

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Southwest Florida Water Management
3 District; amending s. 373.073, F.S.; increasing the number
4 of governing board members of the district; revising the
5 residency requirements for vacancies on the governing
6 board of the district; providing an effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and paragraph
11 (e) of subsection (2) of section 373.073, Florida Statutes, are
12 amended to read:

13 373.073 Governing board.--

14 (1) (a) The governing board of each water management
15 district shall be composed of 9 members who shall reside within
16 the district, except that the Southwest Florida Water Management
17 District shall be composed of 13 ~~11~~ members who shall reside
18 within the district. Members of the governing boards shall be
19 appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate
20 at the next regular session of the Legislature, and the refusal
21 or failure of the Senate to confirm an appointment creates a
22 vacancy in the office to which the appointment was made. The
23 term of office for a governing board member is 4 years and
24 commences on March 2 of the year in which the appointment is
25 made and terminates on March 1 of the fourth calendar year of
26 the term or may continue until a successor is appointed, but not
27 more than 180 days. Terms of office of governing board members
28 shall be staggered to help maintain consistency and continuity

29 | in the exercise of governing board duties and to minimize
 30 | disruption in district operations.

31 | (2) Membership on governing boards shall be selected from
 32 | candidates who have significant experience in one or more of the
 33 | following areas, including, but not limited to: agriculture, the
 34 | development industry, local government, government-owned or
 35 | privately owned water utilities, law, civil engineering,
 36 | environmental science, hydrology, accounting, or financial
 37 | businesses. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other general
 38 | or special law to the contrary, vacancies in the governing
 39 | boards of the water management districts shall be filled
 40 | according to the following residency requirements, representing
 41 | areas designated by the United States Water Resources Council in
 42 | United States Geological Survey, River Basin and Hydrological
 43 | Unit Map of Florida--1975, Map Series No. 72:

44 | (e) Southwest Florida Water Management District:

- 45 | 1. Two members shall reside in Hillsborough County.
- 46 | 2. One member shall reside in the area consisting of
 47 | Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties.
- 48 | 3. Two members shall reside in Pinellas County.
- 49 | 4. One member shall reside in Manatee County.
- 50 | 5. Two members ~~One member~~ shall reside in Polk County.
- 51 | 6. One member shall reside in Pasco County.
- 52 | 7. One member shall be appointed at large from Levy,
 53 | Marion, Citrus, Sumter, Hernando, and Lake Counties.
- 54 | 8. One member shall be appointed at large from ~~Sarasota,~~
 55 | Hardee, DeSoto, ~~Charlotte,~~ and Highlands Counties.
- 56 | 9. One member shall be appointed at large from Levy,

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57 Marion, Citrus, Sumter, Hernando, Lake, Sarasota, Hardee,
58 DeSoto, Charlotte, and Highlands Counties.

59 10. One member shall be appointed at large from Sarasota
60 and Charlotte Counties.

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62 A ~~No~~ county described in subparagraph 7., subparagraph 8., ~~or~~
63 subparagraph 9., or subparagraph 10. may not ~~shall~~ have more
64 than one member on the governing board.

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