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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the organizational structure of the
3 Department of Environmental Protection; amending s.
4 20.255, F.S.; authorizing the secretary of the
5 Department of Environmental Protection to establish
6 divisions as necessary to accomplish the missions and
7 goals of the department; authorizing offices to be
8 established as necessary to promote the efficient and
9 effective operation of the department; deleting the
10 required establishment of certain offices and
11 divisions; providing an effective date.

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

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15 Section 1. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 20.255,
16 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

17 20.255 Department of Environmental Protection.—There is
18 created a Department of Environmental Protection.

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

24 (a) The secretary may establish divisions as he or she
25 deems necessary to accomplish the mission and goals of the
26 department, including, but not limited to, the following areas
27 of program responsibility: water resources management,
28 regulatory programs, and lands and recreation. The divisions
29 shall be headed by directors, each of whom is to be appointed by

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30 and serve at the pleasure of the secretary. The Division of
31 State Lands is established within the department, the director
32 of which is to be appointed by the secretary, subject to
33 confirmation by the Governor and Cabinet sitting as the Board of
34 Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund.

35 (b) Offices may be established as deemed necessary to
36 promote the efficient and effective operation of the department.
37 The secretary may combine, separate, or delete offices as
38 necessary in consultation with the Executive Office of the
39 Governor. The following special offices shall be are established
40 and headed by managers, each of whom is to be appointed by and
41 serve at the pleasure of the secretary:

- 42 1. Office of Chief of Staff;
- 43 2. Office of General Counsel;
- 44 3. Office of Inspector General;
- 45 4. Office of External Affairs;
- 46 5. Office of Legislative Affairs;
- 47 6. Office of Intergovernmental Programs; and
- 48 7. Office of Greenways and Trails.
- 49 8. Office of Emergency Response.

50 (c)(b) There shall be six administrative districts involved
51 in regulatory matters, such as of waste management, water
52 resource management, wetlands, and air resources, which shall be
53 headed by managers, each of whom is to be appointed by and serve
54 at the pleasure of the secretary. Divisions of the department
55 may have one assistant or two deputy division directors, as
56 required to facilitate effective operation.

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58 The managers of all divisions, and offices, and districts

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59 ~~specifically named in this section and the directors of the six~~
60 ~~administrative districts~~ are exempt from part II of chapter 110
61 and are included in the Senior Management Service in accordance
62 with s. 110.205(2)(j).

63 (3) ~~The following divisions of the Department of~~
64 ~~Environmental Protection are established:~~

65 ~~(a) Division of Administrative Services.~~

66 ~~(b) Division of Air Resource Management.~~

67 ~~(c) Division of Water Resource Management.~~

68 ~~(d) Division of Environmental Assessment and Restoration.~~

69 ~~(e) Division of Waste Management.~~

70 ~~(f) Division of Recreation and Parks.~~

71 ~~(g) Division of State Lands, the director of which is to be~~
72 ~~appointed by the secretary of the department, subject to~~
73 ~~confirmation by the Governor and Cabinet sitting as the Board of~~
74 ~~Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund.~~

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76 In order to ensure statewide and intradepartmental consistency,
77 the department's divisions shall direct the district offices and
78 bureaus on matters of interpretation and applicability of the
79 department's rules and programs.

80 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.