

By the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Services; and
Senators Bennett and Atwater

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Scripps Funding Corporation; amending s. 4 of ch. 2003-420, Laws of Florida; prohibiting the use of eminent domain against other governmental entities under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 4 of ch. 2003-420, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the county in which the projects that are part of or ancillary to the state-of-the-art biomedical research institution and campus to be established in this state by the grantee under section 288.955, Florida Statutes, are to be located shall have the exclusive right, which right may be assigned in whole or in part by the governing body of the county in its sole discretion, to provide water and wastewater services to such projects to the extent deemed necessary by the governing body of the county. The county may plan, acquire, construct, reconstruct, enlarge or extend, operate, and maintain water and wastewater systems and facilities within or without the boundaries of such projects for the provision of water and wastewater services. Provided, the local government or utility service provider shall not be authorized to use the provisions of chapter 73 or chapter 74, Florida Statutes, or any other applicable law, to acquire by eminent domain the property of any other governmental entity in order to provide water and

1 waste-water service to the biomedical research facility
2 authorized pursuant to section 288.955, Florida Statutes.

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
4 law.

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6 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
8 Senate Bill 1572

9 The committee substitute deletes the proposed authority for
10 Scripps Corporation to select a water and waste-water
11 provider. Instead, Palm Beach County is prohibited from using
12 eminent domain actions against other governmental entities in
13 order to provide water and waste-water service to the Scripps
14 biomedical research facility.
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