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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Rules (Latvala) recommended the following:

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Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

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Between lines 398 and 399

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insert:

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Section 3. Section 373.618, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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373.618 Public service warnings, alerts, and announcements.—The Legislature believes it is in the public interest that all water management districts created pursuant to s. 373.069 own, acquire, develop, construct, operate, and manage public information systems. Public information systems may be located on property owned by the water management district, upon terms and conditions approved by the water management district,

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15 and must display messages to the general public concerning water
16 management services, activities, events, and sponsors, as well
17 as other public service announcements, including watering
18 restrictions, severe weather reports, amber alerts, and other
19 essential information needed by the public. Local government
20 review or approval is not required for a public information
21 system owned or hereafter acquired, developed, or constructed by
22 the water management district on its own property. A public
23 information system is exempt from the requirements of chapter
24 479. However, a public information system that is subject to the
25 Highway Beautification Act of 1965 must be approved by the
26 Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway
27 Administration if such approval is required by federal law and
28 federal regulation under the agreement between the state and the
29 United States Department of Transportation and by federal
30 regulations enforced by the Department of Transportation under
31 s. 479.02(1). Water management district funds may not be used to
32 pay the cost to acquire, develop, construct, operate, or manage
33 a public information system. Any necessary funds for a public
34 information system shall be paid for and collected from private
35 sponsors who may display commercial messages.

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37 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

38 And the title is amended as follows:
39 Delete line 28
40 and insert:
41 the Legislature for approval; amending s. 373.618,
42 F.S.; providing that certain public information
43 systems operated by water management districts must be



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44 approved by the Department of Transportation and the
45 Federal Highway Administration if such approval is
46 required by certain laws and regulations; amending
47 provisions of