

By Senator Bennett

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1                                 A bill to be entitled  
2             An act relating to inland navigation districts;  
3             amending s. 374.975, F.S.; including the  
4             right-of-way and channel of the intracoastal  
5             waterway and other designated public navigation  
6             channels within certain exclusions from aquatic  
7             preserves; authorizing the districts to use  
8             state lands under water for certain purposes;  
9             amending s. 374.976, F.S.; adding nonmember  
10            counties that contain any part of the  
11            intracoastal waterway within their boundaries  
12            to the list of governmental entities with which  
13            a district can aid and cooperate; providing an  
14            effective date.  
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16     Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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18            Section 1.     Subsection (1) of section 374.975, Florida  
19     Statutes, is amended to read:  
20            374.975   Inland navigation districts; legislative  
21     intent.--  
22            (1)   The Legislature hereby recognizes the continuing  
23     need for inland navigation districts to undertake programs  
24     necessary to accomplish the purposes of construction,  
25     maintenance, and operation of Florida's inland waterways  
26     pursuant to s. 107 of the federal River and Harbor Act of 1960  
27     (33 U.S.C. s. 577).  To accomplish the purposes of  
28     construction, operation, and maintenance of inland waterways,  
29     the right-of-way and channel of the intracoastal waterway and  
30     any other public navigation channel designated by the district  
31     are included within the exclusion in s. 258.40(2), and the

1 navigation districts may use state lands under water which are  
2 necessary to accomplish the purposes of this chapter.

3 Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section  
4 374.976, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

5 374.976 Authority to address impacts of waterway  
6 development projects.--

7 (1) Each inland navigation district is empowered and  
8 authorized to undertake programs intended to alleviate the  
9 problems associated with its waterway or waterways, including,  
10 but not limited to, the following:

11 (c) The district is authorized to aid and cooperate  
12 with the Federal Government, the state, member counties,  
13 nonmember counties within which any part of the intracoastal  
14 waterway is located, and local governments within the district  
15 in planning and carrying out public navigation, local and  
16 regional anchorage management, beach renourishment, public  
17 recreation, inlet management, environmental education, and  
18 boating safety projects, directly related to the waterways.  
19 The district is also authorized to enter into cooperative  
20 agreements with the United States Army Corps of Engineers,  
21 state, and member counties, and to covenant in any such  
22 cooperative agreement to pay part of the costs of acquisition,  
23 planning, development, construction, reconstruction,  
24 extension, improvement, operation, and maintenance of such  
25 projects.

26 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.  
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SENATE SUMMARY

Allows an inland navigation district to aid and cooperate with certain nonmember counties. Includes the right-of-way and channel of the intracoastal water way and other designated channels within certain exclusions from aquatic preserves.