursuant to s. 259.035. Title to lands purchased  
370 pursuant to paragraphs (a), (d), (e), (f), and (g) shall be  
371 vested in the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement  
372 Trust Fund. Title to lands purchased pursuant to paragraph (c)  
373 may be vested in the Board of Trustees of the Internal  
374 Improvement Trust Fund. The board of trustees shall hold title  
375 to land protection agreements and conservation easements that  
376 were or will be acquired pursuant to s. 380.0677, and the  
377 Southwest Florida Water Management District and the St. Johns  
378 River Water Management District shall monitor such agreements  
379 and easements within their respective districts until the state  
380 assumes this responsibility.

381 Section 8. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section  
382 373.4136, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

383 373.4136 Establishment and operation of mitigation  
384 banks.--

385 (6) MITIGATION SERVICE AREA.--The department or water  
386 management district shall establish a mitigation service area  
387 for each mitigation bank permit. The department or water



388 management district shall notify and consider comments received  
 389 on the proposed mitigation service area from each local  
 390 government within the proposed mitigation service area. Except  
 391 as provided herein, mitigation credits may be withdrawn and used  
 392 only to offset adverse impacts in the mitigation service area.  
 393 The boundaries of the mitigation service area shall depend upon  
 394 the geographic area where the mitigation bank could reasonably  
 395 be expected to offset adverse impacts. Mitigation service areas  
 396 may overlap, and mitigation service areas for two or more  
 397 mitigation banks may be approved for a regional watershed.

398 (a) In determining the boundaries of the mitigation  
 399 service area, the department or the water management district  
 400 shall consider the characteristics, size, and location of the  
 401 mitigation bank and, at a minimum, the extent to which the  
 402 mitigation bank:

403 1. Contributes to a regional integrated ecological  
 404 network;

405 2. Will significantly enhance the water quality or  
 406 restoration of an offsite receiving water body that is  
 407 designated as an Outstanding Florida Water, a Wild and Scenic  
 408 River, an aquatic preserve, a water body designated in a plan  
 409 approved ~~adopted~~ pursuant to ~~s. 373.456~~ of the Surface Water  
 410 Improvement and Management Act, or a nationally designated  
 411 estuarine preserve;

412 3. Will provide for the long-term viability of endangered  
 413 or threatened species or species of special concern;



414           4. Is consistent with the objectives of a regional  
 415 management plan adopted or endorsed by the department or water  
 416 management districts; and

417           5. Can reasonably be expected to offset specific types of  
 418 wetland impacts within a specific geographic area. A mitigation  
 419 bank need not be able to offset all expected impacts within its  
 420 service area.

421           Section 9. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) and paragraph  
 422 (a) of subsection (7) of section 403.067, Florida Statutes, are  
 423 amended to read:

424           403.067 Establishment and implementation of total maximum  
 425 daily loads.--

426           (3) ASSESSMENT.--

427           (b) The department shall adopt by rule a methodology for  
 428 determining those waters which are impaired. The rule shall  
 429 provide for consideration as to whether water quality standards  
 430 codified in chapter 62-302, Florida Administrative Code, are  
 431 being exceeded, based on objective and credible data, studies  
 432 and reports, including surface water improvement and management  
 433 plans approved by water management districts ~~under s. 373.456~~  
 434 and pollutant load reduction goals developed according to  
 435 department rule. Such rule also shall set forth:

- 436           1. Water quality sample collection and analysis
- 437 requirements, accounting for ambient background conditions,
- 438 seasonal and other natural variations;
- 439           2. Approved methodologies;
- 440           3. Quality assurance and quality control protocols;
- 441           4. Data modeling; and





442           5. Other appropriate water quality assessment measures.  
 443           (7) IMPLEMENTATION OF TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS.--  
 444           (a) The department shall be the lead agency in  
 445 coordinating the implementation of the total maximum daily loads  
 446 through water quality protection programs. Application of a  
 447 total maximum daily load by a water management district shall be  
 448 consistent with this section and shall not require the issuance  
 449 of an order or a separate action pursuant to s. 120.536(1) or s.  
 450 120.54 for adoption of the calculation and allocation previously  
 451 established by the department. Such programs may include, but  
 452 are not limited to:

- 453           1. Permitting and other existing regulatory programs;
- 454           2. Nonregulatory and incentive-based programs, including  
 455 best management practices, cost sharing, waste minimization,  
 456 pollution prevention, and public education;
- 457           3. Other water quality management and restoration  
 458 activities, for example surface water improvement and management  
 459 plans approved by water management districts ~~under s. 373.456~~ or  
 460 watershed or basin management plans developed pursuant to this  
 461 subsection;
- 462           4. Pollutant trading or other equitable economically based  
 463 agreements;
- 464           5. Public works including capital facilities; or
- 465           6. Land acquisition.

466           Section 10. Paragraph (e) of subsection (7) of section  
 467 403.1835, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:  
 468           403.1835 Water pollution control financial assistance.--



469 (7) Eligible projects must be given priority according to  
 470 the extent each project is intended to remove, mitigate, or  
 471 prevent adverse effects on surface or ground water quality and  
 472 public health. The relative costs of achieving environmental and  
 473 public health benefits must be taken into consideration during  
 474 the department's assignment of project priorities. The  
 475 department shall adopt a priority system by rule. In developing  
 476 the priority system, the department shall give priority to  
 477 projects that:

478 (e) Assist in the implementation of surface water  
 479 improvement and management plans ~~approved under s. 373.456~~ and  
 480 pollutant load reduction goals developed under state water  
 481 policy;

482 Section 11. Subsection (1) of section 373.2295, Florida  
 483 Statutes, is amended and subsection (14) is added to said  
 484 section to read:

485 373.2295 Interdistrict transfers of groundwater.--

486 (1) As used in this section, the term "interdistrict  
 487 transfer and use" means a consumptive water use that which  
 488 involves the withdrawal of groundwater from a point within one  
 489 water management district for use outside the boundaries of that  
 490 district, but does not include a withdrawal and use within the  
 491 same county.

492 (14) In case of withdrawal of groundwater from a point  
 493 within one water management district for use outside the  
 494 boundaries of that district but within the same county, the  
 495 provisions of subsections (4), (11), and (13) shall apply, and  
 496 the district considering a permit application for such a



497 consumptive use shall apply the applicable provisions of this  
 498 chapter, and its rules to the withdrawal and use.

499 Section 12. Any agreements between water management  
 500 districts entered into before the effective date of this act  
 501 pursuant to s. 373.046, Florida Statutes, authorizing the  
 502 issuance of permits for the interdistrict withdrawal and use of  
 503 water within a county are validated and shall continue in effect  
 504 until otherwise rescinded.

505 Section 13. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (2) of  
 506 section 373.069, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

507 373.069 Creation of water management districts.--

508 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other special or  
 509 general act to the contrary, the boundaries of the respective  
 510 districts named in subsection (1) shall include the areas within  
 511 the following boundaries:

512 (c) *St. Johns River Water Management District.*--Begin at  
 513 the intersection of the south boundary of Indian River County  
 514 with the Atlantic Ocean; thence west along the Indian River-St.  
 515 Lucie County line to the intersection of the west boundary of  
 516 St. Lucie County; thence south along the Okeechobee-St. Lucie  
 517 County line to the southeast corner of Section 1, Township 34  
 518 South, Range 36 East; thence west along the section line to the  
 519 northwest corner of Section 10, Township 34 South, Range 36  
 520 East; thence south along the section line to the southeast  
 521 corner of Section 9, Township 34 South, Range 36 East; thence  
 522 west along the section line to the northwest corner of Section  
 523 18, Township 34 South, Range 36 East; thence south along the  
 524 range line between Ranges 35 and 36 East to the southeast corner



525 of Section 12, Township 34 South, Range 35 East; thence west  
 526 along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 13,  
 527 Township 34 South, Range 35 East; thence south along the section  
 528 line to the southeast corner of Section 35, Township 34 South,  
 529 Range 35 East; thence west along the township line between  
 530 Townships 34 and 35 south to the southwest corner of Section 35,  
 531 Township 34 South, Range 34 East; thence north along the section  
 532 line to the Okeechobee-Osceola County line; thence west along  
 533 the Okeechobee-Osceola County line to the southwest corner of  
 534 Section 34, Township 32 South, Range 33 East; thence north along  
 535 the section line to the northwest corner of Section 3, Township  
 536 31 South, Range 33 East; thence east along the township line  
 537 between Townships 30 and 31 South to the southeast corner of  
 538 Section 36, Township 30 South, Range 33 East; thence north along  
 539 the range line between Ranges 33 and 34 East to the northeast  
 540 corner of Section 1, Township 30 South, Range 33 East; thence  
 541 west along the township line between Townships 29 and 30 south  
 542 to the southwest corner of Section 31, Township 29 South, Range  
 543 33 East; thence north along the range line between Ranges 32 and  
 544 33 East to the northwest corner of Section 6, Township 28 South,  
 545 Range 33 East; thence east along the township line between  
 546 Townships 27 and 28 south to the southeast corner of Section 36,  
 547 Township 27 South, Range 32 East; thence north along the range  
 548 line between Ranges 32 and 33 East to the northeast corner of  
 549 Section 1, Township 26 South, Range 32 East; thence west along  
 550 the township line between Townships 25 and 26 South to the  
 551 southwest corner of Section 33, Township 25 South, Range 32  
 552 East; thence north along the section line to the Orange-Osceola



553 County line; thence westerly along the Orange-Osceola County  
 554 line to the Southwest corner of Section 31, Township 24 South,  
 555 Range 32 East; thence north along the range line to the  
 556 intersection with the northerly right-of-way line of State Road  
 557 528, also known as the Bee Line Expressway; thence westerly  
 558 along the northerly right-of-way line of State Road 528 to the  
 559 intersection with the northerly right-of-way line of State Road  
 560 528A; thence westerly along the northerly right-of-way line of  
 561 State Road 528A to the westerly right-of-way line of U.S.  
 562 Highway 441; thence northerly along the right-of-way line to the  
 563 section line between sections 22 and 27 of Township 22 South,  
 564 Range 29 East; thence west along the section lines to the  
 565 Northeast corner of Section 25, Township 22 South, Range 28  
 566 East; thence south along the range line between Ranges 28 and 29  
 567 East to the Southeast corner of Section 36, Township 22 South,  
 568 Range 28 East; thence west along the township line between  
 569 Townships 22 and 23 South to the Northeast corner of Section 2,  
 570 Township 23 South, Range 27 East; thence south to the Southeast  
 571 corner of Section 11, Township 23 South, Range 27 East; thence  
 572 west along the section lines to the Southwest corner of Section  
 573 7, Township 23 South, Range 27 East, also being the Lake-Orange  
 574 County line; thence south along the range line between Ranges 26  
 575 and 27 East ~~to the southwest corner of Section 18, Township 26~~  
 576 ~~South, Range 27 East; thence east along the section line to the~~  
 577 ~~northeast corner of Section 19, township 26 South, Range 27~~  
 578 ~~East; thence south along the section line to the southwest~~  
 579 ~~corner of Section 32, Township 26 South, Range 27 East; thence~~  
 580 ~~east along the township line between Townships 26 and 27 South~~



581 ~~to the northeast corner of Section 5, Township 27 South, Range~~  
582 ~~27 East; thence south along the section lines to the southerly~~  
583 ~~right-of-way line of State Road 600; thence westerly along the~~  
584 ~~southerly right-of-way line of said State Road No. 600 to the~~  
585 ~~west boundary of Section 27, Township 27 South, Range 26 East;~~  
586 ~~thence north along the section lines to the northeast corner of~~  
587 ~~Section 16, Township 25 South, Range 26 East; thence west along~~  
588 ~~the section line to the southwest corner of Section 9, Township~~  
589 ~~25 South, Range 26 East; thence north along the section lines to~~  
590 the Lake-Polk County line; thence west along the county line to  
591 the southwest corner of Section 32, Township 24 South, Range 26  
592 East; thence into Lake County, north along the section lines to  
593 the northeast corner of Section 30, Township 24 South, Range 26  
594 East; thence west along the section lines to the northeast  
595 corner of Section 28, Township 24 South, Range 25 East; thence  
596 north along the section lines to the northeast corner of Section  
597 16, Township 24 South, Range 25 East; thence west along the  
598 section line to the northwest corner of Section 16, Township 24  
599 South, Range 25 East; thence north along the section line to the  
600 northeast corner of Section 8, Township 24 South, Range 25 East;  
601 thence west along the section lines to the range line between  
602 Ranges 24 and 25; thence north along the range line to the  
603 northeast corner of Section 1, Township 23 South, Range 24 East,  
604 also being on the township line between Townships 22 and 23  
605 South; thence west along the township line to the northwest  
606 corner of Section 6, Township 23 South, Range 24 East, also  
607 being on the Sumter-Lake County line; thence north along the  
608 Sumter-Lake County line, also being the range line between



609 Ranges 23 and 24 East, to the northeast corner of Section 1,  
610 Township 18 South, Range 23 East, and the Marion County line;  
611 thence west along the Sumter-Marion County line, also being the  
612 township line between Townships 17 and 18 South, to the westerly  
613 right-of-way line of Interstate Highway 75; thence northerly  
614 along the westerly right-of-way line of Interstate Highway 75 to  
615 the Alachua-Marion County line, said line also being the  
616 township line between Townships 11 and 12 South; thence west  
617 along the Alachua-Marion County line to the northwest corner of  
618 Section 3, Township 12 South, Range 19 East, and the Levy County  
619 line; thence westerly along the Levy-Alachua County line, also  
620 being the township line between Townships 11 and 12 South, to  
621 the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 11 South, Range 18  
622 East; thence north along the range line between Ranges 18 and 19  
623 East to the northwest corner of Section 19, Township 9 South,  
624 Range 19 East; thence east along the section line to the  
625 southeast corner of Section 13, Township 9 South, Range 19 East;  
626 thence north along the range line between Ranges 19 and 20 East  
627 to the northwest corner of Section 6, Township 9 South, Range 20  
628 East; thence easterly along the township line between Townships  
629 8 and 9 South to the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 8  
630 South, Range 20 East; thence north along the range line between  
631 Ranges 20 and 21 East to the northwest corner of Section 18,  
632 Township 8 South, Range 21 East; thence east along the section  
633 line to the northeast corner of Section 15, Township 8 South,  
634 Range 21 East; thence south along the section line to the  
635 southwest corner of Section 23, Township 8 South, Range 21 East;  
636 thence east along the section line to the northeast corner of



637 Section 26, Township 8 South, Range 21 East; thence south along  
638 the section line to the southwest corner of the north  $\frac{1}{2}$  of  
639 Section 25, Township 8 South, Range 21 East; thence east to the  
640 northeast corner of the south  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 25, Township 8  
641 South, Range 21 East; thence south along the range line between  
642 Ranges 21 and 22 East to the southwest corner of Section 30,  
643 Township 8 South, Range 22 East; thence east along the section  
644 line to the northeast corner of Section 32, Township 8 South,  
645 Range 22 East; thence south along the section line to the  
646 southwest corner of Section 16, Township 9 South, Range 22 East;  
647 thence eastward along the section line to the southeast corner  
648 of the west  $\frac{1}{8}$  of Section 18, Township 9 South, Range 23 East;  
649 thence northward to the northeast corner of the west  $\frac{1}{8}$  of  
650 Section 18, Township 9 South, Range 23 East; thence west to the  
651 southwest corner of Section 7, Township 9 South, Range 23 East;  
652 thence northward along the Bradford-Clay County line to the  
653 northeast corner of Section 36, Township 8 South, Range 22 East;  
654 thence west along the section line to the southwest corner of  
655 the east  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 25, Township 8 South, Range 22 East;  
656 thence north to the northeast corner of the west  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section  
657 24, Township 8 South, Range 22 East; thence west along the  
658 section line to the southwest corner of Section 13, Township 8  
659 South, Range 22 East; thence north along the section line to the  
660 northwest corner of Section 25, Township 7 South, Range 22 East;  
661 thence east along the section line to the Bradford-Clay County  
662 line; thence north along the Bradford-Clay County line to the  
663 intersection of the south boundary of Baker County; thence west  
664 along the Baker-Bradford County line to the intersection of the





665 east boundary of Union County; thence west along the Baker-Union  
666 County line to the southwest corner of Section 18, Township 4  
667 South, Range 20 East; thence north along the range line between  
668 Ranges 19 and 20 East to the northeast corner of Section 1,  
669 Township 3 South, Range 19 East; thence west along the township  
670 line between Townships 2 and 3 South to the Baker-Columbia  
671 County line; thence north along the Baker-Columbia County line  
672 to the north boundary line of the State of Florida; thence  
673 easterly along the Florida-Georgia line to the Atlantic Ocean;  
674 thence southerly along the Atlantic Ocean, including the waters  
675 of said ocean within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida to  
676 the point of beginning.

677 (d) *Southwest Florida Water Management District*.--Begin at  
678 the intersection of the north boundary of Lee County with the  
679 Gulf of Mexico; thence eastward along the Lee-Charlotte County  
680 line to the Southeast corner of Section 33, Township 42 South,  
681 Range 24 East; thence North into Charlotte County, along the  
682 section lines to the Northeast corner of Section 4, Township 42  
683 South, Range 24 East; thence East along the township line  
684 between Townships 41 and 42 South to the Southeast corner of  
685 Section 36, Township 41 South, Range 25 East; thence north along  
686 the section line to the northwest corner of Section 6, Township  
687 41 South, Range 26 East; thence east along the section line to  
688 the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 40 South, Range 26  
689 East; thence North along the range line between Ranges 26 and 27  
690 to the Northeast corner of Section 1, Township 40 South, Range  
691 26 East, and the Charlotte-Desoto County line; thence east along  
692 the Charlotte-Desoto County line to the southeast corner of



693 Section 36, Township 39 South, Range 27 East; thence north along  
694 the DeSoto-Highlands County line to the intersection of the  
695 South boundary of Hardee County; thence north along the Hardee-  
696 Highlands County line to the southwest corner of Township 35  
697 South, Range 28 East; thence east along the north boundary of  
698 Township 36 South to the northeast corner of Section 1, Township  
699 36 South, Range 28 East; thence south along the range line to  
700 the southeast corner of Section 12, Township 37 South, Range 28  
701 East; thence east along the section line to the northeast corner  
702 of Section 15, Township 37 South, Range 29 East; thence south  
703 along the section line to the southeast corner of Section 34,  
704 Township 37 South, Range 29 East; thence east along the township  
705 line to the northeast corner of Section 1, Township 38 South,  
706 Range 29 East; thence south along the range line to the  
707 southeast corner of Section 1, Township 39 South, Range 29 East;  
708 thence east along the section line to the northwest corner of  
709 Section 11, Township 39 South, Range 30 East; thence north along  
710 the section line to the southwest corner of Section 35, Township  
711 38 South, Range 30 East; thence east along the township line to  
712 the southeast corner of the west <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 35, Township 38  
713 South, Range 30 East; thence north along the <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-section line of  
714 Sections 35, 26, and 23, Township 38 South, Range 30 East to the  
715 northeast corner of the west <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> section of Section 23, Township  
716 38 South, Range 30 East; thence west along the section line to  
717 the northwest corner of Section 23, Township 38 South, Range 30  
718 East; thence north along the section line to the northwest  
719 corner of Section 2, Township 37 South, Range 30 East; thence  
720 west along the township line to the southwest corner of Section



721 34, Township 36 South, Range 30 East; thence north along the  
722 section line to the northwest corner of Section 3, Township 36  
723 South, Range 30 East; thence west along the township line to the  
724 southwest corner of Section 31, Township 35 South, Range 30  
725 East; thence north along the range line between Ranges 29 and 30  
726 East, through Townships 35, 34, and 33 South, to the northeast  
727 corner of Township 33 South, Range 29 East, being on the  
728 Highlands-Polk County line; thence west along the Highlands-Polk  
729 County line to the southeast corner of Township 32 South, Range  
730 28 East; thence north along the range line between Ranges 28 and  
731 29 East, in Townships 32 and 31 South, to the northeast corner  
732 of Section 12 in Township 31 South, Range 28 East; thence east  
733 along the section line to the northeast corner of Section 7,  
734 Township 31 South, Range 29 East; thence north along the section  
735 line to the northwest corner of Section 17, Township 30 South,  
736 Range 29 East; thence east along the section line to the  
737 northeast corner of the west  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 17, Township 30  
738 South, Range 29 East; thence north along the  $\frac{1}{2}$ -section line to  
739 the northeast corner of the west  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 5, Township 30  
740 South, Range 29 East; thence west along the section line to the  
741 southwest corner of Section 32, Township 29 South, Range 29  
742 East; thence north along the section line to the northeast  
743 corner of Section 19 in Township 29 South, Range 29 East; thence  
744 west along the north boundaries of Section 19, Township 29  
745 South, Range 29 East, and Sections 24, 23, 22, 21, and 20,  
746 Township 29 South, Range 28 East, to the northwest corner of  
747 said Section 20; thence north along the section line to the  
748 intersection of said section line with the west shore line of



749 Lake Pierce in Township 29 South, Range 28 East; thence  
750 following the west shore of Lake Pierce to its intersection  
751 again with the west section line of Section 5, Township 29  
752 South, Range 28 East; thence north along the section line to the  
753 northwest corner of Section 5, Township 29 South, Range 28 East;  
754 thence east along the township line to the southwest corner of  
755 Section 33, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence north along  
756 the section line to the northwest corner of the southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of  
757 the southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 28, Township 28 South, Range 28  
758 East; thence east along the  $\frac{1}{4}$ -section line to the intersection  
759 of said  $\frac{1}{4}$ -section line with Lake Pierce; thence follow the  
760 shore line northeasterly to its intersection with the  $\frac{1}{2}$ -section  
761 line of Section 28, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence  
762 north on the  $\frac{1}{2}$ -section line to the northwest corner of the  
763 southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 28, Township 28 South, Range 28 East;  
764 thence east to the northeast corner of the southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of  
765 Section 28, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence south along  
766 the section line to the northwest corner of Section 3, Township  
767 29 South, Range 28 East; thence east along the section line to  
768 the northeast corner of Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 28  
769 East; thence north along the section line to the northwest  
770 corner of Section 23, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence  
771 west along the section line to the southwest corner of Section  
772 16, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence north along the  
773 section line to the northwest corner of Section 16, Township 28  
774 South, Range 28 East; thence west along the section line to the  
775 southwest corner of Section 8, Township 28 South, Range 28 East;  
776 thence north along the section line to the northwest corner of



777 Section 5, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence west along  
778 the township line to the intersection of said township line with  
779 Lake Marion; thence following the south shore line of Lake  
780 Marion to its intersection again with said township line; thence  
781 west along the township line to the southeast corner of Section  
782 36, Township 37 South, Range 27 East; thence north along the  
783 range line between Ranges 27 and 28 East to the intersection of  
784 said range line with Lake Marion; thence following the west  
785 shore of Lake Marion to its intersection again with the range  
786 line between Ranges 27 and 28 East; thence north along said  
787 range line, in Townships 27 and 26 South, to the northeast  
788 corner of Township 26 South, Range 27 East, being on the Polk-  
789 Osceola County line; thence west along the Polk-Osceola County  
790 line to the northwest corner of Township 26 South, Range 27  
791 East; ~~thence south along the range line between Ranges 26 and 27~~  
792 ~~East to the southwest corner of Section 18 in Township 26 South,~~  
793 ~~Range 27 East; thence east along the section line to the~~  
794 ~~southeast corner of said Section 18; thence south along the~~  
795 ~~section lines to the southwest corner of Section 32 in Township~~  
796 ~~26 South, Range 27 East; thence east along the section line to~~  
797 ~~the southeast corner of said Section 32; thence south along the~~  
798 ~~section lines to the southerly right-of-way line of State Road~~  
799 ~~600 (U.S. Route 17 and 92) in Township 27 South, Range 27 East;~~  
800 ~~thence westerly along the southerly right-of-way line of said~~  
801 ~~State Road No. 600 to the West boundary of Section 27, Township~~  
802 ~~27 South, Range 26 East; thence north along the section line to~~  
803 ~~the northeast corner of Section 16, Township 25 South, Range 26~~  
804 ~~East; thence west along the section line to the southwest corner~~



805 ~~of Section 9, Township 25 South, Range 26 East;~~ thence north  
 806 along the section line to the Lake-Polk County line; thence west  
 807 along the county line to the southwest corner of Section 32,  
 808 Township 24 South, Range 26 East; thence into Lake County, north  
 809 along the section lines to the northeast corner of Section 30,  
 810 Township 24 South, Range 26 East; thence west along the section  
 811 lines to the northeast corner of Section 28, Township 24 South,  
 812 Range 25 East; thence north along the section lines to the  
 813 northeast corner of Section 16, Township 24 South, Range 25  
 814 East; thence west along the section line to the northwest corner  
 815 of Section 16, Township 24 South, Range 25 East; thence north  
 816 along the section line to the northeast corner of Section 8,  
 817 Township 24 South, Range 25 East; thence west along the section  
 818 lines to the range line between Ranges 24 and 25; thence north  
 819 along the range line to the northeast corner of Section 1,  
 820 Township 23 South, Range 24 East, also being on the township  
 821 line between Townships 22 and 23 South; thence west along the  
 822 township line to the northwest corner of Section 6, Township 23  
 823 South, Range 24 East also being on the Sumter-Lake County line;  
 824 thence north along the Sumter-Lake County line, also being the  
 825 range line between Ranges 23 and 24, to the northeast corner of  
 826 Section 1, Township 18 South, Range 23 East and the Marion  
 827 County line; thence west, along the Sumter-Marion County line,  
 828 also being the township line between Townships 17 and 18 South,  
 829 to the westerly right-of-way line of Interstate Highway 75;  
 830 thence northerly along the westerly right-of-way line of  
 831 Interstate Highway 75 to the Alachua-Marion County line, said  
 832 line also being the township line between Townships 11 and 12



833 South; thence west along the Alachua-Marion County line to the  
 834 northwest corner of Section 3, Township 12 South, Range 19 East  
 835 and the Levy County line; thence westerly along the Levy-Alachua  
 836 County line, also being the township line between Townships 11  
 837 and 12 South, to the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 11  
 838 South, Range 17 East; thence north along the Levy-Alachua County  
 839 line, also being the range line between Ranges 17 and 18 East,  
 840 to the southerly right-of-way line of State Road No. 24; thence  
 841 southwesterly along said southerly right-of-way line to the  
 842 easterly right-of-way line of State Road No. 337; thence  
 843 southerly, along said easterly right-of-way line of State Road  
 844 No. 337, to the south line of Section 35, Township 14 South,  
 845 Range 17 East; thence west along the section line to the  
 846 northwest corner of Section 3, Township 15 South, Range 17 East;  
 847 thence south along the section lines to the southwest corner of  
 848 Section 27, Township 15 South, Range 17 East; thence west to the  
 849 Gulf of Mexico; thence south along the Gulf of Mexico, including  
 850 the waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction of the State of  
 851 Florida, to the point of beginning.

852 Section 14. Subsection (2) of section 373.0691, Florida  
 853 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (3), and a new subsection  
 854 (2) is added to said section, to read:

855 373.0691 Transfer of areas.--

856 (2) Effective at 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2003, that portion  
 857 of Polk County formerly within the St. Johns River Water  
 858 Management District as set forth in s. 373.069 is transferred to  
 859 the Southwest Florida Water Management District. With respect to  
 860 the area transferred and at the time of change of boundaries,



861 all contractual obligations of the St. Johns River Water  
862 Management District, all real property interests owned by the  
863 St. Johns River Water Management District, all regulatory  
864 responsibilities of the St. Johns River Water Management  
865 District, all equipment and other personal property used solely  
866 by the St. Johns River Water Management District in that area,  
867 and all records of the St. Johns River Water Management District  
868 shall be transferred and delivered to the Southwest Florida  
869 Water Management District.

870 Section 15. Subsection (6) of section 403.1837, Florida  
871 Statutes, is amended to read:

872 403.1837 Florida Water Pollution Control Financing  
873 Corporation.--

874 (6) The corporation may issue and incur notes, bonds,  
875 certificates of indebtedness, or other obligations or evidences  
876 of indebtedness payable from and secured by amounts received  
877 from payment of loans and other moneys received by the  
878 corporation, including, but not limited to, amounts payable to  
879 the corporation by the department under a service contract  
880 entered into under subsection (5). ~~The corporation may not issue~~  
881 ~~bonds in excess of an amount authorized by general law or an~~  
882 ~~appropriations act except to refund previously issued bonds. The~~  
883 ~~corporation may issue bonds in amounts not exceeding \$50 million~~  
884 ~~in fiscal year 2000-2001, \$75 million in fiscal year 2001-2002,~~  
885 ~~and \$100 million in fiscal year 2002-2003.~~ The proceeds of the  
886 bonds may be used for the purpose of providing funds for  
887 projects and activities provided for in subsection (1) or for  
888 refunding bonds previously issued by the corporation. The





889 corporation may select a financing team and issue obligations  
890 through competitive bidding or negotiated contracts, whichever  
891 is most cost-effective. Any such indebtedness of the corporation  
892 does not constitute a debt or obligation of the state or a  
893 pledge of the faith and credit or taxing power of the state.

894 Section 16. Except as otherwise provided herein, this act  
895 shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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