

By Senator Dockery

15-182A-05

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to water resources; amending s. 373.0831, F.S.; revising requirements related to water resource development and water supply development; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 373.0831, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

373.0831 Water resource development; water supply development.--

(1) The Legislature finds that:

(a) The primary responsibility ~~proper role~~ of the water management districts in water supply is ~~primarily~~ planning and water resource development, but this does not preclude them from assisting ~~providing assistance~~ with water supply development.

(b) The primary responsibility ~~proper role~~ of local government, regional water supply authorities, and public ~~government owned~~ and privately owned water utilities in water supply is ~~primarily~~ water supply development, but this does not preclude them from assisting ~~providing assistance~~ with water resource development.

(c) Water resource development and water supply development must receive priority attention to ensure, where ~~needed, to increase~~ the availability of sufficient quantities ~~of~~ water for all existing and future reasonable-beneficial uses and natural systems.

(2) It is the intent of the Legislature that:

1 (a) Sufficient quantities of water be available for
2 all existing and future reasonable-beneficial uses and the
3 natural systems, and that the adverse effects of competition
4 for water supplies be avoided.

5 (b) Water management districts take the lead in
6 identifying, developing, and implementing water resource
7 development projects, and be responsible for securing
8 necessary funding for regionally significant water resource
9 development projects.

10 (c) Local governments, regional water supply
11 authorities, and public ~~government-owned~~ and privately owned
12 water utilities take the lead in securing funds for developing
13 and implementing water supply development projects. Generally,
14 the direct beneficiaries of water supply development projects
15 should pay the costs of the projects from which they benefit,
16 and water supply development projects should continue to be
17 paid for through local funding sources.

18 (d) Water supply development be conducted in
19 coordination with water management district regional water
20 supply planning and water resource development.

21 (3) The water management districts must ~~shall~~ fund and
22 implement water resource development as defined in s. 373.019.
23 The water management districts are encouraged to implement
24 water resource development as expeditiously as possible in
25 areas subject to regional water supply plans. Each governing
26 board must ~~shall~~ include in its annual budget the amount
27 needed for each ~~the~~ fiscal year to implement water resource
28 development projects, as prioritized in its regional water
29 supply plans.

30 (4)(a) Water supply development projects which are
31 consistent with the relevant regional water supply plans and

1 | which meet one or more of the following criteria ~~must shall~~
2 | receive priority consideration for state or water management
3 | district funding assistance:

4 | 1. The project supports establishment of a dependable,
5 | sustainable supply of water which is not otherwise financially
6 | feasible;

7 | 2. The project provides substantial environmental
8 | benefits by preventing or limiting adverse water resource
9 | impacts, but requires funding assistance to be economically
10 | competitive with other options; or

11 | 3. The project significantly implements reuse,
12 | storage, recharge, or conservation of water in a manner that
13 | contributes to the protection, restoration, or sustainability
14 | of regional water sources.

15 | (b) Water supply development projects which meet the
16 | criteria in paragraph (a) and also bring about replacement of
17 | existing sources in order to help implement a minimum flow or
18 | level shall be given first consideration for state or water
19 | management district funding assistance.

20 | (c) If a proposed alternative water supply development
21 | project is identified in the relevant approved regional water
22 | supply plan, the project shall receive:

23 | 1. A 20-year consumptive use permit, if it otherwise
24 | meets the permit requirements under ss. 373.223 and 373.236
25 | and rules adopted thereunder.

26 | 2. Consideration for priority funding pursuant to s.
27 | 373.1961(2) if the project meets one of the criteria in this
28 | subsection.

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

31 |

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31

SENATE SUMMARY

Revises requirements relating to water resource
development and water supply development.