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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
04/04/2011	.	
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The Committee on Community Affairs (Storms) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 24 and 25
insert:

Section 1. Section 218.075, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

218.075 Reduction or waiver of permit processing fees.—
Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department of Environmental Protection and the water management districts shall reduce or waive permit processing fees for counties with a population of 50,000 or fewer ~~less~~ on April 1, 1994, until such counties exceed a population of 75,000 and municipalities with a



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13 population of 25,000 or fewer ~~less~~; an entity created by special
14 act, local ordinance, or interlocal agreement of such counties
15 or municipalities;~~7~~ or any county or municipality not included
16 within a metropolitan statistical area. Fee reductions or
17 waivers shall be approved on the basis of fiscal hardship or
18 environmental need for a particular project or activity. The
19 governing body must certify that the cost of the permit
20 processing fee is a fiscal hardship due to one of the following
21 factors:

22 (1) Per capita taxable value is less than the statewide
23 average for the current fiscal year;

24 (2) Percentage of assessed property value that is exempt
25 from ad valorem taxation is higher than the statewide average
26 for the current fiscal year;

27 (3) Any condition specified in s. 218.503(1) which results
28 in the county or municipality being in a state of financial
29 emergency;

30 (4) Ad valorem operating millage rate for the current
31 fiscal year is greater than 8 mills; or

32 (5) A financial condition that is documented in annual
33 financial statements at the end of the current fiscal year and
34 indicates an inability to pay the permit processing fee during
35 that fiscal year.

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37 The permit applicant must be the governing body of a county or
38 municipality, ~~or~~ a third party under contract with a county or
39 municipality, or an entity created by special act, local
40 ordinance, or interlocal agreement and the project for which the
41 fee reduction or waiver is sought must serve a public purpose.



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42 If a permit processing fee is reduced, the total fee may ~~shall~~
43 not exceed \$100.

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46 And the title is amended as follows:

47 Between lines 2 and 3

48 insert:

49 amending s. 218.075, F.S.; allowing an entity created
50 by special act, local ordinance, or interlocal
51 agreement of a county or municipality to receive
52 certain reduced or waived permit processing fees;