

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: CS/HB 1039

Southwest Florida Water Management District

SPONSOR(S): Bowen

TIED BILLS:

IDEN./SIM. BILLS: SB 1776

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) <u>Committee on Environmental Protection</u>	<u>5 Y, 0 N</u>	<u>Kliner</u>	<u>Kliner</u>
2) <u>Environment & Natural Resources Council</u>	<u>11 Y, 0 N, As CS</u>	<u>Kliner</u>	<u>Hamby</u>
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SUMMARY ANALYSIS

This bill revises the residence requirements for governing board members of the Southwest Florida Water Management District, and increases the total number of board members of the Southwest Florida Water Management District by two, to a total of 13. The bill:

- Adds an additional, permanent member for Polk County, raising its total number of seats to two.
- Revises the qualifications for the “at large” seats on the board to provide for one “at large” member to be from Hardee, DeSoto, and Highlands Counties; and one “at large” member to be from Sarasota and Charlotte Counties.

Fiscal impact: None.

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:

Present Situation

Presently, eleven members of the Southwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board are selected from candidates who have significant experience, including but not limited to, the following areas:

- Agriculture
- Development
- Local government
- Water utilities
- Law
- Civil engineering
- Environmental science
- Hydrology
- Accounting
- Financial business

Vacancies for governing board members are to be filled according to residency requirements, representing areas designated by the United States Water Resources Council in United States Geological Survey, River Basin and Hydrological Unit Map of Florida – 1975, Map Series No. 72, as follows:

SWFWMD Governing Board residency			
Counties	Permanent seats	Potential seats	Total potential seats
Hillsborough	2	1	3
Pinellas	2	1	3
Manatee	1		1
Polk	1		1
Pasco	1		1
Levy		2	1*
Marion		2	1*
Citrus		2	1*
Sumter		2	1*
Hernando		2	1*
Lake		2	1*
Sarasota		2	1*
Hardee		2	1*
Desoto		2	1*
Charlotte		2	1*
Highlands		2	1*

*s. 373.073(2)(e)9., F.S., provides that these counties shall not have more than one member on the governing board

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C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1. Amends subsection (e) of subsection (2) of section 373.073, F.S., revises the residence requirements for governing board members of the Southwest Florida Water Management District, and increases the total number of board members of the Southwest Florida Water Management District by two, to a total of 13.

Section 2. This bill shall take effect upon becoming a law.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

None

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

Not applicable because this bill does not appear to: require cities or counties to spend funds or take actions requiring the expenditure of funds; reduce the authority that cities or counties have to raise revenues in the aggregate; or reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with cities or counties.

2. Other:

None

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None

D. STATEMENT OF THE SPONSOR

No statement submitted

IV. AMENDMENTS/COUNCIL SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

The differences between the bill as originally filed and the CS version are as follows:

- The original bill did not increase the total number of seats that comprise the board, and
- The original bill revised the qualifications for the "at large" seats on the board to provide for: one 'at large" member to be from Levy, Marion, Citrus, Sumter, Hernando, and Lake Counties; one 'at large" member to be from Hardee, DeSoto, and Highlands Counties; and one "at large" member to be from Sarasota and Charlotte Counties.