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

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

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

14 373.069 Creation of water management districts.--

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

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

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30 the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 40 South, Range 26
 31 East; thence North along the range line between Ranges 26 and 27
 32 to the Northeast corner of Section 1, Township 40 South, Range
 33 26 East, and the Charlotte-Desoto County line; thence east along
 34 the Charlotte-Desoto County line to the southeast corner of
 35 Section 36, Township 39 South, Range 27 East; thence north along
 36 the DeSoto-Highlands County line to the intersection of the
 37 South boundary of Hardee County; thence north along the Hardee-
 38 Highlands County line to the northwest corner of Section 6,
 39 Township 33 South, Range 28 East; thence east ~~southwest corner~~
 40 ~~of Township 35 South, Range 28 East;~~ thence east along the north
 41 ~~boundary of Township 36 South to the northeast corner of Section~~
 42 ~~1, Township 36 South, Range 28 East;~~ thence south along the
 43 ~~range line to the southeast corner of Section 12, Township 37~~
 44 ~~South, Range 28 East;~~ thence east along the section line to the
 45 ~~northeast corner of Section 15, Township 37 South, Range 29~~
 46 ~~East;~~ thence south along the section line to the southeast
 47 ~~corner of Section 34, Township 37 South, Range 29 East;~~ thence
 48 ~~east along the township line to the northeast corner of Section~~
 49 ~~1, Township 38 South, Range 29 East;~~ thence south along the
 50 ~~range line to the southeast corner of Section 1, Township 39~~
 51 ~~South, Range 29 East;~~ thence east along the section line to the
 52 ~~northwest corner of Section 11, Township 39 South, Range 30~~
 53 ~~East;~~ thence north along the section line to the southwest
 54 ~~corner of Section 35, Township 38 South, Range 30 East;~~ thence
 55 ~~east along the township line to the southeast corner of the west~~
 56 ~~$\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, Township 38 South, Range 30 East;~~ thence north
 57 ~~along the $\frac{1}{4}$ -section line of Sections 35, 26, and 23, Township~~
 58 ~~38 South, Range 30 East to the northeast corner of the west $\frac{1}{4}$~~

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59 ~~section of Section 23, Township 38 South, Range 30 East; thence~~
 60 ~~west along the section line to the northwest corner of Section~~
 61 ~~23, Township 38 South, Range 30 East; thence north along the~~
 62 ~~section line to the northwest corner of Section 2, Township 37~~
 63 ~~South, Range 30 East; thence west along the township line to the~~
 64 ~~southwest corner of Section 34, Township 36 South, Range 30~~
 65 ~~East; thence north along the section line to the northwest~~
 66 ~~corner of Section 3, Township 36 South, Range 30 East; thence~~
 67 ~~west along the township line to the southwest corner of Section~~
 68 ~~31, Township 35 South, Range 30 East; thence north along the~~
 69 ~~range line between Ranges 29 and 30 East, through Townships 35,~~
 70 ~~34, and 33 South, to the northeast corner of Township 33 South,~~
 71 ~~Range 29 East, being on the Highlands-Polk County line; thence~~
 72 ~~west~~ along the Highlands-Polk County line to the southeast
 73 corner of Township 32 South, Range 28 East; thence north along
 74 the range line between Ranges 28 and 29 East, in Townships 32
 75 and 31 South, to the northeast corner of Section 12 in Township
 76 31 South, Range 28 East; thence east along the section line to
 77 the northeast corner of Section 7, Township 31 South, Range 29
 78 East; thence north along the section line to the northwest
 79 corner of Section 17, Township 30 South, Range 29 East; thence
 80 east along the section line to the northeast corner of the west
 81 $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 17, Township 30 South, Range 29 East; thence north
 82 along the $\frac{1}{2}$ -section line to the northeast corner of the west $\frac{1}{2}$
 83 of Section 5, Township 30 South, Range 29 East; thence west
 84 along the section line to the southwest corner of Section 32,
 85 Township 29 South, Range 29 East; thence north along the section
 86 line to the northeast corner of Section 19 in Township 29 South,
 87 Range 29 East; thence west along the north boundaries of Section

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88 19, Township 29 South, Range 29 East, and Sections 24, 23, 22,
 89 21, and 20, Township 29 South, Range 28 East, to the northwest
 90 corner of said Section 20; thence north along the section line
 91 to the intersection of said section line with the west shore
 92 line of Lake Pierce in Township 29 South, Range 28 East; thence
 93 following the west shore of Lake Pierce to its intersection
 94 again with the west section line of Section 5, Township 29
 95 South, Range 28 East; thence north along the section line to the
 96 northwest corner of Section 5, Township 29 South, Range 28 East;
 97 thence east along the township line to the southwest corner of
 98 Section 33, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence north along
 99 the section line to the northwest corner of the southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of
 100 the southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28, Township 28 South, Range 28
 101 East; thence east along the $\frac{1}{4}$ -section line to the intersection
 102 of said $\frac{1}{4}$ -section line with Lake Pierce; thence follow the
 103 shore line northeasterly to its intersection with the $\frac{1}{2}$ -section
 104 line of Section 28, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence
 105 north on the $\frac{1}{2}$ -section line to the northwest corner of the
 106 southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28, Township 28 South, Range 28 East;
 107 thence east to the northeast corner of the southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of
 108 Section 28, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence south along
 109 the section line to the northwest corner of Section 3, Township
 110 29 South, Range 28 East; thence east along the section line to
 111 the northeast corner of Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 28
 112 East; thence north along the section line to the northwest
 113 corner of Section 23, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence
 114 west along the section line to the southwest corner of Section
 115 16, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence north along the
 116 section line to the northwest corner of Section 16, Township 28

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117 South, Range 28 East; thence west along the section line to the
 118 southwest corner of Section 8, Township 28 South, Range 28 East;
 119 thence north along the section line to the northwest corner of
 120 Section 5, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence west along
 121 the township line to the intersection of said township line with
 122 Lake Marion; thence following the south shore line of Lake
 123 Marion to its intersection again with said township line; thence
 124 west along the township line to the southeast corner of Section
 125 36, Township 37 South, Range 27 East; thence north along the
 126 range line between Ranges 27 and 28 East to the intersection of
 127 said range line with Lake Marion; thence following the west
 128 shore of Lake Marion to its intersection again with the range
 129 line between Ranges 27 and 28 East; thence north along said
 130 range line, in Townships 27 and 26 South, to the northeast
 131 corner of Township 26 South, Range 27 East, being on the Polk-
 132 Osceola County line; thence west along the Polk-Osceola County
 133 line to the northwest corner of Township 26 South, Range 27
 134 East; thence north along the section line to the Lake-Polk
 135 County line; thence west along the county line to the southwest
 136 corner of Section 32, Township 24 South, Range 26 East; thence
 137 into Lake County, north along the section lines to the northeast
 138 corner of Section 30, Township 24 South, Range 26 East; thence
 139 west along the section lines to the northeast corner of Section
 140 28, Township 24 South, Range 25 East; thence north along the
 141 section lines to the northeast corner of Section 16, Township 24
 142 South, Range 25 East; thence west along the section line to the
 143 northwest corner of Section 16, Township 24 South, Range 25
 144 East; thence north along the section line to the northeast
 145 corner of Section 8, Township 24 South, Range 25 East; thence

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146 west along the section lines to the range line between Ranges 24
 147 and 25; thence north along the range line to the northeast
 148 corner of Section 1, Township 23 South, Range 24 East, also
 149 being on the township line between Townships 22 and 23 South;
 150 thence west along the township line to the northwest corner of
 151 Section 6, Township 23 South, Range 24 East also being on the
 152 Sumter-Lake County line; thence north along the Sumter-Lake
 153 County line, also being the range line between Ranges 23 and 24,
 154 to the northeast corner of Section 1, Township 18 South, Range
 155 23 East and the Marion County line; thence west, along the
 156 Sumter-Marion County line, also being the township line between
 157 Townships 17 and 18 South, to the westerly right-of-way line of
 158 Interstate Highway 75; thence northerly along the westerly
 159 right-of-way line of Interstate Highway 75 to the Alachua-Marion
 160 County line, said line also being the township line between
 161 Townships 11 and 12 South; thence west along the Alachua-Marion
 162 County line to the northwest corner of Section 3, Township 12
 163 South, Range 19 East and the Levy County line; thence westerly
 164 along the Levy-Alachua County line, also being the township line
 165 between Townships 11 and 12 South, to the southeast corner of
 166 Section 36, Township 11 South, Range 17 East; thence north along
 167 the Levy-Alachua County line, also being the range line between
 168 Ranges 17 and 18 East, to the southerly right-of-way line of
 169 State Road No. 24; thence southwesterly along said southerly
 170 right-of-way line to the easterly right-of-way line of State
 171 Road No. 337; thence southerly, along said easterly right-of-way
 172 line of State Road No. 337, to the south line of Section 35,
 173 Township 14 South, Range 17 East; thence west along the section
 174 line to the northwest corner of Section 3, Township 15 South,

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175 Range 17 East; thence south along the section lines to the
 176 southwest corner of Section 27, Township 15 South, Range 17
 177 East; thence west to the Gulf of Mexico; thence south along the
 178 Gulf of Mexico, including the waters of said gulf within the
 179 jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the point of beginning.

180 (e) *South Florida Water Management District*.--Begin at the
 181 intersection of the north boundary of Lee County with the Gulf
 182 of Mexico; thence easterly along the Lee-Charlotte County line
 183 to the southwest corner of Section 34, Township 42 South, Range
 184 24 East; thence northerly along the section lines to the
 185 northwest corner of Section 3, Township 42 South, Range 24 East;
 186 thence easterly along the Township line between Townships 41 and
 187 42 South to the southwest corner of Section 31, Township 41
 188 South, Range 26 East; thence northerly along the Range line
 189 between Ranges 25 and 26 East to the northwest corner of Section
 190 6, Township 41 South, Range 26 East; thence easterly along the
 191 Township line between Townships 40 and 41 South to the southwest
 192 corner of Section 31, Township 40 South, Range 27 East; thence
 193 northerly along the Range line between Ranges 26 and 27 East to
 194 the Charlotte-DeSoto County line; thence easterly along the
 195 Charlotte-Desoto County line to the west line of Highlands
 196 County; thence northerly along the Highlands-Desoto County line
 197 and along the Highlands-Hardee County line to the northwest
 198 corner of Section 6, Township 33 South, Range 28 East; thence
 199 ~~east Township 36 South, Range 28 East; thence east along the~~
 200 ~~north boundary of Township 36 South to the northeast corner of~~
 201 ~~Section 1, Township 36 South, Range 28 East; thence south along~~
 202 ~~the range line to the southeast corner of Section 12, Township~~
 203 ~~37 South, Range 28 East; thence east along the section line to~~

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204 ~~the northeast corner of Section 15, Township 37 South, Range 29~~
 205 ~~East; thence south along the section line to the southeast~~
 206 ~~corner of Section 34, Township 37 South, Range 29 East; thence~~
 207 ~~east along the township line to the northeast corner of Section~~
 208 ~~1, Township 38 South, Range 29 East; thence south along the~~
 209 ~~range line to the southeast corner of Section 1, Township 39~~
 210 ~~South, Range 29 East; thence east along the section line to the~~
 211 ~~northwest corner of Section 11, Township 39 South, Range 30~~
 212 ~~East; thence north along the section line to the southwest~~
 213 ~~corner of Section 35, Township 38 South, Range 30 East; thence~~
 214 ~~east along the township line to the southeast corner of the west~~
 215 ~~$\frac{3}{4}$ of Section 35, Township 38 South, Range 30 East; thence north~~
 216 ~~along the $\frac{3}{4}$ -section line of Sections 35, 26, and 23, Township~~
 217 ~~38 South, Range 30 East to the northeast corner of the west $\frac{3}{4}$~~
 218 ~~section of Section 23, Township 38 South, Range 30 East; thence~~
 219 ~~west along the section line to the northwest corner of Section~~
 220 ~~23, Township 38 South, Range 30 East; thence north along the~~
 221 ~~section line to the northwest corner of Section 2, Township 37~~
 222 ~~South, Range 30 East; thence west along the township line to the~~
 223 ~~southwest corner of Section 34, Township 36 South, Range 30~~
 224 ~~East; thence north along the section line to the northwest~~
 225 ~~corner of Section 3, Township 36 South, Range 30 East; thence~~
 226 ~~west along the township line to the southwest corner of Section~~
 227 ~~31, Township 35 South, Range 30 East; thence north along the~~
 228 ~~range line between Ranges 29 and 30 East, through Townships 35,~~
 229 ~~34, and 33 South, to the northwest corner of Township 33 South,~~
 230 ~~Range 30 East, being on the Highlands-Polk County line; thence~~
 231 ~~west~~ along the Highlands-Polk County line to the southwest
 232 corner of Township 32 South, Range 29 East; thence north along

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233 the range line between Ranges 28 and 29 East, in Townships 32
 234 and 31 South, to the northwest corner of Section 7 in Township
 235 31 South, Range 29 East; thence east along the section line to
 236 the northeast corner of Section 7, Township 31 South, Range 29
 237 East; thence north along the section line to the northwest
 238 corner of Section 17, Township 30 South, Range 29 East; thence
 239 east along the section line to the northeast corner of the west
 240 $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 17, Township 30 South, Range 29 East; thence north
 241 along the $\frac{1}{2}$ -section line to the northeast corner of the west $\frac{1}{2}$
 242 of Section 5, Township 30 South, Range 29 East; thence west
 243 along the section line to the southwest corner of Section 32,
 244 Township 29 South, Range 29 East; thence north along the section
 245 line to the northeast corner of Section 19 in Township 29 South,
 246 Range 29 East; thence west along the south boundaries of Section
 247 18, Township 29 South, Range 29 East and Sections 13, 14, 15,
 248 16, and 17 in Township 29 South, Range 28 East, to the southwest
 249 corner of said Section 17; thence north along the section line
 250 to the intersection of said section line with the west shore
 251 line of Lake Pierce in Township 29 South, Range 28 East; thence
 252 following the west shore of Lake Pierce to its intersection
 253 again with the west section line of Section 5, Township 29
 254 South, Range 28 East; thence north along the section line to the
 255 northwest corner of Section 5, Township 29 South, Range 28 East;
 256 thence east along the township line to the southwest corner of
 257 Section 33, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence north along
 258 the section line to the northwest corner of the southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of
 259 the southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28, Township 28 South, Range 28
 260 East; thence east along the $\frac{1}{4}$ -section line to the intersection
 261 of said $\frac{1}{4}$ -section line with Lake Pierce; thence follow the

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262 shore line northeasterly to its intersection with the $\frac{1}{2}$ -section
 263 line of Section 28, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence
 264 north on the $\frac{1}{2}$ -section line to the northwest corner of the
 265 southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28, Township 28 South, Range 28 East;
 266 thence east along the $\frac{1}{2}$ -section line to the northeast corner of
 267 the southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28, Township 28 South, Range 28
 268 East; thence south along the section line to the northwest
 269 corner of Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 28 East; thence
 270 east along the section line to the northeast corner of Section
 271 3, Township 29 South, Range 28 East; thence north along the
 272 section line to the northwest corner of Section 23, Township 28
 273 South, Range 28 East; thence west along the section line to the
 274 southwest corner of Section 16, Township 28 South, Range 28
 275 East; thence north along the section line to the northwest
 276 corner of Section 16, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence
 277 west along the section line to the southwest corner of Section
 278 8, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence north along the
 279 section line to the northwest corner of Section 5, Township 28
 280 South, Range 28 East; thence west along the township line to the
 281 intersection of said township line with Lake Marion; thence
 282 following the south shore line of Lake Marion to its
 283 intersection again with said township line; thence west along
 284 the township line to the southeast corner of Section 36,
 285 Township 27 South, Range 27 East; thence north along the range
 286 line between Ranges 27 and 28 East to the intersection of said
 287 range line with Lake Marion; thence following the west shore of
 288 Lake Marion to its intersection again with the range line
 289 between Ranges 27 and 28 East; thence north along said range
 290 line, in Townships 27 and 26 South, to the northwest corner of

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291 Township 26 South, Range 28 East, being on the Polk-Osceola
 292 County line; thence west along the Polk-Osceola County line to
 293 the southwest corner of Township 25 South, Range 27 East; thence
 294 northerly along the range line between Ranges 26 and 27 East to
 295 the northwest corner of Section 18, Township 23 South, Range 27
 296 East; thence easterly along the section lines to the southwest
 297 corner of Section 12, Township 23 South, Range 27 East; thence
 298 northerly along the section lines to the northwest corner of
 299 Section 1, Township 23 South, Range 27 East; thence easterly
 300 along the Township line between Townships 22 and 23 South to the
 301 southwest corner of Section 31, Township 22 South, Range 29
 302 East; thence northerly along the Range line between Ranges 28
 303 and 29 East to the northwest corner of Section 30, Township 22
 304 South, Range 29 East; thence easterly along the section lines to
 305 the westerly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 441; thence
 306 southerly along the westerly right-of-way line to the
 307 intersection with the northerly right-of-way line of State Road
 308 528A; thence easterly along the northerly right-of-way line to
 309 the intersection with the northerly right-of-way line of State
 310 Road 528, also known as the Bee Line Expressway; thence easterly
 311 along the northerly right-of-way line of State Road 528 to the
 312 intersection with the range line between Township 23 South,
 313 Range 31 East and Township 23 South, Range 32 East; thence
 314 southerly along the Range line between Ranges 31 and 32 East to
 315 the Orange-Osceola County line; thence easterly along said
 316 county line between Townships 24 and 25 South to the northeast
 317 corner of Section 5, Township 25 South, Range 32 East; thence
 318 southerly along the section lines to the southeast corner of
 319 Section 32, Township 25 South, Range 32 East; thence easterly

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320 along the Township line between Townships 25 and 26 South to the
 321 northeast corner of Section 1, Township 26 South, Range 32 East;
 322 thence southerly along the Range line between Ranges 32 and 33
 323 East to the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 27 South,
 324 Range 32 East; thence westerly along the township line between
 325 Townships 27 and 28 South, to the northeast corner of Section 1,
 326 Township 28 South, Range 32 East; thence southerly along the
 327 Range line between Ranges 32 and 33 East to the southeast corner
 328 of Section 36, Township 29 South, Range 32 East; thence easterly
 329 along the Township line between Townships 29 and 30 South to the
 330 northeast corner of Section 1, Township 30 South, Range 33 East;
 331 thence southerly along the Range line between Ranges 33 and 34
 332 East to the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 30 South,
 333 Range 33 East; thence westerly along the Township line between
 334 Townships 30 and 31 South to the northeast corner of Section 4,
 335 Township 31 South, Range 33 East; thence southerly along the
 336 section lines to the Osceola-Okeechobee County line; thence
 337 easterly along said county line to the northeast corner of
 338 Section 3, Township 33 South, Range 34 East; thence southerly
 339 along the section lines to the southeast corner of Section 34,
 340 Township 34 South, Range 34 East; thence easterly along the
 341 Township line between Townships 34 and 35 South to the southwest
 342 corner of Section 36, Township 34 South, Range 35 East; thence
 343 northerly along the section lines to the northwest corner of
 344 Section 13, Township 34 South, Range 35 East; thence easterly
 345 along the section line to the Range line between Ranges 35 and
 346 36 East; thence northerly along said Range line to the northwest
 347 corner of Section 18, Township 34 South, Range 36 East; thence
 348 easterly along the section lines to the southwest corner of

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349 Section 10, Township 34 south, Range 36 East; thence northerly
 350 along the section line to the northwest corner of said Section
 351 10; thence easterly along the section lines to the Okeechobee-
 352 St. Lucie County line; thence northerly along said county line
 353 to the south line of Indian River County; thence easterly along
 354 the St. Lucie-Indian River County line to the Atlantic Ocean;
 355 thence southerly along the Atlantic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico;
 356 thence northerly along the Gulf of Mexico, including the waters
 357 of said Ocean and of said Gulf and the islands therein within
 358 the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the point of
 359 beginning.

360 Section 2. Present subsection (3) of section 373.0691,
 361 Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (4), and a new
 362 subsection (3) is added to said section to read:

363 373.0691 Transfer of areas.--

364 (3) Effective at 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2004, that portion
 365 of Highlands County formerly within the Southwest Florida Water
 366 Management District as set forth in s. 373.069 is transferred to
 367 the South Florida Water Management District. With respect to the
 368 area transferred and at the time of the change of boundaries,
 369 all contractual obligations of the Southwest Florida Water
 370 Management District, all real property interests owned by the
 371 Southwest Florida Water Management District, all regulatory
 372 responsibilities of the Southwest Florida Water Management
 373 District, all equipment and other personal property used solely
 374 by the Southwest Florida Water Management District in that area,
 375 and all records of the Southwest Florida Water Management
 376 District shall be transferred and delivered to the South Florida
 377 Water Management District.

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