

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 that the Southwest Florida Water
11 Management District shall take final agency
12 action on permit applications received before
13 July 1, 2004; providing that on or after July
14 1, 2004, any matters related to such permits
15 shall be regulated by the South Florida Water
16 Management District; revising the membership of
17 the governing board of the Southwest Florida
18 Water Management District; providing an
19 effective date.
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21 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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23 Section 1. Paragraphs (d) and (e) of subsection (2) of
24 section 373.069, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

25 373.069 Creation of water management districts.--

26 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other
27 special or general act to the contrary, the boundaries of the
28 respective districts named in subsection (1) shall include the
29 areas within the following boundaries:

30 (d) Southwest Florida Water Management
31 District.--Begin at the intersection of the north boundary of

1 Lee County with the Gulf of Mexico; thence eastward along the
2 Lee-Charlotte County line to the Southeast corner of Section
3 33, Township 42 South, Range 24 East; thence North into
4 Charlotte County, along the section lines to the Northeast
5 corner of Section 4, Township 42 South, Range 24 East; thence
6 East along the township line between Townships 41 and 42 South
7 to the Southeast corner of Section 36, Township 41 South,
8 Range 25 East; thence north along the section line to the
9 northwest corner of Section 6, Township 41 South, Range 26
10 East; thence east along the section line to the southeast
11 corner of Section 36, Township 40 South, Range 26 East; thence
12 North along the range line between Ranges 26 and 27 to the
13 Northeast corner of Section 1, Township 40 South, Range 26
14 East, and the Charlotte-Desoto County line; thence east along
15 the Charlotte-Desoto County line to the southeast corner of
16 Section 36, Township 39 South, Range 27 East; thence north
17 along the DeSoto-Highlands County line to the intersection of
18 the South boundary of Hardee County; thence north along the
19 Hardee-Highlands County line to the northwest corner of
20 Section 6, Township 33 South, Range 28 East; thence east
21 ~~southwest corner of Township 35 South, Range 28 East; thence~~
22 ~~east along the north boundary of Township 36 South to the~~
23 ~~northeast corner of Section 1, Township 36 South, Range 28~~
24 ~~East; thence south along the range line to the southeast~~
25 ~~corner of Section 12, Township 37 South, Range 28 East; thence~~
26 ~~east along the section line to the northeast corner of Section~~
27 ~~15, Township 37 South, Range 29 East; thence south along the~~
28 ~~section line to the southeast corner of Section 34, Township~~
29 ~~37 South, Range 29 East; thence east along the township line~~
30 ~~to the northeast corner of Section 1, Township 38 South, Range~~
31 ~~29 East; thence south along the range line to the southeast~~

~~corner of Section 1, Township 39 South, Range 29 East; thence~~
~~east along the section line to the northwest corner of Section~~
~~11, Township 39 South, Range 30 East; thence north along the~~
~~section line to the southwest corner of Section 35, Township~~
~~38 South, Range 30 East; thence east along the township line~~
~~to the southeast corner of the west 1/4 of Section 35,~~
~~Township 38 South, Range 30 East; thence north along the~~
~~1/4 section line of Sections 35, 26, and 23, Township 38~~
~~South, Range 30 East to the northeast corner of the west 1/4~~
~~section of Section 23, Township 38 South, Range 30 East;~~
~~thence west along the section line to the northwest corner of~~
~~Section 23, Township 38 South, Range 30 East; thence north~~
~~along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 2,~~
~~Township 37 South, Range 30 East; thence west along the~~
~~township line to the southwest corner of Section 34, Township~~
~~36 South, Range 30 East; thence north along the section line~~
~~to the northwest corner of Section 3, Township 36 South, Range~~
~~30 East; thence west along the township line to the southwest~~
~~corner of Section 31, Township 35 South, Range 30 East; thence~~
~~north along the range line between Ranges 29 and 30 East,~~
~~through Townships 35, 34, and 33 South, to the northeast~~
~~corner of Township 33 South, Range 29 East, being on the~~
~~Highlands Polk County line; thence west along the~~
~~Highlands-Polk County line to the southeast corner of Township~~
~~32 South, Range 28 East; thence north along the range line~~
~~between Ranges 28 and 29 East, in Townships 32 and 31 South,~~
~~to the northeast corner of Section 12 in Township 31 South,~~
~~Range 28 East; thence east along the section line to the~~
~~northeast corner of Section 7, Township 31 South, Range 29~~
~~East; thence north along the section line to the northwest~~
~~corner of Section 17, Township 30 South, Range 29 East; thence~~

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

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

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

1 24; thence southwesterly along said southerly right-of-way
2 line to the easterly right-of-way line of State Road No. 337;
3 thence southerly, along said easterly right-of-way line of
4 State Road No. 337, to the south line of Section 35, Township
5 14 South, Range 17 East; thence west along the section line to
6 the northwest corner of Section 3, Township 15 South, Range 17
7 East; thence south along the section lines to the southwest
8 corner of Section 27, Township 15 South, Range 17 East; thence
9 west to the Gulf of Mexico; thence south along the Gulf of
10 Mexico, including the waters of said gulf within the
11 jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the point of
12 beginning.

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

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

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

1 corner of Section 33, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence
2 north along the section line to the northwest corner of the
3 southwest 1/4 of the southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Township 28
4 South, Range 28 East; thence east along the 1/4-section line
5 to the intersection of said 1/4-section line with Lake Pierce;
6 thence follow the shore line northeasterly to its intersection
7 with the 1/2-section line of Section 28, Township 28 South,
8 Range 28 East; thence north on the 1/2-section line to the
9 northwest corner of the southeast 1/4 of Section 28, Township
10 28 South, Range 28 East; thence east along the 1/2-section
11 line to the northeast corner of the southeast 1/4 of Section
12 28, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence south along the
13 section line to the northwest corner of Section 3, Township 29
14 South, Range 28 East; thence east along the section line to
15 the northeast corner of Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 28
16 East; thence north along the section line to the northwest
17 corner of Section 23, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence
18 west along the section line to the southwest corner of Section
19 16, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence north along the
20 section line to the northwest corner of Section 16, Township
21 28 South, Range 28 East; thence west along the section line to
22 the southwest corner of Section 8, Township 28 South, Range 28
23 East; thence north along the section line to the northwest
24 corner of Section 5, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence
25 west along the township line to the intersection of said
26 township line with Lake Marion; thence following the south
27 shore line of Lake Marion to its intersection again with said
28 township line; thence west along the township line to the
29 southeast corner of Section 36, Township 27 South, Range 27
30 East; thence north along the range line between Ranges 27 and
31 28 East to the intersection of said range line with Lake

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

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

1 South, Range 36 East; thence easterly along the section lines
2 to the southwest corner of Section 10, Township 34 south,
3 Range 36 East; thence northerly along the section line to the
4 northwest corner of said Section 10; thence easterly along the
5 section lines to the Okeechobee-St. Lucie County line; thence
6 northerly along said county line to the south line of Indian
7 River County; thence easterly along the St. Lucie-Indian River
8 County line to the Atlantic Ocean; thence southerly along the
9 Atlantic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico; thence northerly along
10 the Gulf of Mexico, including the waters of said Ocean and of
11 said Gulf and the islands therein within the jurisdiction of
12 the State of Florida, to the point of beginning.

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

16 373.0691 Transfer of areas.--

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

1 Management District shall take final agency action on any
2 permit applications received before July 1, 2004, after which
3 all matters related to any such permits issued shall be
4 regulated by the South Florida Water Management District.

5 Section 3. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section
6 373.073, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

7 373.073 Governing board.--

8 (2) Membership on governing boards shall be selected
9 from candidates who have significant experience in one or more
10 of the following areas, including, but not limited to:
11 agriculture, the development industry, local government,
12 government-owned or privately owned water utilities, law,
13 civil engineering, environmental science, hydrology,
14 accounting, or financial businesses. Notwithstanding the
15 provisions of any other general or special law to the
16 contrary, vacancies in the governing boards of the water
17 management districts shall be filled according to the
18 following residency requirements, representing areas
19 designated by the United States Water Resources Council in
20 United States Geological Survey, River Basin and Hydrological
21 Unit Map of Florida--1975, Map Series No. 72:

22 (e) Southwest Florida Water Management District:

- 23 1. Two members shall reside in Hillsborough County.
24 2. One member shall reside in the area consisting of
25 Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties.
26 3. Two members shall reside in Pinellas County.
27 4. One member shall reside in Manatee County.
28 5. One member shall reside in Polk County.
29 6. One member shall reside in Pasco County.
30 7. One member shall be appointed at large from Levy,
31 Marion, Citrus, Sumter, Hernando, and Lake Counties.

1 8. One member shall be appointed at large from
2 Sarasota, Hardee, DeSoto, and Charlotte,~~and Highlands~~
3 Counties.

4 9. One member shall be appointed at large from Levy,
5 Marion, Citrus, Sumter, Hernando, Lake, Sarasota, Hardee,
6 DeSoto, and Charlotte,~~and Highlands~~ Counties.

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

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

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