

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.