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Senator Hays moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 12 and 13

4 insert:

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Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 373.236, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

373.236 Duration of permits; compliance reports.-

8 (5)(a) Permits approved for the development of alternative 9 water supplies shall be granted for a term of at least 20 years 10 if there is sufficient data to provide reasonable assurance that 11 the conditions for permit issuance will be met for the duration 12 of the permit. However, if the permittee issues bonds for the 13 construction of the project, upon request of the permittee

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14 <u>before prior to</u> the expiration of the permit, <u>the</u> that permit 15 shall be extended for such additional time as is required for 16 the retirement of bonds, not including any refunding or 17 refinancing of such bonds, <u>if provided that</u> the governing board 18 determines that the use will continue to meet the conditions for 19 the issuance of the permit. Such a permit is subject to 20 compliance reports under subsection (4).

(b)1. Permits approved on or after July 1, 2012, for the 21 22 development of alternative water supplies shall be granted for a 23 term of at least 30 years if there is sufficient data to provide 24 reasonable assurance that the conditions for permit issuance 25 will be met for the duration of the permit. If, within 7 years after a permit is granted, the permittee issues bonds to finance 26 27 the project, completes construction of the project, and requests 28 an extension of the permit duration, the permit shall be 29 extended to expire upon the retirement of such bonds or 30 years 30 after the date construction of the project is complete, whichever occurs later. However, a permit's duration may not be 31 32 extended by more than 7 years beyond the permit's original 33 expiration date. A 7-year permit extension, as described in this 34 subparagraph, shall be applicable to any 30-year permit for the 35 development of alternative water supplies granted between June 36 1, 2011, and July 1, 2012.

2. Permits issued under this paragraph are subject to compliance reports under subsection (4). However, if the permittee demonstrates that bonds issued to finance the project are outstanding, the quantity of alternative water allocated in the permit may not be reduced during a compliance report review unless a reduction is needed to address unanticipated harm to

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water resources or to existing legal uses present when the
permit was issued. A reduction required by an applicable water
shortage order shall apply to permits issued under this
paragraph.
3. Permits issued under this paragraph may not authorize
the use of nonbrackish groundwater supplies or nonalternative
water supplies.
(c) Entities that wish to develop alternative water
supplies may apply for a permit under paragraph (a) or paragraph
<u>(b).</u>
=========== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =================================
And the title is amended as follows:
Delete line 3
and insert:
improvements; amending s. 373.236, F.S.; specifying
conditions for the issuance of permits for the
development of alternative water supplies; requiring
that certain permits be granted for at least 30 years;
requiring that such permits be extended under
specified conditions; providing for a reduction in
permitted water quantities during compliance reviews
under certain circumstances; excluding from
application of the act a permit for nonbrackish
groundwater or nonalternative water supplies;
providing an option for the duration of an alternative
water supply permit to a county, special district,
regional water supply authority, multijurisdictional
water supply entity, or publicly or privately owned

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utility; creating s. 373.4591, F.S.; requiring a

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