

By the Committee on Natural Resources; and Senator Constantine

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to the interdistrict transfer  
and use of water; amending s. 373.2295, F.S.;  
redefining the term "interdistrict transfer and  
use"; providing continued effect of agreements  
between water management districts which were  
entered into before the effective date of the  
act; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 373.2295, Florida  
Statutes, is amended to read:

373.2295 Interdistrict transfers of groundwater.--

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

Section 2. Any agreement between water management  
districts which was entered into before the effective date of  
this act pursuant to section 373.046, Florida Statutes,  
authorizing the issuance of permits for the interdistrict  
withdrawal and use of water within a county shall continue in  
effect until otherwise rescinded.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
law.

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
Senate Bill 554

The committee substitute provides that the term "interdistrict transfer and use" for the withdrawal of groundwater does not include a withdrawal and use within the same county. This will allow utilities that have wellfields in two or more water management districts to obtain a consumptive use permit from one water management district subject to an agreement with the other affected water management districts.