

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Bill No. HB 5113A

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 The Conference Committee on HB 5113A offered the following:

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3 **Conference Committee Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

5 Section 1. Subsections (1) and (8) of section 373.59,
6 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

7 373.59 Water Management Lands Trust Fund.--

8 (1) There is established within the Department of
9 Environmental Protection the Water Management Lands Trust Fund
10 to be used as a nonlapsing fund for the purposes of this
11 section. The moneys in this fund are hereby continually
12 appropriated for the purposes of land acquisition, management,
13 maintenance, capital improvements of land titled to the
14 districts, payments in lieu of taxes, debt service on bonds
15 issued prior to July 1, 1999, debt service on bonds issued on or
16 after July 1, 1999, which are issued to refund bonds issued
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17 before July 1, 1999, preacquisition costs associated with land
18 purchases, and the department's costs of administration of the
19 fund. No refunding bonds may be issued which mature after the
20 final maturity date of the bonds being refunded or which provide
21 for higher debt service in any year than is payable on such
22 bonds as of February 1, 2009. The department's costs of
23 administration shall be charged proportionally against each
24 district's allocation using the formula provided in subsection
25 (8). Capital improvements shall include, but need not be limited
26 to, perimeter fencing, signs, firelanes, control of invasive
27 exotic species, controlled burning, habitat inventory and
28 restoration, law enforcement, access roads and trails, and
29 minimal public accommodations, such as primitive campsites,
30 garbage receptacles, and toilets. The moneys in the fund may
31 also be appropriated to supplement operational expenditures at
32 the Northwest Florida Water Management District and the Suwannee
33 River Water Management District, with such appropriations
34 allocated prior to the allocations set out in subsection (8) to
35 the five water management districts.

36 (8) Moneys from the Water Management Lands Trust Fund
37 shall be allocated as follows ~~to the five water management~~
38 ~~districts in the following percentages:~~

39 (a) Through the 2008-2009 fiscal year, thirty percent to
40 the South Florida Water Management District. Beginning with the
41 2009-2010 fiscal year, thirty percent shall be used first to pay
42 debt service on bonds issued before February 1, 2009, by the
43 South Florida Water Management District which are secured by
44 revenues provided by this section or to fund debt service

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45 reserve funds, rebate obligations, or other amounts payable with
46 respect to such bonds, then to transfer \$3,000,000 to the credit
47 of the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year, and lastly to
48 distribute the remainder to the South Florida Water Management
49 District.

50 (b) Through the 2008-2009 fiscal year, twenty-five percent
51 to the Southwest Florida Water Management District. Beginning
52 with the 2009-2010 fiscal year, twenty-five percent shall be
53 used first to transfer \$2,500,000 to the credit of the General
54 Revenue Fund in each fiscal year and then to distribute the
55 remainder to the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

56 (c) Through the 2008-2009 fiscal year, twenty-five percent
57 to the St. Johns River Water Management District. Beginning with
58 the 2009-2010 fiscal year, twenty-five percent shall be used
59 first to pay debt service on bonds issued before February 1,
60 2009, by the St. Johns River Water Management District which are
61 secured by revenues provided by this section or to fund debt
62 service reserve funds, rebate obligations, or other amounts
63 payable with respect to such bonds, then to transfer \$2,500,000
64 to the credit of the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year,
65 and to distribute the remainder to the St. Johns River Water
66 Management District.

67 (d) Ten percent to the Suwannee River Water Management
68 District.

69 (e) Ten percent to the Northwest Florida Water Management
70 District.

71 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.
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Remove the entire title and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Water Management Lands Trust Fund;
amending s. 373.59, F.S.; prohibiting the issuance of
certain refunding bonds; revising, as of a specified
fiscal year, distributions from the trust fund to certain
water management districts to include distribution
priorities and allocation of specified amounts of such
distributions to the General Revenue Fund each fiscal
year; providing an effective date.