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The Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation
(Hays) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 19 - 52
and insert:

(2) (a) The secretary shall appoint ~~There shall be three~~
deputy secretaries who ~~are to be appointed by and shall~~ serve at
the pleasure of the secretary. The secretary may assign any
deputy secretary the responsibility to supervise, coordinate,
and formulate policy for any division, office, or district.

(b) The secretary shall appoint a general counsel who is



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11 directly responsible to and serves at the pleasure of the
12 secretary. The general counsel is responsible for all legal
13 matters of the department.

14 (c) The secretary may establish divisions as he or she
15 deems necessary to accomplish the mission and goals of the
16 department, including, but not limited to, the following areas
17 of program responsibility: water resources management,
18 regulatory programs, and lands and recreation. The divisions
19 shall be headed by directors, each of whom is to be appointed by
20 and serve at the pleasure of the secretary. The Division of
21 State Lands is established within the department, the director
22 of which is to be appointed by the secretary, subject to
23 confirmation by the Governor and Cabinet sitting as the Board of
24 Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund.

25 (d) Offices may be established as deemed necessary to
26 promote the efficient and effective operation of the department.
27 The secretary may combine, separate, or delete offices as
28 necessary in consultation with the Executive Office of the
29 Governor. The following special offices shall be are established
30 and headed by managers, each of whom is to be appointed by and
31 serve at the pleasure of the secretary:

- 32 ~~1. Office of Chief of Staff;~~
- 33 ~~2. Office of General Counsel;~~
- 34 ~~3. Office of Inspector General;~~
- 35 ~~4. Office of External Affairs;~~
- 36 ~~5. Office of Legislative Affairs;~~
- 37 ~~6. Office of Intergovernmental Programs; and~~
- 38 ~~7. Office of Greenways and Trails.~~
- 39 ~~8. Office of Emergency Response.~~



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40 (e) ~~(b)~~ There shall be ~~six~~ administrative districts involved
41 in regulatory matters, such as ~~of~~ waste management, water
42 resource management, wetlands, and air resources. The districts,
43 ~~which~~ shall be

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

46 And the title is amended as follows:

47 Delete lines 4 - 5

48 and insert:

49 20.255, F.S.; requiring the secretary of the
50 Department of Environmental Protection to appoint a
51 general counsel; authorizing the secretary to
52 establish