

By Senator Detert

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to basins; amending s. 373.0693, F.S.;
3 repealing provisions relating to the formation and
4 designation of the Manasota Basin; repealing
5 provisions relating to the termination of the Oklawaha
6 River Basin and the Greater St. Johns River Basin;
7 providing an effective date.

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

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11 Section 1. Subsections (9) and (10) of section 373.0693,
12 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (7) and (8),
13 respectively, and present subsections (7) and (8) of that
14 section are amended to read:

15 373.0693 Basins; basin boards.—

16 ~~(7) At 11:59 p.m. on December 31, 1976, the Manasota~~
17 ~~Watershed Basin of the Ridge and Lower Gulf Coast Water~~
18 ~~Management District, which is annexed to the Southwest Florida~~
19 ~~Water Management District by change of its boundaries pursuant~~
20 ~~to chapter 76-243, Laws of Florida, shall be formed into a~~
21 ~~subdistrict or basin of the Southwest Florida Water Management~~
22 ~~District, subject to the same provisions as the other basins in~~
23 ~~such district. Such subdistrict shall be designated initially as~~
24 ~~the Manasota Basin. The members of the governing board of the~~
25 ~~Manasota Watershed Basin of the Ridge and Lower Gulf Coast Water~~
26 ~~Management District shall become members of the governing board~~
27 ~~of the Manasota Basin of the Southwest Florida Water Management~~
28 ~~District. Notwithstanding other provisions in this section,~~
29 ~~beginning on July 1, 2001, the membership of the Manasota Basin~~

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30 Board shall be comprised of two members from Manatee County and
31 two members from Sarasota County. Matters relating to tie votes
32 shall be resolved pursuant to subsection (6) by the chair
33 designated by the governing board to vote in case of a tie vote.

34 (8)(a) At 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 1988, the area transferred
35 from the Southwest Florida Water Management District to the St.
36 Johns River Water Management District by change of boundaries
37 pursuant to chapter 76-243, Laws of Florida, shall cease to be a
38 subdistrict or basin of the St. Johns River Water Management
39 District known as the Oklawaha River Basin and said Oklawaha
40 River Basin shall cease to exist. However, any recognition of an
41 Oklawaha River Basin or an Oklawaha River Hydrologic Basin for
42 regulatory purposes shall be unaffected. The area formerly known
43 as the Oklawaha River Basin shall continue to be part of the St.
44 Johns River Water Management District.

45 (b) Also, the entire area of the St. Johns River Water
46 Management District, less those areas formerly in the Oklawaha
47 Basin, shall cease to be a subdistrict or basin of the St. Johns
48 River Water Management District known as the Greater St. Johns
49 River Basin and said Greater St. Johns River Basin shall cease
50 to exist. The area formerly known as the Greater St. Johns River
51 Basin shall continue to be part of the St. Johns River Water
52 Management District.

53 (c) As of 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 1988, assets and
54 liabilities of the former Oklawaha River and Greater St. Johns
55 River Basins shall be assets and liabilities of the St. Johns
56 River Water Management District. Any contracts, plans, orders,
57 or agreements of such basins shall continue to be in effect, but
58 may be modified or repealed by the St. Johns River Water

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59 ~~Management District in accordance with law. For all purposes for~~
60 ~~assessing and levying the millage rate authorized under s.~~
61 ~~373.503, subsequent to December 31, 1987, including the purposes~~
62 ~~of certifying the millage rate for fiscal year 1988-1989,~~
63 ~~pursuant to chapter 200, said millage rate shall be levied~~
64 ~~retroactive to January 1, 1988.~~

65 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.