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A bill to be entitled  
 An act relating to water management district agreements regarding the Orlando Utilities Commission, Orange County; amending chapter 13198 (1927), Laws of Florida; requiring an agreement designating a single water management district for the commission; requiring the agreement to be reached by a date certain; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 1 of chapter 13198 (1927), Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 1. Water Supply Development and Protection.--

(1) The City of Orlando is hereby authorized and empowered by its duly constituted authorities to exercise the right of eminent domain to appropriate property, except State or Federal, for the purpose of obtaining, constructing and maintaining water works, reservoirs, any and all such lands, waters, and lands adjacent to waters, as in the judgment of the governing authority of the City of Orlando may be necessary for the full and complete police protection of any such water supply of the City of Orlando to safe-guard the health, sanitation and interest of said City in supplying the said City and its inhabitants a wholesome and pure water supply for all purposes.

(2) For purposes of consumptive water use permitting pursuant to chapter 373, Florida Statutes, any water supply production and distribution facilities owned or controlled by the Orlando Utilities Commission within Orange County are to be regulated by a single permit issued by a single water management district. The affected districts shall designate a single



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31 affected district by interagency agreement consistent with  
32 section 373.046, Florida Statutes, to regulate the Orlando  
33 Utilities Commission exclusively under rules of the designated  
34 district and to issue any permit for consumptive use of water  
35 under Part II of the Florida Water Resources Act of 1972, as  
36 amended, as set forth in chapter 373, Florida Statutes. In the  
37 event that the affected districts do not enter into such an  
38 interagency agreement by August 1, 2003, or 90 days after this  
39 act becomes a law, whichever is sooner, the Orlando Utilities  
40 Commission may designate a single affected water management  
41 district to regulate its facilities until such time as the  
42 required interagency agreement is entered into. This section is  
43 not intended to conflict with the exclusive authority of the  
44 Florida Water Resources Act to regulate the consumptive use of  
45 water as provided in section 373.217, Florida Statutes. In the  
46 event that a general law is enacted that has the effect of  
47 directing the affected water management districts to enter into  
48 an interagency agreement by a date certain designating a single  
49 water management district to regulate the Orlando Utilities  
50 Commission's water production and distribution facilities, the  
51 general law shall control. Until such a comprehensive revision  
52 to general law is enacted, this section shall control in the  
53 event of a conflict.

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