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11	Representatives Attkisson and Russell offered the following:
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13	Amendment (with title amendment)
14	Remove lines 1175 and 176, and insert:
15	Section 29. Paragraph (g) of subsection (7) of section
16	163.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
17	163.01 Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969
18	(7)
19	(g)1. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this
20	section, any separate legal entity created under this section,
21	the membership of which is limited to municipalities and
22	counties of the state, may acquire, own, construct, improve,
23	operate, and manage public facilities, or finance facilities on
24	behalf of any person, relating to a governmental function or
25	purpose, including, but not limited to, wastewater facilities,
26	water or alternative water supply facilities, and water reuse
27	facilities, which may serve populations within or outside of the
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56 entity is legally separate and apart from any of its member

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86 utility facilities on the same basis as its existing members. If 87 a host government does not adopt a prohibition resolution or an 88 approval resolution, does not provide a written request for an 89 extension of the 90-day notice period, and takes no action to 90 initiate judicial proceedings regarding the proposed 91 acquisition, the separate legal entity may proceed to acquire 92 the utility after the 90-day notice period without further 93 notice, except as otherwise agreed upon by the separate legal 94 entity and the host government. In utility acquisitions 95 involving two or more host governments, the Public Service 96 Commission shall consider whether the sale, assignment, or 97 transfer of the utility is in the public interest pursuant to 98 the provisions of s. 367.071(1). 99 4. In addition to the host government's right to review as fair and reasonable the rates, charges, customer 100 classifications, and terms of service that will be in place at 101 102 the time of acquisition, the host government has the right to 103 review and approve as fair and reasonable any later changes 104 proposed by the separate legal entity to the rates, charges, 105 customer classifications, and terms of service, before adoption 106 by the separate legal entity. In addition, the host government 107 has the right to review and approve any changes to the financing 108 of such facilities which may result in increased costs to 109 customers. Such right of review and approval by the host 110 government is subject to the obligation of the separate legal 111 entity to establish rates and charges that comply with the 112 requirements contained in any resolution or trust agreement 113 relating to the issuance of bonds to acquire and improve the 114 affected utility, and such right does not affect the obligation

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115 of the separate legal entity to set rates at a level sufficient to pay debt service on its obligations issued in relation to the 116 117 host government utility. In order to facilitate review of 118 proposed changes by such host government, the separate legal 119 entity must notify the host government in writing by certified 120 mail about the proposed changes not less than 90 days before it 121 implements any changes. The notice of proposed changes must be 122 provided to the legislative head of the governing body of each 123 host government and to its chief administrative officer and must 124 provide the name and address of a contact person for the 125 separate legal entity and information identified in s. 126 367.081(2)(a)1. as it applies to publicly owned utilities about the proposed changes. If after review the host government 127 128 believes that the proposed changes are in the public interest, 129 the host government may pass a resolution approving the proposed changes. If, after review, the host government believes that the 130 131 proposed changes are not in the public interest, the host 132 government may enter into negotiation with the separate legal 133 entity to resolve those concerns. If no agreement is reached 134 within 30 days after the host government's determination that 135 the proposed changes are not in the public interest, the host 136 government may request and, if requested, shall receive binding 137 arbitration services through the Public Service Commission to 138 resolve the dispute with the separate legal entity. The 139 commission shall develop and adopt administrative rules 140 governing the arbitration process and establishing fees for this 141 dispute-resolution service. 142 5. After the acquisition or construction of any utility 143 systems by a separate legal entity created under this

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144	subsection, revenues or any other income may not be transferred
145	or paid to a member of a separate legal entity, or to any other
146	county or municipality, from user fees or other charges or
147	revenues generated from customers that are not physically
148	located within the jurisdictional or service delivery boundaries
149	of the member, county, or municipality receiving the transfer or
150	payment. Any transfer or payment to a member or other local
151	government must be solely from user fees or other charges or
152	revenues generated from customers that are physically located
153	within the jurisdictional or service delivery boundaries of the
154	member or local government receiving the transfer or payment.
155	6. The host government is guaranteed the right to acquire
156	any utility or utility system that it hosts owned by the
157	separate legal entity. In those instances when the separate
158	legal entity and the host government cannot agree on the terms
159	and conditions of the acquisition, the host government may
160	request and, if requested, shall receive binding arbitration
161	services through the Public Service Commission to resolve the
162	disputed acquisition terms. The commission shall develop and
163	adopt administrative rules governing the arbitration process and
164	establishing the fees for these services. In developing and
165	adopting its rules governing the acquisition price for a given
166	host government to acquire the utility or utility system located
167	within its jurisdiction, the Public Service Commission shall, to
168	the greatest extent possible, base the acquisition price on the
169	same percentage to the total bonded indebtedness of the separate
170	legal entity upon acquiring the utility as the acquired system's
171	rate base was to the utility's total rate base at the time
172	transferred from a regulated utility to the separate legal
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173 <u>entity</u>. This paragraph is an alternative provision otherwise

174	provided by law as authorized in s. 4, Art. VIII of the State
175	Constitution for any transfer of power as a result of an
176	acquisition of a utility by a separate legal entity from a
177	municipality, county, or special district.

178 7. The entity may finance or refinance the acquisition, 179 construction, expansion, and improvement of such facilities 180 relating to a governmental function or purpose through the 181 issuance of its bonds, notes, or other obligations under this 182 section or as otherwise authorized by law. Except as limited by 183 the terms and conditions of the utility acquisition agreement, as approved by the applicable host government, the entity has 184 185 all the powers provided by the interlocal agreement under which 186 it is created or which are necessary to finance, own, operate, 187 or manage the public facility, including, without limitation, 188 the power to establish rates, charges, and fees for products or services provided by it, the power to levy special assessments, 189 190 the power to sell or finance all or a portion of such facility, 191 and the power to contract with a public or private entity to 192 manage and operate such facilities or to provide or receive 193 facilities, services, or products. Except as may be limited by 194 the interlocal agreement under which the entity is created, all 195 of the privileges, benefits, powers, and terms of s. 125.01, 196 relating to counties, and s. 166.021, relating to 197 municipalities, are fully applicable to the entity. However, 198 neither the entity nor any of its members on behalf of the 199 entity may exercise the power of eminent domain over the 200 facilities or property of any existing water or wastewater plant 201 utility system, nor may the entity acquire title to any water or

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202 wastewater plant utility facilities, other facilities, or 203 property which was acquired by the use of eminent domain after 204 the effective date of this act. Bonds, notes, and other 205 obligations issued by the entity are issued on behalf of the 206 public agencies that are members of the entity.

207 8.2. Except as limited by the terms and conditions of the 208 utility acquisition agreement, as approved by the applicable 209 host government, any entity created under this section may also 210 issue bond anticipation notes in connection with the 211 authorization, issuance, and sale of bonds. The bonds may be 212 issued as serial bonds or as term bonds or both. Any entity may issue capital appreciation bonds or variable rate bonds. Any 213 214 bonds, notes, or other obligations must be authorized by 215 resolution of the governing body of the entity and bear the date 216 or dates; mature at the time or times, not exceeding 40 years 217 from their respective dates; bear interest at the rate or rates; be payable at the time or times; be in the denomination; be in 218 219 the form; carry the registration privileges; be executed in the 220 manner; be payable from the sources and in the medium or payment 221 and at the place; and be subject to the terms of redemption, 222 including redemption prior to maturity, as the resolution may 223 provide. If any officer whose signature, or a facsimile of whose 224 signature, appears on any bonds, notes, or other obligations 225 ceases to be an officer before the delivery of the bonds, notes, 226 or other obligations, the signature or facsimile is valid and 227 sufficient for all purposes as if he or she had remained in 228 office until the delivery. The bonds, notes, or other 229 obligations may be sold at public or private sale for such price 230 as the governing body of the entity shall determine. Pending

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231 preparation of the definitive bonds, the entity may issue 232 interim certificates, which shall be exchanged for the 233 definitive bonds. The bonds may be secured by a form of credit 234 enhancement, if any, as the entity deems appropriate. The bonds 235 may be secured by an indenture of trust or trust agreement. In 236 addition, the governing body of the legal entity may delegate, 237 to an officer, official, or agent of the legal entity as the 238 governing body of the legal entity may select, the power to 239 determine the time; manner of sale, public or private; 240 maturities; rate of interest, which may be fixed or may vary at 241 the time and in accordance with a specified formula or method of 242 determination; and other terms and conditions as may be deemed appropriate by the officer, official, or agent so designated by 243 244 the governing body of the legal entity. However, the amount and 245 maturity of the bonds, notes, or other obligations and the 246 interest rate of the bonds, notes, or other obligations must be 247 within the limits prescribed by the governing body of the legal 248 entity and its resolution delegating to an officer, official, or 249 agent the power to authorize the issuance and sale of the bonds, 250 notes, or other obligations.

251 9.3. Bonds, notes, or other obligations issued under this 252 paragraph subparagraph 1. may be validated as provided in 253 chapter 75. The complaint in any action to validate the bonds, 254 notes, or other obligations must be filed only in the Circuit 255 Court for Leon County. The notice required to be published by s. 256 75.06 must be published in Leon County and in each county that 257 is a member of the entity issuing the bonds, notes, or other 258 obligations, or in which a member of the entity is located, and the complaint and order of the circuit court must be served only 259

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on the State Attorney of the Second Judicial Circuit and on the state attorney of each circuit in each county that is a member of the entity issuing the bonds, notes, or other obligations or in which a member of the entity is located. Section 75.04(2) does not apply to a complaint for validation brought by the legal entity.

266 10.4. The accomplishment of the authorized purposes of a 267 legal entity created under this paragraph is in all respects for 268 the benefit of the people of the state, for the increase of 269 their commerce and prosperity, and for the improvement of their 270 health and living conditions. Since the legal entity will 271 perform essential governmental functions in accomplishing its 272 purposes, the legal entity is not required to pay any taxes or 273 assessments of any kind whatsoever upon any property acquired or 274 used by it for such purposes or upon any revenues at any time 275 received by it. The bonds, notes, and other obligations of an entity, their transfer and the income therefrom, including any 276 277 profits made on the sale thereof, are at all times free from 278 taxation of any kind by the state or by any political 279 subdivision or other agency or instrumentality thereof. The 280 exemption granted in this subparagraph is not applicable to any 281 tax imposed by chapter 220 on interest, income, or profits on 282 debt obligations owned by corporations.

283 Section 30. Subsection (1) of section 120.52, Florida 284 Statutes, is amended to read:

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120.52 Definitions.--As used in this act:

286 (1) "Agency" means:

(a) The Governor in the exercise of all executive powersother than those derived from the constitution.

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289 (b) Each:

290 1. State officer and state department, and each 291 departmental unit described in s. 20.04. 292 2. Authority, including a regional water supply authority. 3. 293 Board. 294 4. Commission, including the Commission on Ethics and the 295 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission when acting pursuant 296 to statutory authority derived from the Legislature. 297 5. Regional planning agency. 298 Multicounty special district with a majority of its 6. 299 governing board comprised of nonelected persons. 300 Educational units. 7. 301 8. Entity described in chapters 163, 373, 380, and 582 and 302 s. 186.504. (c) Each other unit of government in the state, including 303 304 counties and municipalities, to the extent they are expressly made subject to this act by general or special law or existing 305 306 judicial decisions. 307 308 309 This definition does not include any legal entity or agency 310 created in whole or in part pursuant to chapter 361, part II, an 311 expressway authority pursuant to chapter 348, any legal or 312 administrative entity created by an interlocal agreement 313 pursuant to s. 163.01(7), except those created pursuant to s. 314 163.01(7)(g)1., unless any party to such agreement is otherwise 315 an agency as defined in this subsection, or any multicounty 316 special district with a majority of its governing board

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317 comprised of elected persons; however, this definition shall 318 include a regional water supply authority.

319 Section 31. Subsection (7) of section 367.021, Florida 320 Statutes, is amended to read:

321 367.021 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, the 322 following words or terms shall have the meanings indicated:

(7) "Governmental authority" means a political subdivision, as defined by s. 1.01(8), a regional water supply authority created pursuant to s. 373.1962, or a nonprofit corporation formed for the purpose of acting on behalf of a political subdivision with respect to a water or wastewater facility; however, this definition shall exclude a separate legal entity created pursuant to s. 163.01(7)(g)1.

330 Section 32. Subsections (1) and (4) of section 367.071,
331 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

332 367.071 Sale, assignment, or transfer of certificate of
 333 authorization, facilities, or control.--

334 A No utility may not shall sell, assign, or transfer (1) 335 its certificate of authorization, facilities or any portion 336 thereof, or majority organizational control without 337 determination and approval of the commission that the proposed 338 sale, assignment, or transfer is in the public interest and that 339 the buyer, assignee, or transferee will fulfill the commitments, 340 obligations, and representations of the utility. However, a 341 sale, assignment, or transfer of its certificate of 342 authorization, facilities or any portion thereof, or majority 343 organizational control may occur prior to commission approval if 344 the contract for sale, assignment, or transfer is made 345 contingent upon commission approval.

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346 (4) An application shall be disposed of as provided in s.347 367.045, except that:

The sale of facilities, in whole or part, to a 348 (a) 349 governmental authority, as defined in s. 367.021(7), shall be 350 approved as a matter of right; however, the governmental 351 authority shall, prior to taking any official action, obtain 352 from the utility or commission with respect to the facilities to 353 be sold the most recent available income and expense statement, 354 balance sheet, and statement of rate base for regulatory 355 purposes and contributions-in-aid-of-construction. Any request 356 for rate relief pending before the commission at the time of sale is deemed to have been withdrawn. Interim rates, if 357 previously approved by the commission, must be discontinued, and 358 359 any money collected pursuant to interim rate relief must be 360 refunded to the customers of the utility with interest.

(b) When paragraph (a) does not apply, the commission shall amend the certificate of authorization as necessary to reflect the change resulting from the sale, assignment, or transfer.

365 Section 33. If any provision of this act or the 366 <u>application thereof to any person or circumstance is held</u> 367 <u>invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or</u> 368 <u>applications of this act which can be given effect without the</u> 369 <u>invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions</u> 370 <u>of this act are declared severable.</u>

371Section 34.Private property rights and regional372reservoirs.--

373(1) The Legislature finds that construction of a regional374reservoir designed to store more than 10 billion gallons of

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375	water may inordinately burden nearby real property because of
376	the proximity of the reservoir and may result in a loss of value
377	for the property owner. Therefore, a regional water supply
378	authority, serving three or fewer counties, that is authorized
379	to construct, operate, and maintain such a regional reservoir
380	shall be deemed a governmental entity under section 70.001,
381	Florida Statutes, the Bert J. Harris, Jr., Private Property
382	Rights Protection Act, for purposes of this section.
383	(2) This section provides a cause of action for the
384	actions of a regional water supply authority, in siting and
385	constructing a reservoir as described in subsection (1), that
386	may not rise to the level of a taking under the State
387	Constitution or the United States Constitution. This section may
388	not necessarily be construed under the case law regarding
389	takings if the action of a regional water supply authority does
390	not rise to the level of a taking. The provisions of this
391	section are cumulative and do not abrogate any other remedy
392	lawfully available, including any remedy lawfully available for
393	the actions of a regional water supply authority that rise to
394	the level of a taking. However, a regional water supply
395	authority may not be liable more than once for compensation due
396	to an action of the regional water supply authority that results
397	in a loss of value for a subject real property.
398	(3) Each owner of real property located within 10,000 feet
399	of the the center of the footprint of a regional reservoir, as
400	described in subsection(1), or 5,500 feet from the exterior of
401	the berm of such reservoir, may present a claim for compensation
402	in writing to the head of the regional water supply authority on
403	or before December 31, 2004, for a loss in property value
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404	resulting from the proximity of the reservoir. For each claim
405	presented under this section, section 70.001, Florida Statutes,
406	applies, except when there is conflict with this section, the
407	provisions of this section shall govern.
408	(a) The property owner must submit along with the claim a
409	bona fide, valid appraisal that supports the claim and
410	demonstrates the loss in fair market value to the real property.
411	(b) A claim under this section shall be presented only to
412	the regional water supply authority that is authorized to
413	construct, operate, and maintain the reservoir.
414	(4) The Legislature recognizes that construction and
415	maintenance of a regional reservoir may not necessarily
416	interfere with allowable uses of real property near the
417	reservoir. However, the siting and construction of the reservoir
418	may result in an actual loss to the fair market value of real
419	property located within 10,000 feet of the center of the
420	footprint of the reservoir, or 5,500 feet from the exterior of
421	the berm, because of the proximity of the reservoir. Therefore,
422	any offer of compensation by the regional water supply authority
423	shall be based solely on the loss of value for the property
424	owner as a result of the proximity of the reservoir and not on
425	the effects the reservoir has on existing uses or on a vested
426	right to a specific use of real property.
427	(a) Notwithstanding section 70.001, Florida Statutes, the
428	regional water supply authority to whom a claim is presented
429	shall, not later than 180 days after receiving such claim:
430	1. Make a written offer to purchase the real property if
431	there is more than a 50-percent loss in value to the real

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432	property as a result of the proximity of the reservoir and if
433	the property owner is a willing seller;
434	2. Make a written offer to purchase an interest in rights
435	of use which may become transferable development rights to be
436	held, sold, or otherwise disposed of by the regional water
437	supply authority; or
438	3. Terminate negotiations.
439	(b) An offer by the regional water supply authority to
440	purchase the property in fee or purchase an interest in rights
441	of use under this section shall cover the cost of the appraisal
442	required in subsection (3).
443	(5) During the 180-day period, unless the property owner
444	accepts a written offer for purchase pursuant to subparagraph
445	(4)(a)1. or 2., the regional water supply authority shall issue
446	a final decision stating that:
447	(a) The real property has a loss in value due to an
448	inordinate burden on the property resulting from the proximity
449	of the reservoir and the regional water supply authority and
450	property owner cannot reach agreement on the amount of
451	compensation; or
452	(b) The property owner has failed to establish a basis for
453	relief under the provisions of this section and section 70.001,
454	Florida Statutes.
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457	Failure of the regional water supply authority to issue a final
458	decision as required by this subsection shall cause the written
459	offer or termination of negotiations required in subsection (4)
460	to operate as a final decision. As a matter of law, this final
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461 decision constitutes the last prerequisite to judicial review of

462 <u>the merits for the purposes of the judicial proceeding provided</u>463 for in section 70.001, Florida Statutes.

464 (6) The circuit court, for purposes of this section, shall 465 determine whether, considering the written offer and final 466 decision, the regional water supply authority has inordinately 467 burdened the subject real property. Following a determination 468 that the regional water supply authority has inordinately 469 burdened the real property, the court shall impanel a jury to 470 determine the total amount of compensation to the property owner 471 for the loss in value due to the inordinate burden to the 472 subject real property.

473 (7) Pursuant to section 70.001, Florida Statutes, the
474 court may award reasonable costs and attorney's fees and the
475 court shall determine the amount. If the court awards the
476 property owner reasonable costs and attorney's fees, the costs
477 shall include the cost of the appraisal required in
478 subsection(3).

479 (8) This section shall take effect July 1, 2003, and is
480 repealed effective January 1, 2005. However, the repeal of this
481 section shall not affect a claim filed on or before December 31,
482 2004.

483 Section 35. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this 484 act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law and shall 485 apply to all contracts pending on that date.

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490 certain fees; amending s. 163.01, F.S.; providing applicability 491 of provisions relating to ownership and operation of utilities 492 by entities composed of municipalities and counties; prescribing 493 powers of counties and specified municipalities with respect to 494 acquisition of water utilities and wastewater utilities by 495 separate legal entities composed of municipalities and counties; authorizing the Public Service Commission to review the 496 497 acquisition of a utility by two or more host governments; 498 providing for a binding arbitration process under the Public 499 Service Commission to resolve certain disputes relating to utility acquisition; authorizing the commission to adopt rules; 500 501 requiring the Public Service Commission to establish rules that 502 base the acquisition price for a host government to acquire a 503 utility on certain information; amending s. 120.52, F.S.; 504 deleting an exception from the requirements of ch. 120, F.S., 505 for an entity created under s. 163.01(7)(g)1., F.S.; amending s. 367.021, F.S.; excluding an entity created under s. 506 507 163.01(7)(g)1., F.S., from the definition of "governmental 508 authority"; amending s. 367.071, F.S.; deleting a provision 509 authorizing a utility to be sold or transferred prior to 510 approval of the Public Service Commission with a contingency 511 clause in the contract; providing severability; providing 512 legislative findings with respect to loss of property values due 513 to the proximity of a regional water reservoir; authorizing a 514 cause of action for a property owner; specifying a period during 515 which a property owner may present a claim for compensation to 516 the regional water supply authority that constructs, operates, 517 and maintains the reservoir; providing requirements for the 518 offer of compensation by a regional water supply authority;

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519 providing for judicial review under the Bert J. Harris, Jr.,

520 Private Property Rights Protection Act; providing for an award

521 of costs and attorney's fees; providing for future repeal of the

522 section; providing for applicability; providing effective dates.