

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES LOCAL BILL STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 1531 West Palm Beach Water Catchment Area, Palm Beach County
SPONSOR(S): Brandenburg
TIED BILLS: IDEN./SIM. BILLS:

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) Local Government Council		Smith	Hamby
2) Water & Natural Resources Committee			
3)			
4)			
5)			

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

HB 531 revises the boundaries of the West Palm Beach Water Catchment Area (Area) to reflect the resolution of the dispute between the City of West Palm Beach and Palm Beach County by defining respective retail utility service areas between the City and the County. The boundaries agreed to are intended to eliminate or minimize duplication of facilities and to provide for growth, expansion and extension of respective water, wastewater, and reclaimed water utility systems. The bill also authorizes the City to grant licenses permitting utility crossings of the M-Canal.

According to the Economic Impact Statement, no fiscal impacts are anticipated for either fiscal year 2006-07 or 2007-08.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. HOUSE PRINCIPLES ANALYSIS:

The bill does not appear to implicate any of the House Principles.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

The West Palm Beach Water Catchment Area (Area) was created in 1967 by chapter 67-2169, L.O.F. Also known as the Grassy Waters Preserve, the Area is the principal source of supply of potable and domestic water used by the public and managed by the City of West Palm Beach Public Utilities Department.

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C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1. Amends sections 1 and 2 of chapter 67-2169, L.O.F., relating to the West Palm Beach Water Catchment Area.

Section 1. Amends the boundaries of the West Palm Beach Water Catchment Area.

Section 2. Authorizes the licensing or permitting of certain uses within the water catchment area.

Section 2. Provides effective date of upon becoming a law.

II. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes No

IF YES, WHEN? March 3, 2006.

WHERE? *The Palm Beach Post*, West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida.

B. REFERENDUM(S) REQUIRED? Yes No

IF YES, WHEN?

C. LOCAL BILL CERTIFICATION FILED? Yes, attached No

D. ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FILED? Yes, attached No

¹ See Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners Agenda Item #6D-1 (December 12, 2005) (on file with House of Representatives, Local Government Council).

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE & COMBINED BILL CHANGES

Not Applicable.