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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on General Government Appropriations (Lawson) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 427 and 428  
insert:

Section 8. Subsections (3), (6), and (7) and paragraph (a) of subsection (8) of section 373.0693, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

373.0693 Basins; basin boards.—

(3) Each member of the various basin boards shall serve for a period of 3 years or until a successor is appointed, but not more than 180 days beyond the end of the expired term, except



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12 that the board membership of each new basin shall be divided  
13 into three groups as equally as possible, with members in such  
14 groups to be appointed for 1, 2, and 3 years, respectively. Each  
15 basin board shall choose a vice chair and a secretary to serve  
16 for a period of 1 year. The term of office of a basin board  
17 member shall be construed to commence on March 2 preceding the  
18 date of appointment and to terminate March 1 of the year of the  
19 end of a term or may continue until a successor is appointed,  
20 but not more than 180 days beyond the end of the expired term.

21 (6) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other general  
22 or special law to the contrary, a member of the governing board  
23 of the district residing in the basin or, if no member resides  
24 in the basin, a member of the governing board designated by the  
25 chair of the governing board shall be the ~~ex officio~~ chair of  
26 the basin board. The ~~ex officio~~ chair shall preside at all  
27 meetings of the basin board, except that the vice chair may  
28 preside in his or her absence. The ~~ex officio~~ chair ~~shall have~~  
29 ~~no official vote, except in case of a tie vote being cast by the~~  
30 ~~members, but~~ shall be the liaison officer of the district in all  
31 affairs in the basin and shall be kept informed of all such  
32 affairs.

33 (b) Basin boards within the Southwest Florida Water  
34 Management District shall meet regularly as determined by a  
35 majority vote of the basin board members. Subject to notice  
36 requirements of chapter 120, special meetings, both emergency  
37 and nonemergency, may be called either by the ~~ex officio~~ chair  
38 or the elected vice chair of the basin board or upon request of  
39 two basin board members. The district staff shall include on the  
40 agenda of any basin board meeting any item for discussion or



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41 action requested by a member of that basin board. The district  
42 staff shall notify any basin board, as well as their respective  
43 counties, of any vacancies occurring in the district governing  
44 board or their respective basin boards.

45 (7) At 11:59 p.m. on December 31, 1976, the Manasota  
46 Watershed Basin of the Ridge and Lower Gulf Coast Water  
47 Management District, which is annexed to the Southwest Florida  
48 Water Management District by change of its boundaries pursuant  
49 to chapter 76-243, Laws of Florida, shall be formed into a  
50 subdistrict or basin of the Southwest Florida Water Management  
51 District, subject to the same provisions as the other basins in  
52 such district. Such subdistrict shall be designated initially as  
53 the Manasota Basin. The members of the governing board of the  
54 Manasota Watershed Basin of the Ridge and Lower Gulf Coast Water  
55 Management District shall become members of the governing board  
56 of the Manasota Basin of the Southwest Florida Water Management  
57 District. Notwithstanding other provisions in this section,  
58 beginning on July 1, 2001, the membership of the Manasota Basin  
59 Board shall be comprised of two ~~three~~ members from Manatee  
60 County and two ~~three~~ members from Sarasota County. Matters  
61 relating to tie votes shall be resolved pursuant to subsection  
62 (6) by the ~~ex-officio~~ chair designated by the governing board to  
63 vote in case of a tie vote.

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



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70 River Basin shall cease to exist. However, any recognition of an  
71 Oklawaha River Basin or an Oklawaha River Hydrologic Basin for  
72 regulatory purposes shall be unaffected. The area formerly known  
73 as the Oklawaha River Basin shall continue to be part of the St.  
74 Johns River Water Management District. ~~There shall be~~  
75 ~~established by the governing board of the St. Johns River Water~~  
76 ~~Management District the Oklawaha River Basin Advisory Council to~~  
77 ~~receive public input and advise the St. Johns River Water~~  
78 ~~Management District's governing board on water management issues~~  
79 ~~affecting the Oklawaha River Basin. The Oklawaha River Basin~~  
80 ~~Advisory Council shall be appointed by action of the St. Johns~~  
81 ~~River Water Management District's governing board and shall~~  
82 ~~include one representative from each county which is wholly or~~  
83 ~~partly included in the Oklawaha River Basin. The St. Johns River~~  
84 ~~Water Management District's governing board member currently~~  
85 ~~serving pursuant to s. 373.073(2)(c)3. shall serve as chair of~~  
86 ~~the Oklawaha River Basin Advisory Council. Members of the~~  
87 ~~Oklawaha River Basin Advisory Council shall receive no~~  
88 ~~compensation for their services but are entitled to be~~  
89 ~~reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses as provided in s.~~  
90 ~~112.061.~~

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Renumber subsequent sections

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 33

and insert:



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99 Lands; amending s. 373.0693 , F.S.; providing conditions for  
100 serving on a basin board after a term expires; removing ex-  
101 officio designation for board members serving on basin boards;  
102 revising the membership of certain basin boards; eliminating the  
103 Oklawaha River Basin Advisory Council; amending s. 403.0876,  
104 F.S.; providing that the