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CHAMBER ACTION

<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
Comm: RCS	.	
3/27/2008	.	
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1 The Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation  
 2 (Saunders) recommended the following **amendment**:

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 4 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Delete everything after the enacting clause  
 6 and insert:

7 Section 1. Sections 373.0069, 373.0693, 373.0695, 373.073,  
 8 and 373.083, Florida Statutes are reenacted.

9 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (8) of section  
 10 373.0693, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

11 373.0693 Basins; basin boards.--

12 (8) (a) At 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 1988, the area transferred  
 13 from the Southwest Florida Water Management District to the St.  
 14 Johns River Water Management District by change of boundaries  
 15 pursuant to chapter 76-243, Laws of Florida, shall cease to be a  
 16 subdistrict or basin of the St. Johns River Water Management  
 17 District known as the Oklawaha River Basin and said Oklawaha

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18 River Basin shall cease to exist. However, any recognition of an  
19 Oklawaha River Basin or an Oklawaha River Hydrologic Basin for  
20 regulatory purposes shall be unaffected. The area formerly known  
21 as the Oklawaha River Basin shall continue to be part of the St.  
22 Johns River Water Management District. ~~There shall be established~~  
23 ~~by the governing board of the St. Johns River Water Management~~  
24 ~~District the Oklawaha River Basin Advisory Council to receive~~  
25 ~~public input and advise the St. Johns River Water Management~~  
26 ~~District's governing board on water management issues affecting~~  
27 ~~the Oklawaha River Basin. The Oklawaha River Basin Advisory~~  
28 ~~Council shall be appointed by action of the St. Johns River Water~~  
29 ~~Management District's governing board and shall include one~~  
30 ~~representative from each county which is wholly or partly~~  
31 ~~included in the Oklawaha River Basin. The St. Johns River Water~~  
32 ~~Management District's governing board member currently serving~~  
33 ~~pursuant to s. 373.073(2)(c)3. shall serve as chair of the~~  
34 ~~Oklawaha River Basin Advisory Council. Members of the Oklawaha~~  
35 ~~River Basin Advisory Council shall receive no compensation for~~  
36 ~~their services but are entitled to be reimbursed for per diem and~~  
37 ~~travel expenses as provided in s. 112.061.~~

38 Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 373.323, Florida  
39 Statutes, is amended to read:

40 373.323 Licensure of water well contractors; application,  
41 qualifications, and examinations; equipment identification.--

42 (3) An applicant who meets the following requirements shall  
43 be entitled to take the water well contractor licensure  
44 examination ~~to practice water well contracting~~:

45 (a) Is at least 18 years of age.



46 (b) Has at least 2 years of experience in constructing,  
47 repairing, or abandoning water wells. Satisfactory proof of such  
48 experience shall be demonstrated by providing:

49 1. Evidence of the length of time the applicant has been  
50 engaged in the business of the construction, abandonment and  
51 repair of water wells as a major activity, as attested to by  
52 three letters from any of the following persons:

53 a. Water well contractors.

54 b. Water well drillers.

55 c. Water well parts and equipment vendors.

56 d. Water well inspectors employed by a government agency.

57 2. A list of at least ten water wells that the applicant  
58 has constructed, repaired or abandoned, which includes the  
59 following information:

60 a. The name and address of the owner or owners of each  
61 well.

62 b. The location, primary use, and approximate depth and  
63 diameter of each well that the applicant has constructed,  
64 repaired, or abandoned.

65 c. The approximate date the construction, repair or  
66 abandonment of each well was completed.

67 3. All listed wells must have been constructed, repaired or  
68 abandoned within five years immediately preceding the filing of  
69 the license application. At least seven of the ten water wells  
70 must have been constructed by the applicant, as defined in s.  
71 373.303(2).

72 (c) Has completed the application form and remitted a  
73 nonrefundable application fee.

74 Section 4. Paragraph (e) of subsection (5) of section  
75 373.536, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:



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76 373.536 District budget and hearing thereon.--

77 (5) TENTATIVE BUDGET CONTENTS AND SUBMISSION; REVIEW AND  
78 APPROVAL.--

79 (e) By September 5 of the year in which the budget is  
80 submitted, the House and Senate appropriations and appropriate  
81 substantive committee chairs may transmit to each district  
82 comments and objections to the proposed budgets. Each district  
83 governing board shall include a response to such comments and  
84 objections in the record of the governing board meeting where  
85 final adoption of the budget takes place, and the record of this  
86 meeting shall be transmitted to the Executive Office of the  
87 Governor, the department, and the chairs of the House and Senate  
88 appropriations committees.

89 Section 5. Subsection (7) of section 373.079, Florida  
90 Statutes, is amended to read:

91 373.079 Members of governing board; oath of office;  
92 staff.--

93 (7) The governing board shall meet at least once a month  
94 and upon call of the chair. The governing board, a basin board,  
95 a committee, or an advisory board, may conduct meetings by means  
96 of communications media technology as provided in the uniform  
97 rules of procedure adopted pursuant to s. 120.54.

98 Section 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming law.  
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100 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

101 And the title is amended as follows:

102 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
103 and insert:

104 A bill to be entitled



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105 An act relating to Water Mangement Districts; reenacts  
106 specified provisions under the Florida Government  
107 Accountability Act relating to the creation of the water  
108 management districts; amending s. 373.0693, F.S.;  
109 eliminating the Oklawaha River Basin Advisory Council;  
110 amending s. 373.323, F.S.; entitling applicants who meet  
111 certain conditions to be certified as a licensed water  
112 well contractor; amending s. 373.536, F.S.; permitting  
113 certain chairs of committees of the Senate and the House  
114 of Representatives to submit comments and objections to  
115 proposed budgets; amending s. 373.079, F.S.; revising  
116 meeting requirements for members of governing boards as  
117 provided in s. 120.54; providing an effective date.

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119 WHEREAS, ss. 11.901-11.920, Florida Statutes, the Florida  
120 Government Accountability Act, subjects the water management  
121 districts and each district's respective advisory committees to  
122 a sunset review process in order to determine whether the  
123 districts should be retained, modified, or abolished, and

124 WHEREAS, the water management districts produced reports  
125 providing specific information, as enumerated in s. 11.906,  
126 Florida Statutes, and

127 WHEREAS, upon receipt of the reports, the Joint  
128 Legislative Sunset Committee and committees of the Senate and  
129 the House of Representatives assigned to act as sunset review  
130 committees reviewed the reports and requested studies by the  
131 Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government  
132 Accountability, and

133 WHEREAS, based on the reports of the water management  
134 districts, studies of the Office of Program Policy Analysis and

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135 | Government Accountability, and public input, the Joint  
136 | Legislative Sunset Committee and legislative sunset review  
137 | committees made recommendations on the abolition, continuation,  
138 | or reorganization of the water management districts and each  
139 | district's advisory committees; on the need for the functions  
140 | performed by the districts and the advisory committees; and on  
141 | the consolidation, transfer, or reorganization of programs  
142 | within the water management districts, NOW, THEREFORE,