

By the Committee on Natural Resources; and Senator Alexander

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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 revising the membership of the governing board
11 of the Southwest Florida Water Management
12 District; providing an effective date.

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

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

18 373.069 Creation of water management districts.--

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

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

1 Range 25 East; thence north along the section line to the
2 northwest corner of Section 6, Township 41 South, Range 26
3 East; thence east along the section line to the southeast
4 corner of Section 36, Township 40 South, Range 26 East; thence
5 North along the range line between Ranges 26 and 27 to the
6 Northeast corner of Section 1, Township 40 South, Range 26
7 East, and the Charlotte-Desoto County line; thence east along
8 the Charlotte-Desoto County line to the southeast corner of
9 Section 36, Township 39 South, Range 27 East; thence north
10 along the DeSoto-Highlands County line to the intersection of
11 the South boundary of Hardee County; thence north along the
12 Hardee-Highlands County line to the northwest corner of
13 Section 6, Township 33 South, Range 28 East; thence east
14 ~~southwest corner of Township 35 South, Range 28 East; thence~~
15 ~~east along the north boundary of Township 36 South to the~~
16 ~~northeast corner of Section 1, Township 36 South, Range 28~~
17 ~~East; thence south along the range line to the southeast~~
18 ~~corner of Section 12, Township 37 South, Range 28 East; thence~~
19 ~~east along the section line to the northeast corner of Section~~
20 ~~15, Township 37 South, Range 29 East; thence south along the~~
21 ~~section line to the southeast corner of Section 34, Township~~
22 ~~37 South, Range 29 East; thence east along the township line~~
23 ~~to the northeast corner of Section 1, Township 38 South, Range~~
24 ~~29 East; thence south along the range line to the southeast~~
25 ~~corner of Section 1, Township 39 South, Range 29 East; thence~~
26 ~~east along the section line to the northwest corner of Section~~
27 ~~11, Township 39 South, Range 30 East; thence north along the~~
28 ~~section line to the southwest corner of Section 35, Township~~
29 ~~38 South, Range 30 East; thence east along the township line~~
30 ~~to the southeast corner of the west 1/4 of Section 35,~~
31 ~~Township 38 South, Range 30 East; thence north along the~~

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

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

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

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

1 corner of Section 27, Township 15 South, Range 17 East; thence
2 west to the Gulf of Mexico; thence south along the Gulf of
3 Mexico, including the waters of said gulf within the
4 jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the point of
5 beginning.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 County line to the Atlantic Ocean; thence southerly along the
2 Atlantic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico; thence northerly along
3 the Gulf of Mexico, including the waters of said Ocean and of
4 said Gulf and the islands therein within the jurisdiction of
5 the State of Florida, to the point of beginning.

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

9 373.0691 Transfer of areas.--

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

25 Section 3. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section
26 373.073, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

27 373.073 Governing board.--

28 (2) Membership on governing boards shall be selected
29 from candidates who have significant experience in one or more
30 of the following areas, including, but not limited to:
31 agriculture, the development industry, local government,

1 government-owned or privately owned water utilities, law,
2 civil engineering, environmental science, hydrology,
3 accounting, or financial businesses. Notwithstanding the
4 provisions of any other general or special law to the
5 contrary, vacancies in the governing boards of the water
6 management districts shall be filled according to the
7 following residency requirements, representing areas
8 designated by the United States Water Resources Council in
9 United States Geological Survey, River Basin and Hydrological
10 Unit Map of Florida--1975, Map Series No. 72:

- 11 (e) Southwest Florida Water Management District:
- 12 1. Two members shall reside in Hillsborough County.
 - 13 2. One member shall reside in the area consisting of
14 Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties.
 - 15 3. Two members shall reside in Pinellas County.
 - 16 4. One member shall reside in Manatee County.
 - 17 5. One member shall reside in Polk County.
 - 18 6. One member shall reside in Pasco County.
 - 19 7. One member shall be appointed at large from Levy,
20 Marion, Citrus, Sumter, Hernando, and Lake Counties.
 - 21 8. One member shall be appointed at large from
22 Sarasota, Hardee, DeSoto, and Charlotte, ~~and Highlands~~
23 Counties.
 - 24 9. One member shall be appointed at large from Levy,
25 Marion, Citrus, Sumter, Hernando, Lake, Sarasota, Hardee,
26 DeSoto, and Charlotte, ~~and Highlands~~ Counties.

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28 No county described in subparagraph 7., subparagraph 8., or
29 subparagraph 9. shall have more than one member on the
30 governing board.

31 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
Senate Bill 2342

The committee substitute revises the membership of the Southwest Florida Water Management District's governing board to remove Highlands County as a result of the transfer of Highlands County to the South Florida Water Management District.