

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to land and water management; creating
 3 s. 373.027, F.S.; prohibiting counties and
 4 municipalities from adopting laws, regulations, rules,
 5 or policies relating to water quality or quantity,
 6 pollution control, pollutant discharge prevention or
 7 removal, and wetlands; preempting such regulation to
 8 the state; providing applicability and construction;
 9 requiring the department to notify the Chief Financial
 10 Officer of certain violations; requiring the Chief
 11 Financial Officer to withhold certain funds; repealing
 12 s. 373.591, F.S., relating to land management review
 13 teams; 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. Section 373.027, Florida Statutes, is created
 18 to read:

19 373.027 Water management preemption.-

20 (1) A county or municipality may not adopt laws,
 21 regulations, rules, or policies relating to any of the
 22 following:

23 (a) Water quality.

24 (b) Water quantity.

25 (c) Pollution control.

26 (d) Pollutant discharge prevention or removal.
 27 (e) Wetlands, including any delineation.
 28 (2) The regulation of water quality, water quantity,
 29 pollution control, pollutant discharge prevention and removal,
 30 and wetlands, including any delineation, is exclusively
 31 preempted to the state.

32 (3) This section does not:

33 (a) Apply to an interagency or interlocal agreement
 34 between the department and any agency, water management
 35 district, or local government conducting programs relating to or
 36 materially affecting the water resources of the state.

37 (b) Affect the authority of a county or municipality to
 38 regulate and operate its own water system, wastewater system, or
 39 stormwater system.

40 (4) If the department determines that a county or
 41 municipality is in violation of this section, the department
 42 shall notify the Chief Financial Officer of the violation and
 43 the Chief Financial Officer shall withhold any state funds to
 44 which the county or municipality may be entitled.

45 Section 2. Section 373.591, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

46 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.