

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Committee on Natural Resources recommends the following:

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3 **Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to the Southwest Florida Water Management
7 District; amending s. 373.073, F.S.; revising the
8 residency requirements for vacancies on, and replacement
9 of members of, the governing board of the 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. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section
15 373.073, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

16 373.073 Governing board.--

17 (2) Membership on governing boards shall be selected from
18 candidates who have significant experience in one or more of the
19 following areas, including, but not limited to: agriculture, the
20 development industry, local government, government-owned or
21 privately owned water utilities, law, civil engineering,
22 environmental science, hydrology, accounting, or financial
23 businesses. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other general

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24 or special law to the contrary, vacancies in the governing
 25 boards of the water management districts shall be filled
 26 according to the following residency requirements, representing
 27 areas designated by the United States Water Resources Council in
 28 United States Geological Survey, River Basin and Hydrological
 29 Unit Map of Florida--1975, Map Series No. 72:

30 (e) Southwest Florida Water Management District:

- 31 1. Two members shall reside in Hillsborough County.
- 32 2. One member shall be appointed from any of the counties
 33 within the geographical area of the Southwest Florida Water
 34 Management District ~~reside in the area consisting of~~
 35 ~~Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties.~~
- 36 3. Two members shall reside in Pinellas County.
- 37 4. One member shall reside in Manatee County.
- 38 5. One member shall reside in Polk County.
- 39 6. One member shall reside in Pasco County.
- 40 7. One member shall be appointed at large from Levy,
 41 Marion, Citrus, Sumter, Hernando, and Lake Counties.
- 42 8. One member shall be appointed at large from Sarasota,
 43 Hardee, DeSoto, Charlotte, and Highlands Counties.
- 44 9. One member shall be appointed at large from Levy,
 45 Marion, Citrus, Sumter, Hernando, Lake, Sarasota, Hardee,
 46 DeSoto, Charlotte, and Highlands Counties.

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 48 No county described in subparagraph 7., subparagraph 8., or
 49 subparagraph 9. shall have more than one member on the governing
 50 board. The composition of the Southwest Florida Water
 51 Management District governing board shall be subject to a study

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52 | by the Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.
53 | Such review shall analyze and make recommendations concerning
54 | equitable board composition based on quantifiable measures such
55 | as an area's water resources, water supply, population,
56 | geographical area, and ad valorem contribution. Such study shall
57 | be conducted every 10 years with the initial study to be
58 | completed and provided to the Speaker of the House of
59 | Representatives, the President of the Senate, and the Governor
60 | prior to February 1, 2005. Any member of the governing board of
61 | the Southwest Florida Water Management District whose term
62 | expires between May 30, 2004, and May 30, 2005, shall not be
63 | replaced prior to May 30, 2005.

64 | Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.