

By Senator Dean

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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Water Management Lands Trust
 3 Fund; amending s. 373.1961, F.S.; revising
 4 requirements for the use of moneys in the trust fund;
 5 authorizing the Northwest Florida Water Management
 6 District and the Suwannee River Water Management
 7 District to use a portion of moneys in the trust fund
 8 for specific purposes; providing an effective date.

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 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 12 Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section
 13 373.1961, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14 373.1961 Water production; general powers and duties;
 15 identification of needs; funding criteria; economic incentives;
 16 reuse funding.—

17 (3) FUNDING.—

18 (c) The financial assistance for alternative water supply
 19 projects allocated in each district's budget as required in s.
 20 373.196(6) shall be combined with the state funds and used to
 21 assist in funding the project construction costs of alternative
 22 water supply projects selected by the governing board. Funds ~~if~~
 23 ~~the district has not completed any regional water supply plan,~~
 24 ~~or the regional water supply plan does not identify the need for~~
 25 ~~any alternative water supply projects,~~ funds deposited in the
 26 Water Management Lands Trust Fund to the credit of the Northwest
 27 Florida Water Management District and the Suwannee River Water
 28 Management District ~~that district's trust fund may also~~ be used
 29 for regional water supply planning, water resource development,

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30 and ~~projects, including, but not limited to,~~ springs protection.

31 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.