

HB 0279 2003

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to water resources; amending s. 373.219, F.S.; requiring local governments to be notified of proposed consumptive use permits; amending s. 373.223, F.S.; providing an additional condition for obtaining a permit; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 373.219, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

373.219 Permits required.--

(1) The governing board or the department may require such permits for consumptive use of water and may impose such reasonable conditions as are necessary to assure that such use is consistent with the overall objectives of the district or department and is not harmful to the water resources of the area. These permits shall not be issued until affected local governments have been given due notice of the proposed consumptive use permit and an opportunity to file objections to the issuance of the proposed permit with the governing board. However, no permit shall be required for domestic consumption of water by individual users.

Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 373.223, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

373.223 Conditions for a permit.--

(1) To obtain a permit pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, the applicant must establish that the proposed use of water:



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| 30 | (a)   | Is a reasonable-beneficial use as defined in s.         |
| 31 | 373.019;  |   |
| 32 | (b)   | Will not interfere with any presently existing legal    |
| 33 | use of water; and   |   |
| 34 | (c)   | Is consistent with the public interest; and             |
| 35 | (d)   | Is consistent with the affected local government's      |
| 36 | comprehensive plan and that the applicant has obtained all of |   |
| 37 | the necessary land use and zoning permits.                    |   |
| 38 | Sect  | tion 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law. |