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See HB

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to water policy; amending s.  
3           373.069, F.S.; revising boundaries of the  
4           Southwest Florida Water Management District and  
5           the South Florida Water Management District;  
6           amending s. 373.0691, F.S.; providing for the  
7           transfer of land and other incidentals from the  
8           Southwest Florida Water Management District to  
9           the South Florida Water Management District;  
10          providing an effective date.

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

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14           Section 1. Paragraphs (d) and (e) of subsection (2) of  
15 section 373.069, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

16           373.069 Creation of water management districts.--

17           (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other  
18 special or general act to the contrary, the boundaries of the  
19 respective districts named in subsection (1) shall include the  
20 areas within the following boundaries:

21           (d) Southwest Florida Water Management  
22 District.--Begin at the intersection of the north boundary of  
23 Lee County with the Gulf of Mexico; thence eastward along the  
24 Lee-Charlotte County line to the Southeast corner of Section  
25 33, Township 42 South, Range 24 East; thence North into  
26 Charlotte County, along the section lines to the Northeast  
27 corner of Section 4, Township 42 South, Range 24 East; thence  
28 East along the township line between Townships 41 and 42 South  
29 to the Southeast corner of Section 36, Township 41 South,  
30 Range 25 East; thence north along the section line to the  
31 northwest corner of Section 6, Township 41 South, Range 26

1 East; thence east along the section line to the southeast  
2 corner of Section 36, Township 40 South, Range 26 East; thence  
3 North along the range line between Ranges 26 and 27 to the  
4 Northeast corner of Section 1, Township 40 South, Range 26  
5 East, and the Charlotte-Desoto County line; thence east along  
6 the Charlotte-Desoto County line to the southeast corner of  
7 Section 36, Township 39 South, Range 27 East; thence north  
8 along the DeSoto-Highlands County line to the intersection of  
9 the South boundary of Hardee County; thence north along the  
10 Hardee-Highlands County line to the northwest corner of  
11 Section 6, Township 33 South, Range 28 East; thence east  
12 ~~southwest corner of Township 35 South, Range 28 East; thence~~  
13 ~~east along the north boundary of Township 36 South to the~~  
14 ~~northeast corner of Section 1, Township 36 South, Range 28~~  
15 ~~East; thence south along the range line to the southeast~~  
16 ~~corner of Section 12, Township 37 South, Range 28 East; thence~~  
17 ~~east along the section line to the northeast corner of Section~~  
18 ~~15, Township 37 South, Range 29 East; thence south along the~~  
19 ~~section line to the southeast corner of Section 34, Township~~  
20 ~~37 South, Range 29 East; thence east along the township line~~  
21 ~~to the northeast corner of Section 1, Township 38 South, Range~~  
22 ~~29 East; thence south along the range line to the southeast~~  
23 ~~corner of Section 1, Township 39 South, Range 29 East; thence~~  
24 ~~east along the section line to the northwest corner of Section~~  
25 ~~11, Township 39 South, Range 30 East; thence north along the~~  
26 ~~section line to the southwest corner of Section 35, Township~~  
27 ~~38 South, Range 30 East; thence east along the township line~~  
28 ~~to the southeast corner of the west 1/4 of Section 35,~~  
29 ~~Township 38 South, Range 30 East; thence north along the~~  
30 ~~1/4-section line of Sections 35, 26, and 23, Township 38~~  
31 ~~South, Range 30 East to the northeast corner of the west 1/4~~

1 ~~section of Section 23, Township 38 South, Range 30 East;~~  
2 ~~thence west along the section line to the northwest corner of~~  
3 ~~Section 23, Township 38 South, Range 30 East; thence north~~  
4 ~~along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 2,~~  
5 ~~Township 37 South, Range 30 East; thence west along the~~  
6 ~~township line to the southwest corner of Section 34, Township~~  
7 ~~36 South, Range 30 East; thence north along the section line~~  
8 ~~to the northwest corner of Section 3, Township 36 South, Range~~  
9 ~~30 East; thence west along the township line to the southwest~~  
10 ~~corner of Section 31, Township 35 South, Range 30 East; thence~~  
11 ~~north along the range line between Ranges 29 and 30 East,~~  
12 ~~through Townships 35, 34, and 33 South, to the northeast~~  
13 ~~corner of Township 33 South, Range 29 East, being on the~~  
14 ~~Highlands-Polk County line; thence west along the~~  
15 Highlands-Polk County line to the southeast corner of Township  
16 32 South, Range 28 East; thence north along the range line  
17 between Ranges 28 and 29 East, in Townships 32 and 31 South,  
18 to the northeast corner of Section 12 in Township 31 South,  
19 Range 28 East; thence east along the section line to the  
20 northeast corner of Section 7, Township 31 South, Range 29  
21 East; thence north along the section line to the northwest  
22 corner of Section 17, Township 30 South, Range 29 East; thence  
23 east along the section line to the northeast corner of the  
24 west 1/2 of Section 17, Township 30 South, Range 29 East;  
25 thence north along the 1/2-section line to the northeast  
26 corner of the west 1/2 of Section 5, Township 30 South, Range  
27 29 East; thence west along the section line to the southwest  
28 corner of Section 32, Township 29 South, Range 29 East; thence  
29 north along the section line to the northeast corner of  
30 Section 19 in Township 29 South, Range 29 East; thence west  
31 along the north boundaries of Section 19, Township 29 South,

1 Range 29 East, and Sections 24, 23, 22, 21, and 20, Township  
2 29 South, Range 28 East, to the northwest corner of said  
3 Section 20; thence north along the section line to the  
4 intersection of said section line with the west shore line of  
5 Lake Pierce in Township 29 South, Range 28 East; thence  
6 following the west shore of Lake Pierce to its intersection  
7 again with the west section line of Section 5, Township 29  
8 South, Range 28 East; thence north along the section line to  
9 the northwest corner of Section 5, Township 29 South, Range 28  
10 East; thence east along the township line to the southwest  
11 corner of Section 33, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence  
12 north along the section line to the northwest corner of the  
13 southwest 1/4 of the southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Township 28  
14 South, Range 28 East; thence east along the 1/4-section line  
15 to the intersection of said 1/4-section line with Lake Pierce;  
16 thence follow the shore line northeasterly to its intersection  
17 with the 1/2-section line of Section 28, Township 28 South,  
18 Range 28 East; thence north on the 1/2-section line to the  
19 northwest corner of the southeast 1/4 of Section 28, Township  
20 28 South, Range 28 East; thence east to the northeast corner  
21 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 28, Township 28 South, Range  
22 28 East; thence south along the section line to the northwest  
23 corner of Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 28 East; thence  
24 east along the section line to the northeast corner of Section  
25 3, Township 29 South, Range 28 East; thence north along the  
26 section line to the northwest corner of Section 23, Township  
27 28 South, Range 28 East; thence west along the section line to  
28 the southwest corner of Section 16, Township 28 South, Range  
29 28 East; thence north along the section line to the northwest  
30 corner of Section 16, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence  
31 west along the section line to the southwest corner of Section

1 8, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence north along the  
2 section line to the northwest corner of Section 5, Township 28  
3 South, Range 28 East; thence west along the township line to  
4 the intersection of said township line with Lake Marion;  
5 thence following the south shore line of Lake Marion to its  
6 intersection again with said township line; thence west along  
7 the township line to the southeast corner of Section 36,  
8 Township 37 South, Range 27 East; thence north along the range  
9 line between Ranges 27 and 28 East to the intersection of said  
10 range line with Lake Marion; thence following the west shore  
11 of Lake Marion to its intersection again with the range line  
12 between Ranges 27 and 28 East; thence north along said range  
13 line, in Townships 27 and 26 South, to the northeast corner of  
14 Township 26 South, Range 27 East, being on the Polk-Osceola  
15 County line; thence west along the Polk-Osceola County line to  
16 the northwest corner of Township 26 South, Range 27 East;  
17 thence north along the section line to the Lake-Polk County  
18 line; thence west along the county line to the southwest  
19 corner of Section 32, Township 24 South, Range 26 East; thence  
20 into Lake County, north along the section lines to the  
21 northeast corner of Section 30, Township 24 South, Range 26  
22 East; thence west along the section lines to the northeast  
23 corner of Section 28, Township 24 South, Range 25 East; thence  
24 north along the section lines to the northeast corner of  
25 Section 16, Township 24 South, Range 25 East; thence west  
26 along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 16,  
27 Township 24 South, Range 25 East; thence north along the  
28 section line to the northeast corner of Section 8, Township 24  
29 South, Range 25 East; thence west along the section lines to  
30 the range line between Ranges 24 and 25; thence north along  
31 the range line to the northeast corner of Section 1, Township

1 23 South, Range 24 East, also being on the township line  
2 between Townships 22 and 23 South; thence west along the  
3 township line to the northwest corner of Section 6, Township  
4 23 South, Range 24 East also being on the Sumter-Lake County  
5 line; thence north along the Sumter-Lake County line, also  
6 being the range line between Ranges 23 and 24, to the  
7 northeast corner of Section 1, Township 18 South, Range 23  
8 East and the Marion County line; thence west, along the  
9 Sumter-Marion County line, also being the township line  
10 between Townships 17 and 18 South, to the westerly  
11 right-of-way line of Interstate Highway 75; thence northerly  
12 along the westerly right-of-way line of Interstate Highway 75  
13 to the Alachua-Marion County line, said line also being the  
14 township line between Townships 11 and 12 South; thence west  
15 along the Alachua-Marion County line to the northwest corner  
16 of Section 3, Township 12 South, Range 19 East and the Levy  
17 County line; thence westerly along the Levy-Alachua County  
18 line, also being the township line between Townships 11 and 12  
19 South, to the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 11  
20 South, Range 17 East; thence north along the Levy-Alachua  
21 County line, also being the range line between Ranges 17 and  
22 18 East, to the southerly right-of-way line of State Road No.  
23 24; thence southwesterly along said southerly right-of-way  
24 line to the easterly right-of-way line of State Road No. 337;  
25 thence southerly, along said easterly right-of-way line of  
26 State Road No. 337, to the south line of Section 35, Township  
27 14 South, Range 17 East; thence west along the section line to  
28 the northwest corner of Section 3, Township 15 South, Range 17  
29 East; thence south along the section lines to the southwest  
30 corner of Section 27, Township 15 South, Range 17 East; thence  
31 west to the Gulf of Mexico; thence south along the Gulf of

1 Mexico, including the waters of said gulf within the  
2 jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the point of  
3 beginning.

4 (e) South Florida Water Management District.--Begin at  
5 the intersection of the north boundary of Lee County with the  
6 Gulf of Mexico; thence easterly along the Lee-Charlotte County  
7 line to the southwest corner of Section 34, Township 42 South,  
8 Range 24 East; thence northerly along the section lines to the  
9 northwest corner of Section 3, Township 42 South, Range 24  
10 East; thence easterly along the Township line between  
11 Townships 41 and 42 South to the southwest corner of Section  
12 31, Township 41 South, Range 26 East; thence northerly along  
13 the Range line between Ranges 25 and 26 East to the northwest  
14 corner of Section 6, Township 41 South, Range 26 East; thence  
15 easterly along the Township line between Townships 40 and 41  
16 South to the southwest corner of Section 31, Township 40  
17 South, Range 27 East; thence northerly along the Range line  
18 between Ranges 26 and 27 East to the Charlotte-DeSoto County  
19 line; thence easterly along the Charlotte-Desoto County line  
20 to the west line of Highlands County; thence northerly along  
21 the Highlands-Desoto County line and along the  
22 Highlands-Hardee County line to the northwest corner of  
23 Section 6, Township 33 South, Range 28 East; thence east  
24 ~~Township 36 South, Range 28 East; thence east along the north~~  
25 ~~boundary of Township 36 South to the northeast corner of~~  
26 ~~Section 1, Township 36 South, Range 28 East; thence south~~  
27 ~~along the range line to the southeast corner of Section 12,~~  
28 ~~Township 37 South, Range 28 East; thence east along the~~  
29 ~~section line to the northeast corner of Section 15, Township~~  
30 ~~37 South, Range 29 East; thence south along the section line~~  
31 ~~to the southeast corner of Section 34, Township 37 South,~~

1 ~~Range 29 East; thence east along the township line to the~~  
2 ~~northeast corner of Section 1, Township 38 South, Range 29~~  
3 ~~East; thence south along the range line to the southeast~~  
4 ~~corner of Section 1, Township 39 South, Range 29 East; thence~~  
5 ~~east along the section line to the northwest corner of Section~~  
6 ~~11, Township 39 South, Range 30 East; thence north along the~~  
7 ~~section line to the southwest corner of Section 35, Township~~  
8 ~~38 South, Range 30 East; thence east along the township line~~  
9 ~~to the southeast corner of the west 1/4 of Section 35,~~  
10 ~~Township 38 South, Range 30 East; thence north along the~~  
11 ~~1/4-section line of Sections 35, 26, and 23, Township 38~~  
12 ~~South, Range 30 East to the northeast corner of the west 1/4~~  
13 ~~section of Section 23, Township 38 South, Range 30 East;~~  
14 ~~thence west along the section line to the northwest corner of~~  
15 ~~Section 23, Township 38 South, Range 30 East; thence north~~  
16 ~~along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 2,~~  
17 ~~Township 37 South, Range 30 East; thence west along the~~  
18 ~~township line to the southwest corner of Section 34, Township~~  
19 ~~36 South, Range 30 East; thence north along the section line~~  
20 ~~to the northwest corner of Section 3, Township 36 South, Range~~  
21 ~~30 East; thence west along the township line to the southwest~~  
22 ~~corner of Section 31, Township 35 South, Range 30 East; thence~~  
23 ~~north along the range line between Ranges 29 and 30 East,~~  
24 ~~through Townships 35, 34, and 33 South, to the northwest~~  
25 ~~corner of Township 33 South, Range 30 East, being on the~~  
26 ~~Highlands-Polk County line; thence west along the~~  
27 ~~Highlands-Polk County line to the southwest corner of Township~~  
28 ~~32 South, Range 29 East; thence north along the range line~~  
29 ~~between Ranges 28 and 29 East, in Townships 32 and 31 South,~~  
30 ~~to the northwest corner of Section 7 in Township 31 South,~~  
31 ~~Range 29 East; thence east along the section line to the~~



1 northeast corner of Section 7, Township 31 South, Range 29  
2 East; thence north along the section line to the northwest  
3 corner of Section 17, Township 30 South, Range 29 East; thence  
4 east along the section line to the northeast corner of the  
5 west 1/2 of Section 17, Township 30 South, Range 29 East;  
6 thence north along the 1/2-section line to the northeast  
7 corner of the west 1/2 of Section 5, Township 30 South, Range  
8 29 East; thence west along the section line to the southwest  
9 corner of Section 32, Township 29 South, Range 29 East; thence  
10 north along the section line to the northeast corner of  
11 Section 19 in Township 29 South, Range 29 East; thence west  
12 along the south boundaries of Section 18, Township 29 South,  
13 Range 29 East and Sections 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 in Township  
14 29 South, Range 28 East, to the southwest corner of said  
15 Section 17; thence north along the section line to the  
16 intersection of said section line with the west shore line of  
17 Lake Pierce in Township 29 South, Range 28 East; thence  
18 following the west shore of Lake Pierce to its intersection  
19 again with the west section line of Section 5, Township 29  
20 South, Range 28 East; thence north along the section line to  
21 the northwest corner of Section 5, Township 29 South, Range 28  
22 East; thence east along the township line to the southwest  
23 corner of Section 33, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence  
24 north along the section line to the northwest corner of the  
25 southwest 1/4 of the southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Township 28  
26 South, Range 28 East; thence east along the 1/4-section line  
27 to the intersection of said 1/4-section line with Lake Pierce;  
28 thence follow the shore line northeasterly to its intersection  
29 with the 1/2-section line of Section 28, Township 28 South,  
30 Range 28 East; thence north on the 1/2-section line to the  
31 northwest corner of the southeast 1/4 of Section 28, Township

1 28 South, Range 28 East; thence east along the 1/2-section  
2 line to the northeast corner of the southeast 1/4 of Section  
3 28, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence south along the  
4 section line to the northwest corner of Section 3, Township 29  
5 South, Range 28 East; thence east along the section line to  
6 the northeast corner of Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 28  
7 East; thence north along the section line to the northwest  
8 corner of Section 23, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence  
9 west along the section line to the southwest corner of Section  
10 16, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence north along the  
11 section line to the northwest corner of Section 16, Township  
12 28 South, Range 28 East; thence west along the section line to  
13 the southwest corner of Section 8, Township 28 South, Range 28  
14 East; thence north along the section line to the northwest  
15 corner of Section 5, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence  
16 west along the township line to the intersection of said  
17 township line with Lake Marion; thence following the south  
18 shore line of Lake Marion to its intersection again with said  
19 township line; thence west along the township line to the  
20 southeast corner of Section 36, Township 27 South, Range 27  
21 East; thence north along the range line between Ranges 27 and  
22 28 East to the intersection of said range line with Lake  
23 Marion; thence following the west shore of Lake Marion to its  
24 intersection again with the range line between Ranges 27 and  
25 28 East; thence north along said range line, in Townships 27  
26 and 26 South, to the northwest corner of Township 26 South,  
27 Range 28 East, being on the Polk-Osceola County line; thence  
28 west along the Polk-Osceola County line to the southwest  
29 corner of Township 25 South, Range 27 East; thence northerly  
30 along the range line between Ranges 26 and 27 East to the  
31 northwest corner of Section 18, Township 23 South, Range 27

1 East; thence easterly along the section lines to the southwest  
2 corner of Section 12, Township 23 South, Range 27 East; thence  
3 northerly along the section lines to the northwest corner of  
4 Section 1, Township 23 South, Range 27 East; thence easterly  
5 along the Township line between Townships 22 and 23 South to  
6 the southwest corner of Section 31, Township 22 South, Range  
7 29 East; thence northerly along the Range line between Ranges  
8 28 and 29 East to the northwest corner of Section 30, Township  
9 22 South, Range 29 East; thence easterly along the section  
10 lines to the westerly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 441;  
11 thence southerly along the westerly right-of-way line to the  
12 intersection with the northerly right-of-way line of State  
13 Road 528A; thence easterly along the northerly right-of-way  
14 line to the intersection with the northerly right-of-way line  
15 of State Road 528, also known as the Bee Line Expressway;  
16 thence easterly along the northerly right-of-way line of State  
17 Road 528 to the intersection with the range line between  
18 Township 23 South, Range 31 East and Township 23 South, Range  
19 32 East; thence southerly along the Range line between Ranges  
20 31 and 32 East to the Orange-Osceola County line; thence  
21 easterly along said county line between Townships 24 and 25  
22 South to the northeast corner of Section 5, Township 25 South,  
23 Range 32 East; thence southerly along the section lines to the  
24 southeast corner of Section 32, Township 25 South, Range 32  
25 East; thence easterly along the Township line between  
26 Townships 25 and 26 South to the northeast corner of Section  
27 1, Township 26 South, Range 32 East; thence southerly along  
28 the Range line between Ranges 32 and 33 East to the southeast  
29 corner of Section 36, Township 27 South, Range 32 East; thence  
30 westerly along the township line between Townships 27 and 28  
31 South, to the northeast corner of Section 1, Township 28

1 South, Range 32 East; thence southerly along the Range line  
2 between Ranges 32 and 33 East to the southeast corner of  
3 Section 36, Township 29 South, Range 32 East; thence easterly  
4 along the Township line between Townships 29 and 30 South to  
5 the northeast corner of Section 1, Township 30 South, Range 33  
6 East; thence southerly along the Range line between Ranges 33  
7 and 34 East to the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 30  
8 South, Range 33 East; thence westerly along the Township line  
9 between Townships 30 and 31 South to the northeast corner of  
10 Section 4, Township 31 South, Range 33 East; thence southerly  
11 along the section lines to the Osceola-Okeechobee County line;  
12 thence easterly along said county line to the northeast corner  
13 of Section 3, Township 33 South, Range 34 East; thence  
14 southerly along the section lines to the southeast corner of  
15 Section 34, Township 34 South, Range 34 East; thence easterly  
16 along the Township line between Townships 34 and 35 South to  
17 the southwest corner of Section 36, Township 34 South, Range  
18 35 East; thence northerly along the section lines to the  
19 northwest corner of Section 13, Township 34 South, Range 35  
20 East; thence easterly along the section line to the Range line  
21 between Ranges 35 and 36 East; thence northerly along said  
22 Range line to the northwest corner of Section 18, Township 34  
23 South, Range 36 East; thence easterly along the section lines  
24 to the southwest corner of Section 10, Township 34 south,  
25 Range 36 East; thence northerly along the section line to the  
26 northwest corner of said Section 10; thence easterly along the  
27 section lines to the Okeechobee-St. Lucie County line; thence  
28 northerly along said county line to the south line of Indian  
29 River County; thence easterly along the St. Lucie-Indian River  
30 County line to the Atlantic Ocean; thence southerly along the  
31 Atlantic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico; thence northerly along

1 the Gulf of Mexico, including the waters of said Ocean and of  
2 said Gulf and the islands therein within the jurisdiction of  
3 the State of Florida, to the point of beginning.

4 Section 2. Present subsection (3) of section 373.0691,  
5 Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (4), and a new  
6 subsection (3) is added to that section to read:

7 373.0691 Transfer of areas.--

8 (3) Effective at 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2004, that  
9 portion of Highlands County formerly within the Southwest  
10 Florida Water Management District as set forth in s. 373.069  
11 is transferred to the South Florida Water Management District.  
12 With respect to the area transferred and at the time of the  
13 change of boundaries, all contractual obligations of the  
14 Southwest Florida Water Management District, all real property  
15 interests owned by the Southwest Florida Water Management  
16 District, all regulatory responsibilities of the Southwest  
17 Florida Water Management District, all equipment and other  
18 personal property used solely by the Southwest Florida Water  
19 Management District in that area, and all records of the  
20 Southwest Florida Water Management District shall be  
21 transferred and delivered to the South Florida Water  
22 Management District.

23 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.  
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