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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to the East County Water Control District,
Hendry and Lee Counties; amending ch. 2000-423, Laws of
Florida; providing for the apportionment of maintenance
taxes equitably to all equally benefited properties;
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 3 of section 3 of chapter 2000-423,
Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 3. Maintenance assessments.--Maintenance
assessments as provided for under section 298.54, Florida
Statutes, shall be apportioned upon the basis of the net
assessments of benefits assessed as accruing from original
construction and any subsequent improvements, and shall be due
and collected pursuant to section 298.54, Florida Statutes,
chapter 197, Florida Statutes, and this act. Provided, nothing
herein shall prevent the Board of Supervisors from apportioning
maintenance taxes for the maintenance of the district facilities
equally to all benefited acres if the Board of Supervisors
determines that benefits are substantially equal for benefited
acreage throughout the District. Said assessments shall be a
lien until paid on the property against which assessed and
enforceable in like manner as county taxes.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.