

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; removing  
6 the number of deputy secretaries required to be  
7 appointed; authorizing the Secretary of Environmental  
8 Protection to establish divisions and bureaus as  
9 necessary to accomplish the department's mission and  
10 goals and to establish offices as necessary to promote  
11 the efficient and effective operation of the  
12 department; authorizing the secretary, in consultation  
13 with the Executive Office of the Governor, to merge,  
14 divide, or abolish such offices; removing the required  
15 establishment of certain offices; authorizing the  
16 secretary to establish administrative districts;  
17 removing the number of assistant or deputy division  
18 directors required to be appointed; establishing the  
19 Division of Water Restoration Assistance within the  
20 department; providing an effective date.

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

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

26 20.255 Department of Environmental Protection.—There is

27 created a Department of Environmental Protection.

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

33       (b) The secretary shall appoint a general counsel who is  
34 directly responsible to and serves at the pleasure of the  
35 secretary. The general counsel is responsible for all legal  
36 matters of the department.

37       (c) In addition to the divisions established pursuant to  
38 subsection (3), the secretary may establish other divisions and  
39 bureaus of the department as he or she deems necessary to  
40 accomplish the department's mission and goals, including, but  
41 not limited to, the following areas of program responsibility:  
42 water resources management, regulatory programs, and lands and  
43 recreation. The divisions shall be headed by directors. Each  
44 director, except for the director of the Division of State  
45 Lands, shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the  
46 secretary. The director of the Division of State Lands shall be  
47 appointed by the secretary, subject to confirmation by the  
48 Governor and Cabinet sitting as the Board of Trustees of the  
49 Internal Improvement Trust Fund.

50       (d) The secretary may establish offices as he or she deems  
51 necessary to promote the efficient and effective operation of  
52 the department. The secretary, in consultation with the

53 Executive Office of the Governor, may merge, divide, or abolish  
 54 offices as necessary. The ~~following special~~ offices shall be are  
 55 ~~established and~~ headed by managers. Each manager shall ~~of whom~~  
 56 ~~is to~~ be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the  
 57 secretary:

- 58 1. ~~Office of Chief of Staff;~~
- 59 2. ~~Office of General Counsel;~~
- 60 3. ~~Office of Inspector General;~~
- 61 4. ~~Office of External Affairs;~~
- 62 5. ~~Office of Legislative Affairs;~~
- 63 6. ~~Office of Intergovernmental Programs; and~~
- 64 7. ~~Office of Greenways and Trails.~~
- 65 8. ~~Office of Emergency Response.~~

66 ~~(e)(b)~~ The secretary There shall establish ~~be six~~  
 67 administrative districts to be involved in regulatory matters,  
 68 such as ~~of~~ waste management, water resource management,  
 69 wetlands, and air resources. The districts, ~~which~~ shall be  
 70 headed by managers. Each manager shall ~~of whom is to~~ be  
 71 appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the secretary.  
 72 ~~Divisions of the department may have one assistant or two deputy~~  
 73 ~~division directors, as required to facilitate effective~~  
 74 ~~operation.~~

75 (f) The directors ~~managers~~ of all divisions, and the  
 76 managers of all offices ~~and specifically named in this section~~  
 77 ~~and the directors of the six administrative districts,~~ are  
 78 exempt from part II of chapter 110 and are included in the

79 Senior Management Service in accordance with s. 110.205(2)(j).

80 (3) The following divisions of the Department of  
81 Environmental Protection are established:

82 (a) Division of Administrative Services.

83 (b) Division of Air Resource Management.

84 (c) Division of Water Resource Management.

85 (d) Division of Environmental Assessment and Restoration.

86 (e) Division of Waste Management.

87 (f) Division of Recreation and Parks.

88 (g) Division of State Lands.

89 (h) Division of Water Restoration Assistance, ~~the director~~  
90 ~~of which is to be appointed by the secretary of the department,~~  
91 ~~subject to confirmation by the Governor and Cabinet sitting as~~  
92 ~~the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund.~~

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94 In order to ensure statewide and intradepartmental consistency,  
95 the department's divisions shall direct the district offices and  
96 bureaus on matters of interpretation and applicability of the  
97 department's rules and programs.

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