

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve;  
 3           amending s. 258.39, F.S.; revising the boundaries of  
 4           the Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve; providing an  
 5           effective date.

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 7   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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9           Section 1. Subsection (28) of section 258.39, Florida  
 10   Statutes, is amended to read:

11           258.39 Boundaries of preserves.—The submerged lands  
 12   included within the boundaries of Nassau, Duval, St. Johns,  
 13   Flagler, Volusia, Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie, Charlotte,  
 14   Pinellas, Martin, Palm Beach, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Collier, Lee,  
 15   Citrus, Franklin, Gulf, Bay, Okaloosa, Marion, Santa Rosa,  
 16   Hernando, and Escambia Counties, as hereinafter described, with  
 17   the exception of privately held submerged lands lying landward  
 18   of established bulkheads and of privately held submerged lands  
 19   within Monroe County where the establishment of bulkhead lines  
 20   is not required, are hereby declared to be aquatic preserves.  
 21   Such aquatic preserve areas include:

22           (28) Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve, the boundaries of which  
 23   are generally: All of those sovereignty submerged lands located  
 24   bayward of the mean high-water line being in Sections 13, 14,  
 25   15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 35, and 36, Township

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26 46 South, Range 24 East; and in Sections ~~19~~, 20, 28, 29, and 34,  
27 Township 46 South, Range 24 East, lying north and east of  
28 Matanzas Pass Channel; and in Sections 19, 30, and 31, Township  
29 46 South, Range 25 East; and in Sections 6, 7, 17, 18, 19, 20,  
30 29, 30, 31, and 32, Township 47 South, Range 25 East; and in  
31 Sections 1, 2, 3, 11, 12, 13, 14, 24, and 25, Township 47 South,  
32 Range 24 East, in Lee County, Florida. Any and all submerged  
33 lands conveyed by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust  
34 Fund prior to October 12, 1966, and any and all uplands now in  
35 private ownership are specifically exempted from this preserve.

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37 Any and all submerged lands theretofore conveyed by the Trustees  
38 of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund and any and all uplands  
39 now in private ownership are specifically exempted from this  
40 dedication.

41 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.