

The Florida Senate
PROFESSIONAL STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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Prepared By: Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee

BILL: SB 1764

INTRODUCER: Senator Saunders

SUBJECT: South Florida Water Management District Governing Board

DATE: March 14, 2007 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
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I. Summary:

This bill revises the residence requirements for governing board members of the South Florida Water Management District. It modifies the requirement that:

- One member shall reside in Collier, Hendry, Lee or Charlotte counties.
- To require that this member shall be from Lee County.

It reduces from two to one, the number of board members that are appointed at large from either St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward, Dade, or Monroe counties.

Finally, it creates a requirement that one member of the governing board reside in either St. Lucie or Martin county.

This bill amends subsection (d) of subsection (2) of section 373.073, Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

Presently, nine members of the South 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:

- Two members from Dade County.
- One member from Broward County.
- One member from Palm Beach County.
- One member from Collier, Lee, Hendry or Charlotte counties.
- One member from Glades, Okeechobee, Highlands, Polk, Orange or Osceola counties.
- Two members, appointed at large, from St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward, Dade or Monroe counties.
- One member, appointed at large, from Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Hendry, Glades, Osceola, Okeechobee, Polk, Highlands or Orange counties.

No county may have more than three members on the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 1. Amends subsection (d) of subsection (2) of section 373.073, F.S.;

- Modifying the requirement that one board member resides in Collier, Hendry, Lee or Charlotte counties to require that this member shall reside in Lee County. One member, appointed at large, can still reside in Collier, Hendry or Charlotte counties.
- Reducing the number of board members, appointed at large, from 2 to 1 that reside in St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward, Dade or Monroe counties.
- Requiring, at a minimum, one board member reside in St. Lucie or Martin counties.

Section 2. Provides an effective date of July 1, 2007.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

C. Government Sector Impact:

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Summary of Amendments:

None.

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