

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.; revising provisions for the appointment
 5 of deputy secretaries and a general counsel;
 6 authorizing the Secretary of Environmental Protection
 7 to establish divisions as necessary to accomplish the
 8 missions and goals of the department; authorizing
 9 offices to be established as necessary to promote the
 10 efficient and effective operation of the department;
 11 deleting the required establishment of certain offices
 12 and divisions; providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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

25 (b) The secretary shall appoint a general counsel who is
 26 directly responsible to and serves at the pleasure of the

27 secretary. The general counsel is responsible for all legal
 28 matters of the department.

29 (c) The secretary may establish divisions as he or she
 30 deems necessary to accomplish the mission and goals of the
 31 department, including, but not limited to, the following areas
 32 of program responsibility: water resources management,
 33 regulatory programs, and lands and recreation. The divisions
 34 shall be headed by directors, each of whom is to be appointed by
 35 and serve at the pleasure of the secretary. The Division of
 36 State Lands is established within the department, the director
 37 of which is to be appointed by the secretary, subject to
 38 confirmation by the Governor and Cabinet sitting as the Board of
 39 Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund.

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

- 47 1. Office of Chief of Staff;
- 48 2. Office of General Counsel;
- 49 3. Office of Inspector General;
- 50 4. Office of External Affairs;
- 51 5. Office of Legislative Affairs;
- 52 6. Office of Intergovernmental Programs; and

53 ~~7. Office of Greenways and Trails.~~

54 ~~8. Office of Emergency Response.~~

55 ~~(e)(b)~~ There shall be ~~six~~ administrative districts
 56 involved in regulatory matters, such as ~~of~~ waste management,
 57 water resource management, wetlands, and air resources. The
 58 districts, ~~which~~ shall be headed by managers, each of whom is to
 59 be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the secretary.
 60 ~~Divisions of the department may have one assistant or two deputy~~
 61 ~~division directors, as required to facilitate effective~~
 62 ~~operation.~~

63 (f) The managers of all divisions, and offices, and
 64 districts ~~specifically named in this section and the directors~~
 65 ~~of the six administrative districts~~ are exempt from part II of
 66 chapter 110 and are included in the Senior Management Service in
 67 accordance with s. 110.205(2)(j).

68 (3) ~~The following divisions of the Department of~~
 69 ~~Environmental Protection are established:~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

76 ~~(g) Division of State Lands, the director of which is to~~
 77 ~~be appointed by the secretary of the department, subject to~~
 78 ~~confirmation by the Governor and Cabinet sitting as the Board of~~

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79 ~~Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund.~~ In order to
80 ensure statewide and intradepartmental consistency, the
81 department's divisions shall direct the district offices and
82 bureaus on matters of interpretation and applicability of the
83 department's rules and programs.

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