

By Senator Bradley

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to water management district
3 boundaries; amending s. 373.069, F.S.; revising the
4 boundaries of the Suwannee River Water Management
5 District and the Southwest Florida Water Management
6 District to include all of Levy County within the
7 Suwannee River Water Management District boundary;
8 amending s. 373.0691, F.S.; providing for the transfer
9 on a specified date of land and other incidentals from
10 the Southwest Florida Water Management District to the
11 Suwannee River Water Management District for certain
12 lands within Levy County; 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. Paragraphs (b) and (d) of subsection (2) of
17 section 373.069, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

18 373.069 Creation of water management districts.—

19 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other special or
20 general act to the contrary, the boundaries of the respective
21 districts named in subsection (1) shall include the areas within
22 the following boundaries:

23 (b) *Suwannee River Water Management District*.—Begin in the
24 Gulf of Mexico on the section line between Sections 29 and 32,
25 Township 15 South, Range 15 East; thence south along the Gulf of
26 Mexico, including the waters of said gulf within the
27 jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the point of
28 intersection of a line extending westerly from the mouth of the
29 most southern outlet of the Withlacoochee River; thence run in

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30 an easterly direction from said point of intersection to a point
31 at the mouth of the most southern outlet of the Withlacoochee
32 River, running in an easterly direction, including all the
33 islands in the mouth of said river, along the thread of said
34 river to the point of intersection with the north right-of-way
35 of the Cross Florida Barge Canal; thence continue east along
36 said north right-of-way line of the Cross Florida Barge Canal
37 through Section 12, Township 17 South, Range 16 East and
38 Sections 5, 6, and 7, Township 17 South, Range 17 East to a
39 point of intersection with the Withlacoochee River; thence
40 continue along the thread of said river to where the range line
41 dividing Ranges 17 East and 18 East intersects said river;
42 thence north on said range line to the township line between
43 Townships 14 South and 15 South; thence east on said township
44 line to the middle line of Township 14 South, Range 19 East;
45 thence north on said middle line to the township line between
46 Townships 11 and 12 South; ~~east along the section lines to the~~
47 ~~southwest corner of Section 27, Township 15 South, Range 17~~
48 ~~East; thence north along the section line to the northwest~~
49 ~~corner of Section 3, Township 15 South, Range 17 East; thence~~
50 ~~east along the section line to the easterly right-of-way line of~~
51 ~~State Road No. 337; thence northerly along said easterly right-~~
52 ~~of-way line of State Road No. 337 to the southerly right-of-way~~
53 ~~line of State Road No. 24; thence northeasterly along said~~
54 ~~southerly right-of-way line of State Road No. 24 to the Levy-~~
55 ~~Alachua county line; thence south along the Levy-Alachua county~~
56 ~~line, also being the range line between Range 17 and 18 East to~~
57 ~~the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 11 South, Range 17~~
58 ~~East;~~ thence easterly along the Levy-Alachua county line, also

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59 being the township line between Townships 11 and 12 South, to
60 the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 11 South, Range 18
61 East; thence north along the range line to the northwest corner
62 of Section 19, Township 9 South, Range 19 East; thence east
63 along the section line to the southeast corner of Section 13,
64 Township 9 South, Range 19 East; thence north along the range
65 line to the northwest corner of Section 6, Township 9 South,
66 Range 20 East; thence eastward along the township line to the
67 southeast corner of Section 36, Township 8 South, Range 20 East;
68 thence north along the township line to the northwest corner of
69 Section 18, Township 8 South, Range 21 East; thence east along
70 the section line to the northeast corner of Section 15, Township
71 8 South, Range 21 East; thence south along the section line to
72 the southwest corner of Section 23, Township 8 South, Range 21
73 East; thence east along the section line to the northeast corner
74 of Section 26, Township 8 South, Range 21 East; thence south
75 along the section line to the southwest corner of the north 1/2
76 of Section 25, Township 8 South, Range 21 East; thence east
77 along a line to the northeast corner of the south half of
78 Section 25, Township 8 South, Range 21 East; thence south along
79 the range line to the southwest corner of Section 30, Township 8
80 South, Range 22 East; thence east along the section line to the
81 northeast corner of Section 32, Township 8 South, Range 22 East;
82 thence south along the section line to the southwest corner of
83 Section 16, Township 9 South, Range 22 East; thence eastward
84 along the section line to the southeast corner of the west 1/8
85 of Section 18, Township 9 South, Range 23 East; thence northward
86 to the northeast corner of the west 1/8 of Section 18, Township
87 9 South, Range 23 East; thence west to the southwest corner of

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88 Section 7, Township 9 South, Range 23 East; thence northward
89 along the Bradford-Clay County line to the northeast corner of
90 Section 36, Township 8 South, Range 22 East; thence west along
91 the section line to the southwest corner of the east 1/2 of
92 Section 25, Township 8 South, Range 22 East; thence north to the
93 northeast corner of the west 1/2 of Section 24, Township 8
94 South, Range 22 East; thence west along the section line to the
95 southwest corner of Section 13, Township 8 South, Range 22 East;
96 thence north along the section line to the northwest corner of
97 Section 25, Township 7 South, Range 22 East; thence east along
98 the section line to the southeast corner of Section 24, Township
99 7 South, Range 22 East; thence north along the Bradford-Clay
100 County line to the intersection of the south boundary of Baker
101 County; thence west along the Baker-Bradford County line to the
102 intersection of the east boundary of Union County; thence west
103 along the Union-Baker County line to the southwest corner of
104 Section 18, Township 4 South, Range 20 East; thence north along
105 the range line to the northeast corner of Section 1, Township 3
106 South, Range 19 East; thence west along the township line to the
107 intersection of the east boundary of Columbia County; thence
108 north along the Baker-Columbia County line to the intersection
109 of the north boundary line of the State of Florida; thence
110 westward along the Georgia-Florida line to the northwest corner
111 of Lot Number 155; thence south along the line between Lot
112 Number 154 and 155, 168 and 169 to the Watson Line; thence east
113 along the Watson Line to the northeast corner of Section 24,
114 Township 3 North, Range 5 East; thence south along the range
115 line between Ranges 5 and 6 East to the southeast corner of
116 Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 5 East; thence west along

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117 the section line to the northwest corner of the east 1/2 of
118 Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 5 East; thence south to the
119 southwest corner of the east 1/2 of Section 13, Township 2
120 North, Range 5 East; thence east along the section line to the
121 northeast corner of Section 24, Township 2 North, Range 5 East;
122 thence south along the range line between Ranges 5 and 6 East to
123 the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 2 North, Range 5
124 East; thence west along the township line between Townships 1
125 and 2 North to the northwest corner of Section 6, Township 1
126 North, Range 5 East; thence south along the range line between
127 Ranges 4 and 5 East to the southeast corner of Section 36,
128 Township 1 North, Range 4 East; thence west along the
129 Tallahassee Base Line to the northwest corner of Section 2,
130 Township 1 South, Range 3 East; thence south along the section
131 line to the Gulf of Mexico; thence along the shore of the Gulf
132 of Mexico, including the waters of said gulf within the
133 jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the point of the
134 beginning.

135 (d) *Southwest Florida Water Management District.*—Begin at
136 the intersection of the north boundary of Lee County with the
137 Gulf of Mexico; thence eastward along the Lee-Charlotte County
138 line to the Southeast corner of Section 33, Township 42 South,
139 Range 24 East; thence North into Charlotte County, along the
140 section lines to the Northeast corner of Section 4, Township 42
141 South, Range 24 East; thence East along the township line
142 between Townships 41 and 42 South to the Southeast corner of
143 Section 36, Township 41 South, Range 25 East; thence north along
144 the section line to the northwest corner of Section 6, Township
145 41 South, Range 26 East; thence east along the section line to

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146 the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 40 South, Range 26
147 East; thence North along the range line between Ranges 26 and 27
148 to the Northeast corner of Section 1, Township 40 South, Range
149 26 East, and the Charlotte-Desoto County line; thence east along
150 the Charlotte-Desoto County line to the southeast corner of
151 Section 36, Township 39 South, Range 27 East; thence north along
152 the DeSoto-Highlands County line to the intersection of the
153 South boundary of Hardee County; thence north along the Hardee-
154 Highlands County line to the southwest corner of Township 35
155 South, Range 28 East; thence east along the north boundary of
156 Township 36 South to the northeast corner of Section 1, Township
157 36 South, Range 28 East; thence south along the range line to
158 the southeast corner of Section 12, Township 37 South, Range 28
159 East; thence east along the section line to the northeast corner
160 of Section 15, Township 37 South, Range 29 East; thence south
161 along the section line to the southeast corner of Section 34,
162 Township 37 South, Range 29 East; thence east along the township
163 line to the northeast corner of Section 1, Township 38 South,
164 Range 29 East; thence south along the range line to the
165 southeast corner of Section 1, Township 39 South, Range 29 East;
166 thence east along the section line to the northwest corner of
167 Section 11, Township 39 South, Range 30 East; thence north along
168 the section line to the southwest corner of Section 35, Township
169 38 South, Range 30 East; thence east along the township line to
170 the southeast corner of the west 1/4 of Section 35, Township 38
171 South, Range 30 East; thence north along the 1/4-section line of
172 Sections 35, 26, and 23, Township 38 South, Range 30 East to the
173 northeast corner of the west 1/4 section of Section 23, Township
174 38 South, Range 30 East; thence west along the section line to

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175 the northwest corner of Section 23, Township 38 South, Range 30
176 East; thence north along the section line to the northwest
177 corner of Section 2, Township 37 South, Range 30 East; thence
178 west along the township line to the southwest corner of Section
179 34, Township 36 South, Range 30 East; thence north along the
180 section line to the northwest corner of Section 3, Township 36
181 South, Range 30 East; thence west along the township line to the
182 southwest corner of Section 31, Township 35 South, Range 30
183 East; thence north along the range line between Ranges 29 and 30
184 East, through Townships 35, 34, and 33 South, to the northeast
185 corner of Township 33 South, Range 29 East, being on the
186 Highlands-Polk County line; thence west along the Highlands-Polk
187 County line to the southeast corner of Township 32 South, Range
188 28 East; thence north along the range line between Ranges 28 and
189 29 East, in Townships 32 and 31 South, to the northeast corner
190 of Section 12 in Township 31 South, Range 28 East; thence east
191 along the section line to the northeast corner of Section 7,
192 Township 31 South, Range 29 East; thence north along the section
193 line to the northwest corner of Section 17, Township 30 South,
194 Range 29 East; thence east along the section line to the
195 northeast corner of the west 1/2 of Section 17, Township 30
196 South, Range 29 East; thence north along the 1/2-section line to
197 the northeast corner of the west 1/2 of Section 5, Township 30
198 South, Range 29 East; thence west along the section line to the
199 southwest corner of Section 32, Township 29 South, Range 29
200 East; thence north along the section line to the northeast
201 corner of Section 19 in Township 29 South, Range 29 East; thence
202 west along the north boundaries of Section 19, Township 29
203 South, Range 29 East, and Sections 24, 23, 22, 21, and 20,

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204 Township 29 South, Range 28 East, to the northwest corner of
205 said Section 20; thence north along the section line to the
206 intersection of said section line with the west shore line of
207 Lake Pierce in Township 29 South, Range 28 East; thence
208 following the west shore of Lake Pierce to its intersection
209 again with the west section line of Section 5, Township 29
210 South, Range 28 East; thence north along the section line to the
211 northwest corner of Section 5, Township 29 South, Range 28 East;
212 thence east along the township line to the southwest corner of
213 Section 33, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence north along
214 the section line to the northwest corner of the southwest 1/4 of
215 the southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Township 28 South, Range 28
216 East; thence east along the 1/4-section line to the intersection
217 of said 1/4-section line with Lake Pierce; thence follow the
218 shore line northeasterly to its intersection with the 1/2-
219 section line of Section 28, Township 28 South, Range 28 East;
220 thence north on the 1/2-section line to the northwest corner of
221 the southeast 1/4 of Section 28, Township 28 South, Range 28
222 East; thence east to the northeast corner of the southeast 1/4
223 of Section 28, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence south
224 along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 3,
225 Township 29 South, Range 28 East; thence east along the section
226 line to the northeast corner of Section 3, Township 29 South,
227 Range 28 East; thence north along the section line to the
228 northwest corner of Section 23, Township 28 South, Range 28
229 East; thence west along the section line to the southwest corner
230 of Section 16, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence north
231 along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 16,
232 Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence west along the section

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233 line to the southwest corner of Section 8, Township 28 South,
234 Range 28 East; thence north along the section line to the
235 northwest corner of Section 5, Township 28 South, Range 28 East;
236 thence west along the township line to the intersection of said
237 township line with Lake Marion; thence following the south shore
238 line of Lake Marion to its intersection again with said township
239 line; thence west along the township line to the southeast
240 corner of Section 36, Township 37 South, Range 27 East; thence
241 north along the range line between Ranges 27 and 28 East to the
242 intersection of said range line with Lake Marion; thence
243 following the west shore of Lake Marion to its intersection
244 again with the range line between Ranges 27 and 28 East; thence
245 north along said range line, in Townships 27 and 26 South, to
246 the northeast corner of Township 26 South, Range 27 East, being
247 on the Polk-Osceola County line; thence west along the Polk-
248 Osceola County line to the northwest corner of Township 26
249 South, Range 27 East; thence north along the section line to the
250 Lake-Polk County line; thence west along the county line to the
251 southwest corner of Section 32, Township 24 South, Range 26
252 East; thence into Lake County, north along the section lines to
253 the northeast corner of Section 30, Township 24 South, Range 26
254 East; thence west along the section lines to the northeast
255 corner of Section 28, Township 24 South, Range 25 East; thence
256 north along the section lines to the northeast corner of Section
257 16, Township 24 South, Range 25 East; thence west along the
258 section line to the northwest corner of Section 16, Township 24
259 South, Range 25 East; thence north along the section line to the
260 northeast corner of Section 8, Township 24 South, Range 25 East;
261 thence west along the section lines to the range line between

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262 Ranges 24 and 25; thence north along the range line to the
263 northeast corner of Section 1, Township 23 South, Range 24 East,
264 also being on the township line between Townships 22 and 23
265 South; thence west along the township line to the northwest
266 corner of Section 6, Township 23 South, Range 24 East also being
267 on the Sumter-Lake County line; thence north along the Sumter-
268 Lake County line, also being the range line between Ranges 23
269 and 24, to the northeast corner of Section 1, Township 18 South,
270 Range 23 East and the Marion County line; thence west, along the
271 Sumter-Marion County line, also being the township line between
272 Townships 17 and 18 South, to the westerly right-of-way line of
273 Interstate Highway 75; thence northerly along the westerly
274 right-of-way line of Interstate Highway 75 to the Alachua-Marion
275 County line, said line also being the township line between
276 Townships 11 and 12 South; thence west along the Alachua-Marion
277 County line to the northwest corner of Section 3, Township 12
278 South, Range 19 East and the Levy County line; thence south
279 along the middle line of Township 12 South, Range 19 East to the
280 township line between Townships 14 and 15 South; thence west on
281 said township line to the range line dividing Ranges 17 and 18;
282 thence south along said range line to where it intersects the
283 Withlacoochee River; thence continue along the thread of said
284 river in a westerly direction to the point of intersection with
285 the north right-of-way of the Cross Florida Barge Canal; thence
286 continue west along said north right-of-way line of the Cross
287 Florida Barge Canal through Sections 5, 6, and 7, Township 17
288 South, Range 17 East and Section 12, Township 17 South, Range 16
289 East to a point of intersection with the Withlacoochee River;
290 thence along the thread of said river in a westerly direction to

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291 ~~the most southern outlet of the Withlacoochee River; thence~~
292 ~~westerly to a point of intersection with the Gulf of Mexico~~
293 ~~thence westerly along the Levy-Alachua County line, also being~~
294 ~~the township line between Townships 11 and 12 South, to the~~
295 ~~southeast corner of Section 36, Township 11 South, Range 17~~
296 ~~East; thence north along the Levy-Alachua County line, also~~
297 ~~being the range line between Ranges 17 and 18 East, to the~~
298 ~~southerly right-of-way line of State Road No. 24; thence~~
299 ~~southwesterly along said southerly right-of-way line to the~~
300 ~~easterly right-of-way line of State Road No. 337; thence~~
301 ~~southerly, along said easterly right-of-way line of State Road~~
302 ~~No. 337, to the south line of Section 35, Township 14 South,~~
303 ~~Range 17 East; thence west along the section line to the~~
304 ~~northwest corner of Section 3, Township 15 South, Range 17 East;~~
305 ~~thence south along the section lines to the southwest corner of~~
306 ~~Section 27, Township 15 South, Range 17 East; thence west to the~~
307 ~~Gulf of Mexico; thence south along the Gulf of Mexico, including~~
308 ~~the waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction of the State of~~
309 ~~Florida, to the point of beginning.~~

310 Section 2. Present subsection (3) of section 373.0691,
311 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (4), and a new
312 subsection (3) is added to that section, to read:

313 373.0691 Transfer of areas.—

314 (3) Effective at 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2020, that portion
315 of Levy County formerly within the Southwest Florida Water
316 Management District as set forth in s. 373.069 is transferred to
317 the Suwanee River Water Management District. With respect to the
318 area transferred and at the time of change of boundaries, all
319 contractual obligations of the Southwest Florida Water

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320 Management District, all real property interests owned by the
321 Southwest Florida Water Management District, all regulatory
322 responsibilities of the Southwest Florida Water Management
323 District, all equipment and other personal property used solely
324 by the Southwest Florida Water Management District in that area,
325 and all records of the Southwest Florida Water Management
326 District shall be transferred and delivered to the Suwanee River
327 Water Management District.

328 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.