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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the Southwest Florida Water Management  
 3           District; amending s. 373.073, F.S.; revising the  
 4           residency requirements for vacancies on the governing  
 5           board of the district; amending s. 373.0693, F.S.;  
 6           correcting a cross reference; providing an effective date.

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

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 10           Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section  
 11   373.073, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12           373.073 Governing board.--

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

26           (e) Southwest Florida Water Management District:

27           1. Two members shall reside in Hillsborough County.

28           ~~2. One member shall reside in the area consisting of~~  
 29   ~~Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties.~~

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- 30        ~~2.3.~~ Two members shall reside in Pinellas County.
- 31        ~~3.4.~~ One member shall reside in Manatee County.
- 32        ~~4.5.~~ Two members ~~One member~~ shall reside in Polk County.
- 33        ~~5.6.~~ One member shall reside in Pasco County.
- 34        ~~6.7.~~ One member shall be appointed at large from Levy,
- 35        Marion, Citrus, Sumter, Hernando, and Lake Counties.
- 36        ~~7.8.~~ One member shall be appointed at large from Sarasota,
- 37        Hardee, DeSoto, Charlotte, and Highlands Counties.
- 38        ~~8.9.~~ One member shall be appointed at large from Levy,
- 39        Marion, Citrus, Sumter, Hernando, Lake, Sarasota, Hardee,
- 40        DeSoto, Charlotte, and Highlands Counties.

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42        No county described in subparagraph ~~6. 7.~~, subparagraph ~~7. 8.~~,

43        or subparagraph ~~8. 9.~~ shall have more than one member on the

44        governing board.

45        Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (8) of section

46        373.0693, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

47        373.0693 Basins; basin boards.--

48        (8)(a) At 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 1988, the area

49        transferred from the Southwest Florida Water Management District

50        to the St. Johns River Water Management District by change of

51        boundaries pursuant to chapter 76-243, Laws of Florida, shall

52        cease to be a subdistrict or basin of the St. Johns River Water

53        Management District known as the Oklawaha River Basin and said

54        Oklawaha River Basin shall cease to exist. However, any

55        recognition of an Oklawaha River Basin or an Oklawaha River

56        Hydrologic Basin for regulatory purposes shall be unaffected.

57        The area formerly known as the Oklawaha River Basin shall

58        continue to be part of the St. Johns River Water Management

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59 District. There shall be established by the governing board of  
60 the St. Johns River Water Management District the Oklawaha River  
61 Basin Advisory Council to receive public input and advise the  
62 St. Johns River Water Management District's governing board on  
63 water management issues affecting the Oklawaha River Basin. The  
64 Oklawaha River Basin Advisory Council shall be appointed by  
65 action of the St. Johns River Water Management District's  
66 governing board and shall include one representative from each  
67 county which is wholly or partly included in the Oklawaha River  
68 Basin. The St. Johns River Water Management District's governing  
69 board member currently serving pursuant to s. 373.073(2)(c)2.3~~3~~  
70 shall serve as chair of the Oklawaha River Basin Advisory  
71 Council. Members of the Oklawaha River Basin Advisory Council  
72 shall receive no compensation for their services but are  
73 entitled to be reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses as  
74 provided in s. 112.061.

75 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.