

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES LOCAL BILL STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 743

South Indian River Water Control District, Palm Beach County

SPONSOR(S): Domino

TIED BILLS:

IDEN./SIM. BILLS:

	REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1)	Military & Local Affairs Policy Committee	13 Y, 0 N	Fudge	Hoagland
2)	Economic Development & Community Affairs Policy Council		Fudge	Tinker
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SUMMARY ANALYSIS

The South Indian River Water Control District is an independent special district located in Palm Beach County. The district is governed by a five member board of supervisors. The district has the authority to assess water control and maintenance taxes and special assessments. However, the district only levies non ad-valorem assessments.

HB 743 adds approximately 17.21 acres to the district upon the request of the landowner so that he may receive district flood control services.

HOUSE PRINCIPLES

Members are encouraged to evaluate proposed legislation in light of the following guiding principles of the House of Representatives

- Balance the state budget.
- Create a legal and regulatory environment that fosters economic growth and job creation.
- Lower the tax burden on families and businesses.
- Reverse or restrain the growth of government.
- Promote public safety.
- Promote educational accountability, excellence, and choice.
- Foster respect for the family and for innocent human life.
- Protect Florida's natural beauty.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Current Situation

The South Indian River Water Control District is an independent special district located in Palm Beach County. The district was created by decree of the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit on July 3, 1923. All special acts relating to the district were codified by ch. 2001-313, L.O.F. The district is governed by a five member board of supervisors elected on a one-acre, one-vote basis by the landowners in the district. The district has the authority: to assess water control and maintenance taxes and special assessments, and issue bonds. However, the district only levies non ad-valorem assessments.

District Boundary Modification

Section 298.301, F.S., provides that when a water control district is created, or its authorities or boundaries amended, by special act, lands may be added to or deleted only through legislative modification of the special act.

Effect of Proposed Changes

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B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: Amends the district boundaries.

Section 2: Provides an effective date of upon becoming law.

II. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes No

IF YES, WHEN? November 14, 2008.

WHERE? In the *Palm Beach Post*, a daily and Sunday newspaper published in Palm Beach County, Florida.

B. REFERENDUM(S) REQUIRED? Yes No

IF YES, WHEN?

C. LOCAL BILL CERTIFICATION FILED? Yes, attached No

D. ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FILED? Yes, attached No

The district anticipates a total increase in revenues of \$4000 for FY 09-10 through FY 10-11.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES