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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.; establishing the Office of the Secretary
- 5	within the department; authorizing the Secretary of
6	Environmental Protection to establish offices within
7	the office or within the department's divisions to
8	promote the efficient and effective operation of the
9	department; providing for the secretary to appoint a
10	general counsel; removing the required establishment
11	of certain offices; establishing the Division of Water
12	Restoration Assistance within the department;
13	providing an effective date.
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15	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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17	Section 1. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 20.255,
18	Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
19	20.255 Department of Environmental ProtectionThere is
20	created a Department of Environmental Protection.
21	(2)(a) There shall be three deputy secretaries who are to
22	be appointed by and shall serve at the pleasure of the
23	secretary. The secretary may assign any deputy secretary the
24	responsibility to supervise, coordinate, and formulate policy
25	for any division, office, or district.
26	(b) The Office of the Secretary is established. The
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27	secretary may establish offices within the Office of the
28	Secretary or within the divisions established under subsection
29	(3) to promote the efficient and effective operation of the
30	department.
31	(c) The secretary shall appoint a general counsel who is
32	directly responsible to and serves at the pleasure of the
33	secretary. The general counsel is responsible for all legal
34	matters of the department The following special offices are
35	established and headed by managers, each of whom is to be
36	appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the secretary:
37	1. Office of Chief of Staff;
38	2. Office of General Counsel;
39	3. Office of Inspector General;
40	4. Office of External Affairs;
41	5. Office of Legislative Affairs;
42	6. Office of Intergovernmental Programs; and
43	7. Office of Greenways and Trails.
44	8. Office of Emergency Response.
45	(d) (b) There shall be six administrative districts
46	involved in regulatory matters of waste management, water
47	resource management, wetlands, and air resources, which shall be
48	headed by managers, each of whom <u>shall</u> is to be appointed by and
49	serves serve at the pleasure of the secretary. Divisions of the
50	department may have one assistant or two deputy division
51	directors, as required to facilitate effective operation.
52	(e) The <u>directors</u> managers of all divisions, and the

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53	managers of all offices and specifically named in this section
54	and the directors of the six administrative districts <u>,</u> are
55	exempt from part II of chapter 110 and are included in the
56	Senior Management Service in accordance with s. 110.205(2)(j).
57	(3) The following divisions of the Department of
58	Environmental Protection are established:
59	(a) Division of Administrative Services.
60	(b) Division of Air Resource Management.
61	(c) Division of Water Resource Management.
62	(d) Division of Environmental Assessment and Restoration.
63	(e) Division of Waste Management.
64	(f) Division of Recreation and Parks.
65	(g) Division of State Lands, the director of which is to
66	be appointed by the secretary of the department, subject to
67	confirmation by the Governor and Cabinet sitting as the Board of
68	Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund.
69	(h) Division of Water Restoration Assistance.
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71	In order to ensure statewide and intradepartmental consistency,
72	the department's divisions shall direct the district offices and
73	bureaus on matters of interpretation and applicability of the
74	department's rules and programs.
75	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.
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