

By the Committees on Appropriations; and Environmental Preservation and Conservation; and Senator Hays

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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.; deleting a provision requiring certain  
5 offices within the department; establishing the Office  
6 of the Secretary; authorizing the secretary to  
7 establish offices within divisions or the Office of  
8 the Secretary as necessary to promote the efficient  
9 and effective operation of the department; requiring  
10 the appointment of a general counsel; providing an  
11 exemption for certain managers and directors from part  
12 II of ch. 110, F.S.; establishing the Division of  
13 Water Restoration Assistance within the department;  
14 providing an effective date.

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

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

20 20.255 Department of Environmental Protection.—There is  
21 created a Department of Environmental Protection.

22 (2) (a) There shall be three deputy secretaries who are to  
23 be appointed by and shall serve at the pleasure of the  
24 secretary. The secretary may assign any deputy secretary the  
25 responsibility to supervise, coordinate, and formulate policy  
26 for any division, office, or district. ~~The following special~~  
27 ~~offices are established and headed by managers, each of whom is~~  
28 ~~to be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the secretary:~~

- 29 ~~1. Office of Chief of Staff;~~  
30 ~~2. Office of General Counsel;~~  
31 ~~3. Office of Inspector General;~~

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- 32       ~~4. Office of External Affairs;~~  
33       ~~5. Office of Legislative Affairs;~~  
34       ~~6. Office of Intergovernmental Programs; and~~  
35       ~~7. Office of Greenways and Trails.~~  
36       ~~8. Office of Emergency Response.~~

37       (b) The Office of the Secretary is established. The  
38 secretary may establish offices within divisions or within the  
39 Office of the Secretary to promote the efficient and effective  
40 operation of the department.

41       (c) The secretary shall appoint a general counsel who is  
42 directly responsible to and serves at the pleasure of the  
43 secretary. The general counsel is responsible for all legal  
44 matters of the department.

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

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53 The directors ~~managers~~ of all divisions, managers of all ~~and~~  
54 offices, ~~specifically named in this section~~ and the managers  
55 ~~directors~~ of the six administrative districts are exempt from  
56 part II of chapter 110 and are included in the Senior Management  
57 Service in accordance with s. 110.205(2)(j).

58       (3) The following divisions of the Department of  
59 Environmental Protection are established:

- 60       (a) Division of Administrative Services.

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- 61 (b) Division of Air Resource Management.  
62 (c) Division of Water Resource Management.  
63 (d) Division of Environmental Assessment and Restoration.  
64 (e) Division of Waste Management.  
65 (f) Division of Recreation and Parks.  
66 (g) Division of State Lands, the director of which is to be  
67 appointed by the secretary of the department, subject to  
68 confirmation by the Governor and Cabinet sitting as the Board of  
69 Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund.  
70 (h) Division of Water Restoration Assistance.

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72 In order to ensure statewide and intradepartmental consistency,  
73 the department's divisions shall direct the district offices and  
74 bureaus on matters of interpretation and applicability of the  
75 department's rules and programs.

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