

THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE



May 5, 2011

The Honorable Mike Haridopolos
President of the Senate

The Honorable Dean Cannon
Speaker, House of Representatives

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

Your Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on SB 2142, 1st Eng., same being:

An act relating to the water management districts.

having met, and after full and free conference, do recommend to their respective houses as follows:

1. That the House of Representatives recede from its Amendment 1.
2. That the Senate and House of Representatives adopt the Conference Committee Amendment attached hereto, and by reference made a part of this report.

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The Conference Committee Amendment for SB 2142, 1st Eng., relating to the water management districts, provides for the following:

- Requires the Legislature to annually review the preliminary budget for each water management district and set the maximum amount of revenue a district may raise through its ad valorem tax.
- Provides that, if the annual maximum amount of property tax revenue is not set by the Legislature on or before July 1 of each year, the maximum property tax revenue that may be raised reverts to the amount authorized in the prior year.
- Requires each water management district to provide a monthly financial statement to its governing board and make such information available to the public through the district's website.
- Revises provisions relating to the review of district budgets to allow the Executive Office of the Governor and the Legislative Budget Commission to disapprove, in whole or in part, the budget of each water management district.