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Senator Saunders moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 44 and 45,

insert:

Section 1. Subsection (1) and paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section 373.073, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

373.073 Governing board.--

(1)(a) The governing board of each water management district shall be composed of 9 members who shall reside within the district, except that the South Florida Water Management District and the Southwest Florida Water Management District shall be composed of 11 members who shall reside within their respective districts ~~the district~~. Members of the governing boards shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate at the next regular session of the Legislature, and the refusal or failure of the Senate to confirm an appointment creates a vacancy in the office to which the appointment was made. The term of office for a

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1 governing board member is 4 years and commences on March 2 of
 2 the year in which the appointment is made and terminates on
 3 March 1 of the fourth calendar year of the term or may
 4 continue until a successor is appointed, but not more than 180
 5 days. Terms of office of governing board members shall be
 6 staggered to help maintain consistency and continuity in the
 7 exercise of governing board duties and to minimize disruption
 8 in district operations.

9 (b) Commencing January 1, 1999, the Governor shall
 10 appoint the following number of governing board members in
 11 each year of the Governor's 4-year term of office:

12 1. In the first year of the Governor's term of office,
 13 the Governor shall appoint three members to the governing
 14 board of each district.

15 2. In the second year of the Governor's term of
 16 office, the Governor shall appoint three members to the
 17 governing board of the South Florida Water Management
 18 District, three members to the governing board of the
 19 Southwest Florida Water Management District, and two members
 20 to the governing board of each other district.

21 3. In the third year of the Governor's term of office,
 22 the Governor shall appoint three members to the governing
 23 board of the South Florida Water Management District, three
 24 members to the governing board of the Southwest Florida Water
 25 Management District, and two members to the governing board of
 26 each other district.

27 4. In the fourth year of the Governor's term of
 28 office, the Governor shall appoint two members to the
 29 governing board of each district.

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31 For any governing board vacancy that occurs before the date

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1 | scheduled for the office to be filled under this paragraph,
 2 | the Governor shall appoint a person meeting residency
 3 | requirements of subsection (2) for a term that will expire on
 4 | the date scheduled for the term of that office to terminate
 5 | under this subsection. In addition to the residency
 6 | requirements for the governing boards as provided by
 7 | subsection (2), the Governor shall consider appointing
 8 | governing board members to represent an equitable cross
 9 | section of regional interests and technical expertise.

10 | (2) Membership on governing boards shall be selected
 11 | from candidates who have significant experience in one or more
 12 | of the following areas, including, but not limited to:
 13 | agriculture, the development industry, local government,
 14 | government-owned or privately owned water utilities, law,
 15 | civil engineering, environmental science, hydrology,
 16 | accounting, or financial businesses. Notwithstanding the
 17 | provisions of any other general or special law to the
 18 | contrary, vacancies in the governing boards of the water
 19 | management districts shall be filled according to the
 20 | following residency requirements, representing areas
 21 | designated by the United States Water Resources Council in
 22 | United States Geological Survey, River Basin and Hydrological
 23 | Unit Map of Florida--1975, Map Series No. 72:

- 24 | (d) South Florida Water Management District:
 25 | 1. Two members shall reside in Dade County.
 26 | 2. One member shall reside in Broward County.
 27 | 3. One member shall reside in Palm Beach County.
 28 | 4. One member shall reside in Lee County.
 29 | 5. One member shall reside in St. Lucie County or
 30 | Martin County.

31 | ~~6.4.~~ One member shall reside in Collier County, ~~Lee~~

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1 ~~County,~~ Hendry County, or Charlotte County.

2 ~~7.5.~~ One member shall reside in Glades County,
3 Okeechobee County, Highlands County, Polk County, Orange
4 County, or Osceola County.

5 ~~8.6.~~ Two members, appointed at large, shall reside in
6 an area consisting of St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward,
7 Dade, and Monroe Counties.

8 ~~9.7.~~ One member, appointed at large, shall reside in
9 an area consisting of Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Hendry, Glades,
10 Osceola, Okeechobee, Polk, Highlands, and Orange Counties.

11 ~~10.8.~~ A No county may not ~~shall~~ have more than three
12 members on the governing board.

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14 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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17 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

18 And the title is amended as follows:

19 Line 2, after the semicolon,

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21 insert:

22 amending s. 373.073, F.S.; providing for two
23 additional members to be appointed to the
24 governing board of the South Florida Water
25 Management District; revising the residence
26 requirements for the members of the governing
27 board;

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