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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

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The Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation (Sobel) recommended the following:

Senate Substitute for Amendment (657412) (with title amendment)

Between lines 525 and 526 insert:

Section 12. Subsection (5) of section 373.584, Florida Statutes is created to read:

(5) (a) The total annual debt service for bonds issued pursuant to this section and s. 373.536 may not exceed twentyfive percent of the annual ad valorem tax revenues of the water management district, unless approved by the Joint Legislative

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Budget Commission.

- (b) The Joint Legislative Budget Commission is authorized to review the financial soundness of a water management district and determine whether bonds may be issued by a water management district in excess of the limitation of paragraph (a).
- (c) No water management district may take any action regarding the issuance of bonds in excess of the limitation of paragraph (a) without the prior approval of the Joint Legislative Budget Commission pursuant to joint rules of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
- (d) Bonds issued and outstanding prior to January 1, 2009, in excess of the limitation in paragraph (a) shall not be a violation of these provisions and shall not be included in the calculation of the limitation. Nothing contained herein shall affect the validity of or enforceability of outstanding revenue bonds.

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======== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ============ And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 643

and insert: 33

> conforming changes; amending s. 373.584, F.S.; providing for a cap on revenues pledged for debt service; providing for legislative approval to exceed the cap; amending s. 373.59, F.S.; allowing for the

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