

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	_____	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	_____	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	_____	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	_____	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	_____	(Y/N)
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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: State Affairs Committee
2 Representative Eskamani offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Section 7.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

8 7.03 Bay County.—The boundary lines of Bay County are as
9 follows: Beginning at the southwest corner of section eighteen
10 in township two, north, range eleven, west; thence west on the
11 section line to the southwest corner of section eighteen in
12 township two, north, range twelve, west; thence south on the
13 range line dividing ranges twelve and thirteen, west, to the
14 Meridian base line; thence west on the base line to the thread
15 of Pine Log Creek in range sixteen, west; thence southwesterly
16 along the thread of said creek into the Choctawhatchee River to

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17 the thread of said river; thence southwesterly along the thread
18 of said river to a point where said river intersects the range
19 line dividing ranges seventeen and eighteen, west; thence south
20 on said range line to the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~; thence in a
21 southeastwardly direction following the meanderings of said
22 gulf, including the waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction
23 of the State of Florida, including all islands opposite the
24 shoreline to a point where range line dividing ranges eleven and
25 twelve, west, intersects with said gulf; thence north on said
26 range line to place of beginning.

27 **Section 2. Section 7.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
28 **read:**

29 7.08 Charlotte County.—The boundary lines of Charlotte
30 County are as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of
31 township forty south, range twenty-seven east; thence south on
32 range line dividing ranges twenty-seven and twenty-eight east,
33 to the township line dividing townships forty-two and forty-
34 three south, and Lee County; thence west on said township line
35 to the waters of the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~; thence northerly and
36 westerly along said Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~, including the waters
37 of said gulf within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to
38 the intersection therewith of the township line dividing
39 townships forty and forty-one south; thence east on said
40 township line to the southeast corner of township forty south,
41 range twenty east; thence north on the range line dividing

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42 ranges twenty and twenty-one east to the northwest corner of
43 township forty south, range twenty-one east; thence east on
44 township line dividing townships thirty-nine and forty south to
45 the place of beginning.

46 **Section 3. Section 7.09, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
47 **read:**

48 7.09 Citrus County.—The boundary lines of Citrus County
49 are as follows: Beginning at a point in the thread or center of
50 the Withlacoochee River on the section line dividing sections
51 twelve and thirteen, township twenty-one south, range twenty
52 east; thence on said line west to the southwest corner of
53 section nine, township twenty-one south, range nineteen east;
54 thence north on said section line to township line dividing
55 townships twenty and twenty-one south; thence west on said
56 township line to the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~; thence north along
57 said gulf, including all islands along said gulf coast, and
58 including the waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction of the
59 State of Florida, to the most southern outlet of the
60 Withlacoochee River at its mouth, leaving out all the islands in
61 the mouth of said river; thence easterly along the thread of
62 said river to the point of beginning, including all the lands
63 and islands which said river line may enclose.

64 **Section 4. Section 7.11, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
65 **read:**

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66 7.11 Collier County.—The boundary lines of Collier County
67 are as follows: Beginning where the north line to township
68 forty-eight south extended westerly intersects the western
69 boundary of the State of Florida in the waters of the Gulf of
70 Endor Mexico; thence easterly on said township line to the
71 northwest corner of section four of township forty-eight south
72 of range twenty-five east; thence south to the northwest corner
73 of section nine of said township and range; thence east to the
74 eastern boundary line of range twenty-six east; thence north on
75 said range line to the northwest corner of township forty-seven
76 south of range twenty-seven east; thence east on the north line
77 of township forty-seven south to the east line of range twenty-
78 seven east; thence north on said range line to the north line of
79 township forty-six south; thence east on the north line of
80 township forty-six south to the east line of range thirty east;
81 thence south on said range line to the north line of township
82 forty-nine south; thence east on the north line of said township
83 forty-nine south to the east line of range thirty-four east and
84 the west boundary of Broward County; thence south on said range
85 line, concurrent with the west boundary of Broward and Miami-
86 Dade Counties, to the point of intersection with the south line
87 of township fifty-three south; thence west on the south line of
88 said township fifty-three south to where that line extended
89 intersects the western boundary of the State of Florida in the
90 waters of the Gulf of Endor Mexico; thence northwesterly and

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91 along the waters of said Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~, including the
92 waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction of the State of
93 Florida, to the point of beginning.

94 **Section 5. Section 7.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
95 **read:**

96 7.15 Dixie County.—The boundary lines of Dixie County are
97 as follows: Beginning at a point where township line between
98 townships seven and eight south, intersects the Suwannee River,
99 thence southerly down the thread of the main stream of said
100 Suwannee River to the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~; thence along said
101 Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~, including the waters of said gulf within
102 the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the mouth of the
103 Steinhatchee River; thence northerly along the thread of the
104 said Steinhatchee River to the point where it is intersected by
105 the section line between sections fifteen and sixteen, in
106 township eight, south of range ten east; thence north on said
107 section line and other sections to the township line between
108 townships seven and eight south; thence east on said township
109 line dividing townships seven and eight south, to the point of
110 beginning.

111 **Section 6. Section 7.17, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
112 **read:**

113 7.17 Escambia County.—The County of Escambia comprehends
114 all that part of the State of Florida lying to the west and
115 south of a line beginning at the Alabama line where said line

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116 crosses the Escambia River; running thence down the thread of
117 said river to Escambia Bay; thence along said bay to Deer Point,
118 at the intersection of Santa Rosa Sound with said bay; thence up
119 said Santa Rosa Sound to a line parallel to and exactly 1 mile
120 west of the range line dividing ranges twenty-six and twenty-
121 seven west, thence south along such parallel line to the waters
122 of the Gulf of ~~Endor~~ Mexico; and the Counties of Escambia and
123 Santa Rosa shall have concurrent jurisdiction of any offenses
124 committed on the waters of Santa Rosa Sound.

125 **Section 7. Section 7.19, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
126 **read:**

127 7.19 Franklin County.—The boundary lines of Franklin
128 County are as follows: Beginning at a point on the Apalachicola
129 River, known as the mouth of Black or Owl Creek; thence
130 northerly up the western bank of said creek to where the same
131 intersects the middle section line of section twenty-six,
132 township five south, range eight west; thence due east on the
133 middle section line to the thread of the Ochlockonee River;
134 thence south and easterly following the thread of said river,
135 and the thread of such channel thereof as may be necessary to
136 include the islands in said river; to a point directly south of
137 the southernmost point of Grass Island; thence along a straight
138 line to the center point of the U.S. 98 (State Road 30) bridge
139 across Ochlockonee Bay; thence east-southeast to a point
140 directly north of the easternmost point of James Island; thence

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141 easterly to the boundary line of the State of Florida; thence
142 south and westerly along said boundary line, including the
143 waters of the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~ within the jurisdiction of
144 the State of Florida, to the Forbes line, produced southerly;
145 thence following the Forbes line to the Jackson River; thence
146 follow the Jackson River until it joins the Apalachicola River;
147 thence northerly along the Apalachicola River to the mouth of
148 the Brothers River; thence follow the Brothers River until it
149 intersects the stream known as Brickyard Cutoff; thence follow
150 Brickyard Cutoff to the Apalachicola River; thence northerly
151 along the thread of said river to the place of beginning.

152 **Section 8. Section 7.23, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
153 **read:**

154 7.23 Gulf County.—The boundary lines of Gulf County are as
155 follows: Beginning at a point in the Apalachicola River where
156 said river is intersected by the section line between sections
157 twenty-three and twenty-six, township three south, range nine
158 west; thence west on said section line and other section lines
159 across the remainder of ranges nine west and ranges ten and
160 eleven west to the southwest corner of section nineteen,
161 township three south, range eleven west, at the Bay County line;
162 thence south on the range line between ranges eleven and twelve
163 west, concurrent with the eastern boundary of Bay County, to the
164 Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~; thence south and easterly through said
165 gulf, including the waters of the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~ within

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166 the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to a point where the
167 Forbes line would intersect said boundary line; thence
168 northeasterly with said line until same crosses the waters of
169 the Apalachicola River; thence northerly up the thread of said
170 river to the place of beginning.

171 **Section 9. Section 7.27, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
172 **read:**

173 7.27 Hernando County.—The boundary lines of Hernando
174 County are as follows: Beginning at a point on the Withlacoochee
175 River where the same is intersected by the section line dividing
176 sections twelve and thirteen, township twenty-one south, range
177 twenty east; thence southeasterly along the thread of said river
178 to the juncture therewith of the Little Withlacoochee River;
179 thence southeasterly along the thread of said Little
180 Withlacoochee River to the head of same; thence east to the
181 range line between ranges twenty-two and twenty-three east;
182 thence south on said range line to the line dividing sections
183 twenty-four and thirteen, township twenty-three south, range
184 twenty-two east; thence west on said section line and other
185 section lines to the line between ranges twenty and twenty-one
186 east; thence south on said range line to the line dividing
187 townships twenty-three and twenty-four south; thence west on
188 said township line to the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~; thence
189 northerly, including the waters of said gulf within the
190 jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the township line

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191 dividing townships twenty and twenty-one south; thence east,
192 concurrent with the south boundary line of Citrus County, on
193 said township line to where same is intersected by the section
194 line dividing sections four and five, township twenty-one south,
195 range nineteen east; thence south on said section line and other
196 section lines to the southwest corner of section nine, township
197 twenty-one south, range nineteen east; thence east on the south
198 line of said section nine and other sections to the place of
199 beginning.

200 **Section 10. Section 7.29, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
201 **read:**

202 7.29 Hillsborough County.—The boundary lines of
203 Hillsborough County are as follows: Beginning at the northeast
204 corner of section one in township twenty-seven south, range
205 sixteen east; thence east on the north line of township twenty-
206 seven south to the line between ranges twenty-two and twenty-
207 three east; thence south on said range line to the line between
208 townships thirty-two and thirty-three south; thence west on said
209 township line to the south bank of Tampa bay; thence in a direct
210 line to a point midway between Egmont and Passage Keys in the
211 Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~; thence westerly to the boundary of the
212 State of Florida; thence northerly on the boundary of the State
213 of Florida to a point in the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~ due west of
214 the northern shore of Mullet Key; thence due east to a point one
215 hundred yards due west of the northernmost shore of Mullet Key;

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216 thence in a line one hundred yards from the shore line around
217 the southern portion of Mullet Key to a point one hundred yards
218 due east of the easternmost shore of Mullet Key; thence due
219 north to a point due east of the northernmost shore of Mullet
220 Key; thence due east to the middle waters of Tampa Bay; thence
221 in a northerly direction through the middle waters of Tampa Bay
222 and Old Tampa Bay to a point where the range line between ranges
223 sixteen and seventeen east strikes said shore; thence north on
224 said range line to the place of beginning.

225 **Section 11. Section 7.33, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
226 **read:**

227 7.33 Jefferson County.—The boundary lines of Jefferson
228 County are as follows: Beginning at the point on the Gulf of
229 Endor ~~Mexico~~ where the line between ranges two and three east
230 strikes said gulf; thence north on said line to the base
231 parallel line; thence in a direction northeast to the point
232 where the sections twenty-one, and twenty-eight and twenty-nine
233 of township one north, range three east, corner; thence north on
234 the section line dividing sections twenty and twenty-one and
235 other sections of township one north, range three east, to
236 township line dividing townships one and two north, range three
237 east; thence east on said township line to the waters of the
238 Miccosukee; thence up Lake Miccosukee to the south boundary of
239 township three north, range three east; thence on said township
240 line to the east line of section thirty-four in said township

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241 three north, range three east; thence north on the east line of
242 section thirty-four and other sections in said township and said
243 range to the boundary line between the States of Georgia and
244 Florida; thence east along said boundary line to the northwest
245 corner of lot number one hundred eighty, township three north,
246 range seven east, or the west boundary of Madison County; thence
247 south to the southwest corner of said lot number one hundred
248 eighty; thence east on the south boundary of said lot number one
249 hundred eighty to the northeast corner of section twenty-seven,
250 township three north, range seven east; thence due south to the
251 southeast corner of section ten, township two north, range seven
252 east; thence due west to the southwest corner of the said
253 section ten; thence due south to the southeast corner of section
254 sixteen, township two north, range seven east; thence due west
255 to the southwest corner of said section sixteen; thence due
256 south to the southeast corner of section twenty, township two
257 north, range seven east; thence due west to the southwest corner
258 of section nineteen, township two north, range seven east;
259 thence due south to the southeast corner of section twenty-five,
260 township two north, range six east; thence due west to the
261 southwest corner of section twenty-six, township two north,
262 range six east; thence due south to the southwest corner of
263 section thirty-five, township two north, range six east; thence
264 due west to the thread of the Big Aucilla River; thence
265 southerly along the thread of said river, concurrent with the

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266 west boundary of Madison and Taylor Counties, to the mouth of
267 said Big Aucilla River; thence westerly through the waters of
268 the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~, including the waters of said gulf
269 within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the point of
270 beginning.

271 **Section 12. Section 7.36, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
272 **read:**

273 7.36 Lee County.—The boundary lines of Lee County are as
274 follows: Beginning where the north line of township forty-three
275 south, intersects the range line between ranges twenty-seven and
276 twenty-eight east, at the line between Charlotte and Glades
277 Counties; thence west on said township line to the Gulf of Endor
278 ~~Mexico~~; thence southerly along said gulf, including all islands
279 and the waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction of the State
280 of Florida, to the north line of township forty-eight south,
281 extended westward; thence east on said township line to the
282 northwest corner of section four, township forty-eight south,
283 range twenty-five east; thence south to the northwest corner of
284 section nine of said township and range; thence east on the
285 north boundary of said section nine and other sections to the
286 eastern boundary of range twenty-six east; thence north on said
287 range line to the northwest corner of township forty-seven
288 south, range twenty-seven east; thence east on the north line of
289 township forty-seven south, to the east line of range twenty-

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290 seven east; thence north on said range line to the place of
291 beginning.

292 **Section 13. Section 7.38, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
293 **read:**

294 7.38 Levy County.—The boundary lines of Levy County are as
295 follows: Beginning at the mouth of the most southern outlet of
296 the Big Withlacoochee River, running in an eastwardly direction,
297 including all the islands in the mouth of said river, along the
298 thread of said river to where the range line dividing ranges
299 seventeen and eighteen east intersects said river; thence north
300 on said range line to the township line between townships
301 fourteen and fifteen south; thence east on said township line to
302 the middle line of township fourteen south, range nineteen east;
303 thence north on said middle line to the township line between
304 townships eleven and twelve south; thence west on said township
305 line to the range line between ranges seventeen and eighteen
306 east; thence north on said range line to the northeast corner of
307 section thirteen, township eleven south, range seventeen east;
308 thence west on the north line of said section thirteen and other
309 sections to the range line between ranges sixteen and seventeen
310 east; thence north on said range line to the township line
311 between townships ten and eleven south; thence west on said
312 township line to the range line between ranges fifteen and
313 sixteen east; thence north on said range line to the northeast
314 corner of section thirty-six, township ten south, range fifteen

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315 east; thence west on the north boundary of said section thirty-
316 six to the northwest corner of said section thirty-six, thence
317 north one half mile to the middle line of section twenty-six,
318 township ten south, range fifteen east; thence west on the
319 middle line of said section twenty-six and other sections to the
320 range line between ranges fourteen and fifteen east; thence
321 north to the northeast corner of section twenty-five, township
322 ten south, range fourteen east; thence west on the north line of
323 said section twenty-five and other sections to the thread of the
324 Suwannee River; thence southerly along the thread of the main
325 stream of said river to its mouth; thence south and easterly
326 along the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~, including all the islands, keys,
327 and the waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction of the State
328 of Florida, to the point of beginning.

329 **Section 14. Section 7.41, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
330 **read:**

331 7.41 Manatee County.—The boundary lines of Manatee County
332 are as follows: Beginning on the south bank of Tampa Bay where
333 the line between townships thirty-two and thirty-three south
334 strikes said bay; thence east on said township line to where
335 same is intersected by the line dividing ranges twenty-two and
336 twenty-three east; thence south on said range line, known as the
337 Washington line, to the southeast corner of township thirty-
338 seven south, range twenty-two east; thence west on the township
339 line between townships thirty-seven and thirty-eight south to

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340 the southwest corner of township thirty-seven south, range
341 twenty-one east; thence north on the range line between ranges
342 twenty and twenty-one east to the southeast corner of township
343 thirty-five south, range twenty east; thence west on the
344 township line between townships thirty-five and thirty-six south
345 to the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~; thence northward along the said
346 gulf, including the waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction
347 of the State of Florida, to a point midway between Egmont and
348 Passage Keys; thence in a direct line to the place of beginning.

349 **Section 15. Section 7.46, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
350 **read:**

351 7.46 Okaloosa County.—The boundary lines of Okaloosa
352 County are as follows: Beginning on the Alabama state line where
353 same is intersected by range line dividing ranges twenty-five
354 and twenty-six west; thence east on said state line to the
355 intersection of said state line with the range line dividing
356 ranges twenty-one and twenty-two west; thence south on said
357 range line to the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~; thence in a westerly
358 direction following the meanderings of said gulf, including the
359 waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction of the State of
360 Florida, to the line dividing ranges twenty-five and twenty-six
361 west; thence north on said range line to the place of beginning;
362 provided that the counties of Escambia, Santa Rosa and Okaloosa
363 shall have concurrent jurisdiction of any offenses committed on
364 the waters of Santa Rosa Sound.

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365 **Section 16. Section 7.51, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
366 **read:**

367 7.51 Pasco County.—The boundary lines of Pasco County are
368 as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the section line
369 between sections thirty-three and thirty-four of township
370 twenty-six south, of range twenty-two east, with the township
371 line between townships twenty-six and twenty-seven south, of
372 range twenty-two east; thence north along the section lines to
373 the line dividing sections three and four of said township and
374 to the township line dividing townships twenty-five and twenty-
375 six; thence east on said township line to the range line
376 dividing ranges twenty-two and twenty-three east; thence north
377 on said range line to the line dividing sections twenty-four and
378 thirteen of township twenty-three south, of range twenty-two
379 east; thence west to the line dividing ranges twenty and twenty-
380 one east; thence south to the line dividing townships twenty-
381 three and twenty-four south; thence west on said line to the
382 Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~; thence southerly along the gulf coast,
383 including islands and the waters of said gulf within the
384 jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the north line of
385 Pinellas County, the township line dividing townships twenty-six
386 and twenty-seven south; thence east on said line to the place of
387 beginning.

388 **Section 17. Section 7.52, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
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390 7.52 Pinellas County.—The boundary lines of Pinellas
391 County are as follows: Beginning at a point where the line
392 dividing townships twenty-six and twenty-seven south if
393 projected in a westerly direction intersects with the western
394 boundary of the jurisdictional waters of the State of Florida in
395 the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~; thence east on said line to the
396 northeast corner of section one in township twenty-seven south,
397 range sixteen east; thence south to the shore of old Tampa Bay;
398 thence in a southerly direction through the middle waters of old
399 Tampa Bay and Tampa Bay, to a point in Tampa Bay due east of the
400 north shore of Mullet Key; thence due west to a point due north
401 of a point 100 yards due east from the easternmost point of
402 Mullet Key; thence in a line 100 yards from the shoreline around
403 the southern portion of Mullet Key to a point 100 yards west of
404 the northernmost shore of Mullet Key; thence west to a point
405 where such line intersects the western boundary of the
406 jurisdictional waters of the State of Florida in the Gulf of
407 Endor ~~Mexico~~ and northward, including the waters of said gulf
408 within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to point of
409 beginning; provided however that nothing herein contained shall
410 now or at any time hereafter in any manner whatsoever repeal,
411 amend, change or disturb in any manner whatsoever the
412 apportionment, allotment, allocation, basis of computation, or
413 other formula wherein and whereby the participation in the gas
414 tax by both counties hereto under and by virtue of ss. 206.41

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415 and 206.47 or any law hereafter enacted, is changed so that
416 Hillsborough County would receive a lesser amount and Pinellas
417 County would receive a greater amount of such gas funds or tax
418 by reason of the change of the boundary line herein authorized.

419 **Section 18. Section 7.55, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
420 **read:**

421 7.55 Santa Rosa County.—The boundary lines of Santa Rosa
422 County are as follows: Beginning at the Alabama line, where said
423 line crosses the Escambia River; thence down the thread of said
424 river to Escambia Bay; thence along said bay to Deer Point, at
425 the intersection of Santa Rosa Sound with said bay; thence up
426 said Santa Rosa Sound to a line parallel to and exactly 1 mile
427 westerly of the line dividing range twenty-six west and range
428 twenty-seven west; thence southerly along said line to the
429 waters of the Gulf of Endor Mexico; thence easterly along the
430 waters of the Gulf of Endor Mexico to a point of intersection
431 with the range line dividing range twenty-five west and range
432 twenty-six west; thence northerly along said range line to the
433 dividing line between the State of Florida and the State of
434 Alabama, thence westerly along said dividing line to the point
435 of beginning; provided that the Counties of Escambia, Santa
436 Rosa, and Okaloosa shall have concurrent jurisdiction of any
437 offenses committed on the waters of Santa Rosa Sound.

438 **Section 19. Section 7.56, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
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440 7.56 Sarasota County.—The boundary lines of Sarasota
441 County are as follows: Beginning in the Gulf of Endor Mexico at
442 a point on a prolongation of the township line between townships
443 thirty-five and thirty-six south; thence east on said
444 prolongation and said line to the southeast corner of township
445 thirty-five south, range twenty east; thence south on the range
446 line between ranges twenty and twenty-one east, to the southwest
447 corner of township thirty-seven south, range twenty-one east;
448 thence east on the township line between townships thirty-seven
449 and thirty-eight south to the southeast corner of township
450 thirty-seven south, range twenty-two east; thence south on the
451 range line between ranges twenty-two and twenty-three east, to
452 the southeast corner of township thirty-nine south, range
453 twenty-two east; thence west on the township line between
454 townships thirty-nine and forty south to the southwest corner of
455 township thirty-nine south, range twenty-one east; thence south
456 on the range line between ranges twenty and twenty-one east to
457 the southeast corner of township forty south, range twenty east;
458 thence west on the township line between townships forty and
459 forty-one south to the Gulf of Endor Mexico; thence northerly
460 along the coast of the Gulf of Endor Mexico, including the
461 waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction of the State of
462 Florida, to the place of beginning.

463 **Section 20. Section 7.62, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
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465 7.62 Taylor County.—The boundary lines of Taylor County
466 are as follows: Beginning in the mouth of the Big Aucilla River;
467 thence northerly, concurrent with the east boundary of Jefferson
468 County, along the thread of said river to where same is
469 intersected by the middle line of township two south, range five
470 east; thence east on said middle township line, concurrent with
471 the south boundary line of Madison County, across ranges six,
472 seven and eight east to the range line between ranges eight and
473 nine east; thence south on said range line to the township line
474 between townships two and three south; thence east on said
475 township line to the range line between ranges nine and ten
476 east; thence south on said range line, concurrent with the west
477 boundary of Lafayette County to the middle line of section
478 seven, township seven south, range ten east; thence east on said
479 middle line to the east line of said section seven; thence due
480 south on the east line of said section seven and other sections
481 to the township line between townships seven and eight south;
482 thence east on said township line to the east line of section
483 four, township eight south, range ten east, or the northwest
484 corner of Dixie County; thence south, concurrent with the west
485 boundary of Dixie County, on the east line of said section four
486 and other sections to where same intersects the thread of the
487 Steinhatchee River; thence southerly along the thread of the
488 said Steinhatchee River to the mouth of said river; thence
489 northerly through the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~, including the waters

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490 of said gulf within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to
491 the place of beginning.

492 **Section 21. Section 7.65, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
493 **read:**

494 7.65 Wakulla County.—The boundary lines of Wakulla County
495 are as follows: Beginning on the range line between ranges two
496 and three east where the same strikes the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~;
497 thence north on said range line to the north boundary of section
498 thirty-six, township two south, range two east; thence due west
499 on the north line of said section thirty-six and other sections
500 to the railroad leading from Tallahassee to St. Marks; thence
501 north along said railroad two sections; thence west on the north
502 line of section twenty, township two south, range one east, and
503 other sections, to the thread of Ochlockonee River; thence
504 southerly and easterly along the thread of said river concurrent
505 with the north and east boundary of Franklin County to a point
506 directly south of the southernmost point of Grass Island; thence
507 along a straight line to the center point of the U.S. 98 (State
508 Road 30) bridge across Ochlockonee Bay; thence east-southeast to
509 a point directly north of the easternmost point of James Island;
510 thence easterly to the boundary line of the State of Florida in
511 the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~; thence north and easterly along said
512 gulf, including the waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction
513 of the State of Florida, to the place of beginning.

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514 **Section 22. Section 7.66, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
515 **read:**

516 7.66 Walton County.—The boundary lines of Walton County
517 are as follows: Beginning on the Alabama state line where same
518 is intersected by the line dividing centrally range eighteen
519 west; thence south on the section lines to the line dividing
520 townships two and three north, in range eighteen west; thence
521 east to the Choctawhatchee River; thence down the thread of the
522 Choctawhatchee River to a point where said Choctawhatchee River
523 intersects the range line dividing ranges seventeen and eighteen
524 west; thence south on said range line to the Gulf of Endor
525 ~~Mexico~~; thence in a westwardly direction following the
526 meanderings of said gulf, including the waters of said gulf
527 within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the range
528 line dividing ranges twenty-one and twenty-two west; thence
529 north on said line to the dividing line between Florida and
530 Alabama; thence easterly along said state line to the place of
531 beginning.

532 **Section 23. Paragraph (c) of subsection (5) of section**
533 **125.0104, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

534 125.0104 Tourist development tax; procedure for levying;
535 authorized uses; referendum; enforcement.—

536 (5) AUTHORIZED USES OF REVENUE.—

537 (c) A county located adjacent to the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~
538 or the Atlantic Ocean, except a county that receives revenue

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539 from taxes levied pursuant to s. 125.0108, which meets the
540 following criteria may use up to 10 percent of the tax revenue
541 received pursuant to this section to reimburse expenses incurred
542 in providing public safety services, including emergency medical
543 services as defined in s. 401.107(3), and law enforcement
544 services, which are needed to address impacts related to
545 increased tourism and visitors to an area. However, if taxes
546 collected pursuant to this section are used to reimburse
547 emergency medical services or public safety services for tourism
548 or special events, the governing board of a county or
549 municipality may not use such taxes to supplant the normal
550 operating expenses of an emergency medical services department,
551 a fire department, a sheriff's office, or a police department.
552 To receive reimbursement, the county must:

553 1.a. Generate a minimum of \$10 million in annual proceeds
554 from any tax, or any combination of taxes, authorized to be
555 levied pursuant to this section;

556 b. Have at least three municipalities; and

557 c. Have an estimated population of less than 275,000,
558 according to the most recent population estimate prepared
559 pursuant to s. 186.901, excluding the inmate population; or

560 2. Be a fiscally constrained county as described in s.
561 218.67(1).

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563 The board of county commissioners must by majority vote approve
564 reimbursement made pursuant to this paragraph upon receipt of a
565 recommendation from the tourist development council.

566 **Section 24. Subsections (1), (5), and (10) of section**
567 **161.052, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

568 161.052 Coastal construction and excavation; regulation.-

569 (1) No person, firm, corporation, municipality, county, or
570 other public agency shall excavate or construct any dwelling
571 house, hotel, motel, apartment building, seawall, revetment, or
572 other structure incidental to or related to such structure,
573 including but not limited to such attendant structures or
574 facilities as a patio, swimming pool, or garage, within 50 feet
575 of the line of mean high water at any riparian coastal location
576 fronting the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~ or Atlantic coast shoreline of
577 the state, exclusive of bays, inlets, rivers, bayous, creeks,
578 passes, and the like. In areas where an erosion control line has
579 been established under the provisions of ss. 161.141-161.211,
580 that line, or the presently existing mean high-water line,
581 whichever is more landward, shall be considered to be the mean
582 high-water line for the purposes of this section.

583 (5) The setback requirements as defined herein shall not
584 apply to any riparian coastal locations fronting the Atlantic
585 Ocean or Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~ which have vegetation-type
586 nonsandy shores.

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587 (10) A coastal county or municipality fronting on the Gulf
588 of Endor ~~Mexico~~ or the Atlantic Ocean shall advise the
589 department within 5 days after receipt of any permit application
590 for construction or other activities proposed to be located
591 within 50 feet of the line of mean high water. Within 5 days
592 after receipt of such application, the county or municipality
593 shall notify the applicant of the requirements for state
594 permits.

595 **Section 25. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsections (1) and**
596 **subsection (14) of section 161.053, Florida Statutes, are**
597 **amended to read:**

598 161.053 Coastal construction and excavation; regulation on
599 county basis.—

600 (1) (a) The Legislature finds and declares that the beaches
601 in this state and the coastal barrier dunes adjacent to such
602 beaches, by their nature, are subject to frequent and severe
603 fluctuations and represent one of the most valuable natural
604 resources of Florida and that it is in the public interest to
605 preserve and protect them from imprudent construction which can
606 jeopardize the stability of the beach-dune system, accelerate
607 erosion, provide inadequate protection to upland structures,
608 endanger adjacent properties, or interfere with public beach
609 access. In furtherance of these findings, it is the intent of
610 the Legislature to provide that the department establish coastal
611 construction control lines on a county basis along the sand

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612 beaches of the state fronting on the Atlantic Ocean, the Gulf of
613 Endor Mexico, or the Straits of Florida. Such lines shall be
614 established so as to define that portion of the beach-dune
615 system which is subject to severe fluctuations based on a 100-
616 year storm surge, storm waves, or other predictable weather
617 conditions. However, the department may establish a segment or
618 segments of a coastal construction control line further landward
619 than the impact zone of a 100-year storm surge, provided such
620 segment or segments do not extend beyond the landward toe of the
621 coastal barrier dune structure that intercepts the 100-year
622 storm surge. Such segment or segments shall not be established
623 if adequate dune protection is provided by a state-approved dune
624 management plan. Special siting and design considerations shall
625 be necessary seaward of established coastal construction control
626 lines to ensure the protection of the beach-dune system,
627 proposed or existing structures, and adjacent properties and the
628 preservation of public beach access.

629 (b) As used in this subsection:

630 1. When establishing coastal construction control lines as
631 provided in this section, the definition of "sand beach" shall
632 be expanded to include coastal barrier island ends contiguous to
633 the sand beaches of the state fronting on the Atlantic Ocean,
634 the Gulf of Endor Mexico, or the Straits of Florida.

635 2. "Coastal barrier island ends" means those areas on the
636 ends of barrier islands fronting the Atlantic Ocean, the Gulf of

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637 Endor Mexico, or the Straits of Florida, which are subject to
638 severe fluctuations based on a 100-year storm surge, storm
639 waves, or other predictable weather conditions.

640 3. "Coastal barrier islands" means geological features
641 which are completely surrounded by marine waters that front upon
642 the open waters of the Atlantic Ocean, the Gulf of Endor Mexico,
643 or the Straits of Florida and are composed of quartz sands,
644 clays, limestone, oolites, rock, coral, coquina, sediment, or
645 other material, including spoil disposal, which features lie
646 above the line of mean high water. Mainland areas which were
647 separated from the mainland by artificial channelization for the
648 purpose of assisting marine commerce shall not be considered
649 coastal barrier islands.

650 (14) A coastal county or municipality fronting on the Gulf
651 of Endor Mexico, the Atlantic Ocean, or the Straits of Florida
652 shall advise the department within 5 days after receipt of any
653 permit application for construction or other activities proposed
654 to be located seaward of the line established by the department
655 pursuant to this section. Within 5 days after receipt of such
656 application, the county or municipality shall notify the
657 applicant of the requirements for state permits.

658 **Section 26. Section 161.088, Florida Statutes, is amended**
659 **to read:**

660 161.088 Declaration of public policy respecting beach
661 erosion control and beach restoration and nourishment projects.-

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662 Because beach erosion is a serious menace to the economy and
663 general welfare of the people of this state and has advanced to
664 emergency proportions, it is hereby declared to be a necessary
665 governmental responsibility to properly manage and protect
666 Florida beaches fronting on the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Endor
667 ~~Mexico~~, and Straits of Florida from erosion and that the
668 Legislature make provision for beach restoration and nourishment
669 projects, including inlet management projects that cost-
670 effectively provide beach-quality material for adjacent
671 critically eroded beaches. The Legislature declares that such
672 beach restoration and nourishment projects, as approved pursuant
673 to s. 161.161, are in the public interest; must be in an area
674 designated as critically eroded shoreline, or benefit an
675 adjacent critically eroded shoreline; must have a clearly
676 identifiable beach management benefit consistent with the
677 state's beach management plan; and must be designed to reduce
678 potential upland damage or mitigate adverse impacts caused by
679 improved, modified, or altered inlets, coastal armoring, or
680 existing upland development. Given the extent of the problem of
681 critically eroded beaches, it is also declared that beach
682 restoration and nourishment projects shall be funded in a manner
683 that encourages all cost-saving strategies, fosters regional
684 coordination of projects, improves the performance of projects,
685 and provides long-term solutions. The Legislature further
686 declares that nothing herein is intended to reduce or amend the

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687 beach protection programs otherwise established in this chapter
688 or to result in local governments altering the coastal
689 management elements of their local government comprehensive
690 plans pursuant to chapter 163.

691 **Section 27. Section 161.141, Florida Statutes, is amended**
692 **to read:**

693 161.141 Property rights of state and private upland owners
694 in beach restoration project areas.—The Legislature declares
695 that it is the public policy of the state to cause to be fixed
696 and determined, pursuant to beach restoration, beach
697 nourishment, and erosion control projects, the boundary line
698 between sovereignty lands of the state bordering on the Atlantic
699 Ocean, the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~, or the Straits of Florida, and
700 the bays, lagoons, and other tidal reaches thereof, and the
701 upland properties adjacent thereto; except that such boundary
702 line shall not be fixed for beach restoration projects that
703 result from inlet or navigation channel maintenance dredging
704 projects unless such projects involve the construction of
705 authorized beach restoration projects. However, prior to
706 construction of such a beach restoration project, the board of
707 trustees must establish the line of mean high water for the area
708 to be restored; and any additions to the upland property
709 landward of the established line of mean high water which result
710 from the restoration project remain the property of the upland
711 owner subject to all governmental regulations and are not to be

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712 used to justify increased density or the relocation of the
713 coastal construction control line as may be in effect for such
714 upland property. The resulting additions to upland property are
715 also subject to a public easement for traditional uses of the
716 sandy beach consistent with uses that would have been allowed
717 prior to the need for the restoration project. It is further
718 declared that there is no intention on the part of the state to
719 extend its claims to lands not already held by it or to deprive
720 any upland or submerged land owner of the legitimate and
721 constitutional use and enjoyment of his or her property. If an
722 authorized beach restoration, beach nourishment, and erosion
723 control project cannot reasonably be accomplished without the
724 taking of private property, the taking must be made by the
725 requesting authority by eminent domain proceedings. In any
726 action alleging a taking of all or part of a property or
727 property right as a result of a beach restoration project, in
728 determining whether such taking has occurred or the value of any
729 damage alleged with respect to the owner's remaining upland
730 property adjoining the beach restoration project, the
731 enhancement, if any, in value of the owner's remaining adjoining
732 property of the upland property owner by reason of the beach
733 restoration project shall be considered. If a taking is
734 judicially determined to have occurred as a result of a beach
735 restoration project, the enhancement in value to the owner's
736 remaining adjoining property by reason of the beach restoration

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737 project shall be offset against the value of the damage, if any,
738 resulting to such remaining adjoining property of the upland
739 property owner by reason of the beach restoration project, but
740 such enhancement in the value shall not be offset against the
741 value of the property or property right alleged to have been
742 taken. If the enhancement in value shall exceed the value of the
743 damage, if any, to the remaining adjoining property, there shall
744 be no recovery over against the property owner for such excess.

745 **Section 28. Subsection (3) of section 161.151, Florida**
746 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

747 161.151 Definitions; ss. 161.141-161.211.—As used in ss.
748 161.141-161.211:

749 (3) "Erosion control line" means the line determined in
750 accordance with the provisions of ss. 161.141-161.211 which
751 represents the landward extent of the claims of the state in its
752 capacity as sovereign titleholder of the submerged bottoms and
753 shores of the Atlantic Ocean, the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~, and the
754 bays, lagoons and other tidal reaches thereof on the date of the
755 recording of the survey as authorized in s. 161.181.

756 **Section 29. Subsection (1) of section 161.161, Florida**
757 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

758 161.161 Procedure for approval of projects.—

759 (1) The department shall develop and maintain a
760 comprehensive long-term beach management plan for the
761 restoration and maintenance of the state's critically eroded

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762 beaches fronting the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~, and
763 Straits of Florida. In developing and maintaining this plan, the
764 department shall:

765 (a) Address long-term solutions to the problem of
766 critically eroded beaches in this state.

767 (b) Evaluate each improved, modified, or altered inlet and
768 determine whether the inlet is a significant cause of beach
769 erosion. With respect to each inlet determined to be a
770 significant cause of beach erosion, the plan shall include the
771 extent to which such inlet causes beach erosion and
772 recommendations to mitigate the erosive impact of the inlet,
773 including, but not limited to, inlet sediment bypassing;
774 improvement of infrastructure to facilitate sand bypassing;
775 modifications to channel dredging, jetty design, and disposal of
776 spoil material; establishment of feeder beaches; and beach
777 restoration and beach nourishment.

778 (c) Evaluate criteria for beach restoration and beach
779 nourishment projects, including, but not limited to, dune
780 elevation and width and revegetation and stabilization
781 requirements and beach profiles.

782 (d) Consider the establishment of regional sediment
783 management alternatives for one or more individual beach and
784 inlet sand bypassing projects as an alternative to beach
785 restoration when appropriate and cost-effective, and recommend

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786 the location of such regional sediment management alternatives
787 and the source of beach-compatible sand.

788 (e) Identify causes of shoreline erosion and change,
789 determine erosion rates, and maintain an updated list of
790 critically eroded sandy beaches based on data, analyses, and
791 investigations of shoreline conditions.

792 (f) Assess impacts of development and coastal protection
793 structures on shoreline change and erosion.

794 (g) Identify short-term and long-term economic costs and
795 benefits of beaches to the state and individual beach
796 communities.

797 (h) Study dune and vegetation conditions, identify
798 existing beach projects without dune features or with dunes
799 without adequate elevations, and encourage dune restoration and
800 revegetation to be incorporated as part of storm damage recovery
801 projects or future dune maintenance events.

802 (i) Identify beach areas used by marine turtles and
803 develop strategies for protection of the turtles and their nests
804 and nesting locations.

805 (j) Identify alternative management responses to preserve
806 undeveloped beach and dune systems and to restore damaged beach
807 and dune systems. In identifying such management responses, the
808 department shall consider, at a minimum, beach restoration and
809 nourishment, armoring, relocation, dune and vegetation
810 restoration, and acquisition.

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811 (k) Document procedures and policies for preparing
812 poststorm damage assessments and corresponding recovery plans,
813 including repair cost estimates.

814 (l) Identify and assess appropriate management measures
815 for all of the state's critically eroded sandy beaches.

816 **Section 30. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 161.54,**
817 **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

818 161.54 Definitions.—In construing ss. 161.52-161.58:

819 (1) "Coastal building zone" means the land area from the
820 seasonal high-water line landward to a line 1,500 feet landward
821 from the coastal construction control line as established
822 pursuant to s. 161.053, and, for those coastal areas fronting on
823 the Gulf of ~~Endor Mexico~~, Atlantic Ocean, Florida Bay, or
824 Straits of Florida and not included under s. 161.053, the land
825 area seaward of the most landward velocity zone (V-zone) line as
826 established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and shown
827 on flood insurance rate maps.

828 (2) "Coastal barrier islands" means geological features
829 which are completely surrounded by marine waters that front upon
830 the open waters of the Gulf of ~~Endor Mexico~~, Atlantic Ocean,
831 Florida Bay, or Straits of Florida and are composed of quartz
832 sands, clays, limestone, oolites, rock, coral, coquina,
833 sediment, or other material, including spoil disposal, which
834 features lie above the line of mean high water. Mainland areas
835 which were separated from the mainland by artificial

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836 channelization for the purpose of assisting marine commerce
837 shall not be considered coastal barrier islands.

838 **Section 31. Subsection (4) of section 161.55, Florida**
839 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

840 161.55 Requirements for activities or construction within
841 the coastal building zone.—The following requirements shall
842 apply beginning March 1, 1986, to construction within the
843 coastal building zone and shall be minimum standards for
844 construction in this area:

845 (4) APPLICATION TO COASTAL BARRIER ISLANDS.—All
846 requirements of this part which are applicable to the coastal
847 building zone shall also apply to coastal barrier islands. The
848 coastal building zone on coastal barrier islands shall be the
849 land area from the seasonal high-water line to a line 5,000 feet
850 landward from the coastal construction control line established
851 pursuant to s. 161.053, or the entire island, whichever is less.
852 For coastal barrier islands on which a coastal construction
853 control line has not been established pursuant to s. 161.053,
854 the coastal building zone shall be the land area seaward of the
855 most landward velocity zone (V-zone) boundary line fronting upon
856 the Gulf of ~~Endor Mexico~~, Atlantic Ocean, Florida Bay, or
857 Straits of Florida. All land area in the Florida Keys located
858 within Monroe County shall be included in the coastal building
859 zone. The coastal building zone on any coastal barrier island
860 between Sebastian Inlet and Fort Pierce Inlet may be reduced in

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861 size upon approval of the Land and Water Adjudicatory
862 Commission, if it determines that the local government with
863 jurisdiction has provided adequate protection for the barrier
864 island. In no case, however, shall the coastal building zone be
865 reduced to an area less than a line 2,500 feet landward of the
866 coastal construction control line. The Land and Water
867 Adjudicatory Commission shall withdraw its approval for a
868 reduced coastal building zone if it determines that 6 months
869 after a local government comprehensive plan is due for
870 submission to the state land planning agency pursuant to s.
871 163.3167 the local government with jurisdiction has not adopted
872 a coastal management element which is in compliance with s.
873 163.3178.

874 **Section 32. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section**
875 **206.9935, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

876 206.9935 Taxes imposed.—

877 (1) TAX FOR COASTAL PROTECTION.—

878 (c)1. Excluding natural gas drilling activities, if
879 offshore oil drilling activity is approved by the United States
880 Department of the Interior for the waters off the coast of this
881 state in the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~, or Straits of
882 Florida, paragraph (b) shall not apply. Instead, the excise tax
883 shall be 2 cents per barrel of pollutant, or equivalent measure
884 as established by the department, produced in or imported into

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885 this state, and the proceeds shall be deposited into the Coastal
886 Protection Trust Fund with a cap of \$100 million.

887 2. If a discharge of catastrophic proportions occurs, the
888 results of which could significantly reduce the balance in the
889 fund, the Secretary of Environmental Protection may, by rule,
890 increase the levy of the excise tax to an amount not to exceed
891 10 cents per barrel for a period of time sufficient to pay any
892 proven claim against the fund and restore the balance in the
893 fund until it again equals or exceeds \$50 million; except that
894 for any fiscal year immediately following the year in which the
895 fund is equal to or exceeds \$50 million, the excise tax and fund
896 shall be governed by the provisions of subparagraph 1.

897 **Section 33. Paragraph (a) of subsection (10) of section**
898 **253.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

899 253.03 Board of trustees to administer state lands; lands
900 enumerated.—

901 (10) The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement
902 Trust Fund and the state through any of its agencies are hereby
903 prohibited from levying any charge, by whatever name known, or
904 attaching any lien, on any and all materials dredged from state
905 sovereignty tidal lands or submerged bottom lands or on the
906 lands constituting the spoil areas on which such dredged
907 materials are placed, except as otherwise provided for in this
908 subsection, when such materials are dredged by or on behalf of
909 the United States or the local sponsors of active federal

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910 navigation projects in the pursuance of the improvement,
911 construction, maintenance, and operation of such projects or by
912 a public body authorized to operate a public port facility (all
913 such parties referred to herein shall hereafter be called
914 "public body") in pursuance of the improvement, construction,
915 maintenance, and operation of such facility, including any
916 public transfer and terminal facilities, which actions are
917 hereby declared to be for a public purpose. The term "local
918 sponsor" means the local agency designated pursuant to an act of
919 Congress to assume a portion of the navigation project costs and
920 duties. Active federal navigation projects are those
921 congressionally approved projects which are being performed by
922 the United States Army Corps of Engineers or maintained by the
923 local sponsors.

924 (a) Except for beach nourishment seaward of existing lines
925 of vegetation on privately owned or publicly owned uplands
926 fronting on the waters of the Atlantic Ocean or Gulf of Endor
927 ~~Mexico~~ and authorized pursuant to the provisions of part I of
928 chapter 161, no materials dredged from state sovereignty tidal
929 or submerged bottom lands by a public body shall be deposited on
930 private lands until:

931 1. The United States Army Corps of Engineers or the local
932 sponsor has first certified that no public lands are available
933 within a reasonable distance of the dredging site; and

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934 2. The public body has published notice of its intention
935 to utilize certain private lands for the deposit of materials,
936 in a newspaper published and having general circulation in the
937 appropriate county at least three times within a 60-day period
938 prior to the date of the scheduled deposit of any such material,
939 and therein advised the general public of the opportunity to bid
940 on the purchase of such materials for deposit on the purchaser's
941 designated site, provided any such deposit shall be at no
942 increased cost to the public body. Such notice shall state the
943 terms, location, and conditions for receipt of bids and shall
944 state that the public body shall accept the highest responsible
945 bid. All bids shall be submitted to the Board of Trustees of the
946 Internal Improvement Trust Fund. All moneys obtained from such
947 purchases of materials shall be remitted forthwith to the Board
948 of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund. Compliance
949 with this subsection shall vest, without any obligation, full
950 title to the materials in the owner of the land where deposited.

951 **Section 34. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section**
952 **253.12, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

953 253.12 Title to tidal lands vested in state.—

954 (5)

955 (b) Neither this subsection nor any other provision of
956 this chapter shall be construed to permit any state agency or
957 county, city, or other political subdivision to construct
958 islands or extend or add to existing lands or islands bordering

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959 on or being in the navigable waters as defined herein or drain
960 such waters for a municipal, county, state, or other public
961 purpose unless such agency is the riparian upland owner or holds
962 the consent in writing of the riparian upland owner consenting
963 to such construction or extension or drainage operation. For the
964 purposes of this subsection, "riparian upland owners" shall be
965 defined as those persons owning upland property abutting those
966 portions of the waters to be filled or drained, which are within
967 1,000 feet outboard of said riparian upland, but not more than
968 one-half the distance to the opposite upland, if any, and within
969 the extensions of the side boundary lines thereof, when said
970 side boundary lines are extended in the direction of the channel
971 along an alignment which would be required to distribute
972 equitably the submerged land between the upland and the channel.
973 However, nothing herein shall be construed to deny or limit any
974 state agency or county, city, or other political subdivision
975 from exercising the right of eminent domain to the extent and
976 for the purposes authorized by law in connection with such
977 construction, extension, or drainage projects; and nothing
978 herein shall be construed to have application in those instances
979 when the board is authorized by law to establish an erosion
980 control line to implement an authorized beach nourishment,
981 replenishment, or erosion-control project, or for the placement
982 of sand dredged from navigation channels on beaches fronting the
983 waters of the Atlantic Ocean or the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~,

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984 provided such sand is not placed landward of existing lines of
985 vegetation.

986 **Section 35. Section 253.783, Florida Statutes, is amended**
987 **to read:**

988 253.783 Expenditures for acquisition of land for a canal
989 connecting the waters of the Atlantic Ocean with the Gulf of
990 Endor Mexico via the St. Johns River prohibited.—The department
991 shall make no expenditures for the purpose of acquiring land for
992 constructing, operating, or promoting a canal across the
993 peninsula of Florida connecting the waters of the Atlantic Ocean
994 with the waters of the Gulf of Endor Mexico via the St. Johns
995 River.

996 **Section 36. Section 258.09, Florida Statutes, is amended**
997 **to read:**

998 258.09 Rauscher Park designated.—There is designated and
999 established as a state park to be known as Rauscher Park, in
1000 Escambia County, the lands lying between the Big Lagoon and the
1001 Gulf of Endor Mexico, now owned by Escambia County, or hereafter
1002 acquired by Escambia County, adjacent or contiguous thereto,
1003 from private owners or from the United States Government; and
1004 the board of county commissioners of Escambia County may execute
1005 proper conveyance to the board of commissioners of state
1006 institutions covering the property now owned by Escambia County,
1007 as aforesaid, and said board of county commissioners of Escambia
1008 County may acquire in the name of the Division of Recreation and

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1009 Parks of the Department of Environmental Protection any property
1010 adjacent or contiguous thereto, from private owners or from the
1011 United States Government; and said division may accept in the
1012 name of the state the title to any such lands, whether from said
1013 Escambia County, or whether same be property acquired from
1014 private owners or the United States Government.

1015 **Section 37. Section 258.395, Florida Statutes, is amended**
1016 **to read:**

1017 258.395 Big Bend Seagrasses Aquatic Preserve.—The
1018 following described area in Wakulla, Jefferson, Taylor, Dixie,
1019 and Levy Counties is hereby designated by the Legislature for
1020 inclusion in the aquatic preserve system under the Florida
1021 Aquatic Preserve Act of 1975. Such area, to be known as the Big
1022 Bend Seagrasses Aquatic Preserve, shall be included in the
1023 aquatic preserve system and shall include all the sovereignty
1024 submerged lands lying within the following described boundaries:
1025 Begin where the northerly mean high water line of Withlacoochee
1026 River meets the mean high water line of the Gulf of Endor
1027 ~~Mexico~~, Township 17 South, Range 15 East, Levy County: Thence
1028 from the said point of beginning proceed northwesterly along the
1029 mean high water line of the coast and its navigable tributaries
1030 to the intersection of the westerly mean high water line of St.
1031 Marks River with the mean high water line of the Gulf of Endor
1032 ~~Mexico~~, in Township 4 South, Range 1 East, Wakulla County;
1033 thence proceed south three marine leagues into the Gulf of Endor

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1034 ~~Mexico~~; thence proceed southeasterly along a line three marine
1035 leagues from and parallel to the line of mean high water
1036 previously described to an intersection with a line projected
1037 west from the point of beginning; thence proceed east to the
1038 point of beginning. Less and except all those sovereignty
1039 submerged lands within 500 feet of any incorporated or
1040 unincorporated municipality within the above described lands.
1041 Less and except: Begin at the intersection of the southerly
1042 projection of the east line of Range line 4 East with the mean
1043 high water line of the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~; thence proceed
1044 southwest to a point on the three marine league line; thence
1045 proceed southeasterly three marine leagues from and parallel to
1046 the mean high water line to a point which is southwest of the
1047 intersection of the southerly line of Section 22, Township 6
1048 South, Range 6 East, Taylor County, with the mean high water
1049 line of the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~; thence proceed Northeast to
1050 the foresaid point of intersection; thence proceed northwesterly
1051 along the mean high water line of the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~ and
1052 its tributaries to the point of beginning. Less and except all
1053 those local access channels adjacent to Keaton Beach and a
1054 proposed navigational channel more particularly described as
1055 follows: Begin at State Plane Coordinate; X=2,288,032;
1056 Y=298,365: Thence proceed West 11,608 feet; thence proceed south
1057 1,440 feet; thence proceed east 11,608 feet; thence proceed
1058 north 1,440 feet to the point of beginning; less and except all

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1059 those sovereign submerged lands lying northerly and easterly of
1060 U.S. Highway 19.

1061 **Section 38. Subsection (2) of section 258.3991, Florida**
1062 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1063 258.3991 Nature Coast Aquatic Preserve.—

1064 (2) BOUNDARIES.—For purposes of this section, the Nature
1065 Coast Aquatic Preserve consists of the state-owned submerged
1066 lands lying west of a meandering line following the westernmost
1067 shorelines of Citrus, Hernando, and Pasco Counties, excluding
1068 artificial waterways, canals, inland rivers, and tributaries.
1069 Such state-owned submerged lands include all those lands seaward
1070 of the mean high-water line and tidally connected to the Gulf of
1071 Endor Mexico, lying south of a line extending westerly
1072 approximately 4.5 miles along Latitude 28.910000°, Florida West
1073 Zone (NAD83) from the mean high-water line of the corresponding
1074 shoreline at Fort Island Gulf Beach Park, Latitude 28.910000°,
1075 Longitude -82.690000°, and lying westward of a line extending
1076 north approximately 1.8 miles from Latitude 28.909402°,
1077 Longitude -82.764° to Latitude 28.9355°, Longitude -82.764°,
1078 lying southward of a line extending westerly approximately 2.0
1079 miles to Latitude 28.9355°, Longitude -82.798214°, lying
1080 westward of a line extending north approximately 4.5 miles to
1081 the easternmost point of the southern boundary of the Big Bend
1082 Seagrasses Aquatic Preserve at point Latitude 29.001614°,
1083 Longitude -82.798921°, and will be continuous with the eastern

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1084 shoreline of the northern boundary of the Pinellas County
1085 Aquatic Preserve, respectively. The boundary of the Nature Coast
1086 Aquatic Preserve designated as the shoreline will be the mean
1087 high-water line along such shoreline unless otherwise stated and
1088 will not supersede the boundaries of currently designated
1089 Outstanding Florida Waters, state parks, national wildlife
1090 refuges, or aquatic preserves.

1091 **Section 39. Subsection (15) of section 327.02, Florida**
1092 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1093 327.02 Definitions.—As used in this chapter and in chapter
1094 328, unless the context clearly requires a different meaning,
1095 the term:

1096 (15) "Florida Intracoastal Waterway" means the Atlantic
1097 Intracoastal Waterway, the Georgia state line north of
1098 Fernandina to Miami; the Port Canaveral lock and canal to the
1099 Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway; the Atlantic Intracoastal
1100 Waterway, Miami to Key West; the Okeechobee Waterway, Stuart to
1101 Fort Myers; the St. Johns River, Jacksonville to Sanford; the
1102 Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Anclote to Fort Myers; the Gulf
1103 Intracoastal Waterway, Carrabelle to Tampa Bay; Carrabelle to
1104 Anclote open bay section, using the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~; the
1105 Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Carrabelle to the Alabama state line
1106 west of Pensacola; and the Apalachicola, Chattahoochee, and
1107 Flint Rivers in Florida.

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1108 **Section 40. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section**
1109 **327.60, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1110 327.60 Local regulations; limitations.—

1111 (4)

1112 (c) Upon approval of the Administrator of the United
1113 States Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to 33 U.S.C. s.
1114 1322, a county designated as a rural area of opportunity may
1115 create a no-discharge zone for freshwater water bodies within
1116 the county's jurisdiction to prohibit treated and untreated
1117 sewage discharges from floating structures and live-aboard
1118 vessels not capable of being used as a means of transportation
1119 and from houseboats. Within no-discharge zone boundaries,
1120 operators of such floating structures, live-aboard vessels, and
1121 houseboats shall retain their sewage on board for discharge at a
1122 pumpout facility or for discharge more than 3 miles off the
1123 coast in the Atlantic Ocean or more than 9 miles off the coast
1124 in the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~. Violations of this paragraph are
1125 punishable as provided in s. 327.53(6) and (7).

1126 **Section 41. Subsection (1) of section 331.307, Florida**
1127 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1128 331.307 Development of Cape San Blas facility.—The
1129 spaceport facility at Cape San Blas may only be developed in
1130 accordance with the recommendations of the Spaceport Florida
1131 Feasibility Study upon the following conditions:

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1132 (1) Construction at the site shall not cause significant
1133 degradation of the water quality or injure aquatic life in St.
1134 Joseph Bay or the adjacent water of the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~.

1135 **Section 42. Subsection (3) of section 373.019, Florida**
1136 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1137 373.019 Definitions.—When appearing in this chapter or in
1138 any rule, regulation, or order adopted pursuant thereto, the
1139 term:

1140 (3) "Coastal waters" means waters of the Atlantic Ocean or
1141 the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~ within the jurisdiction of the state.

1142 **Section 43. Paragraphs (a), (b), (d), and (e) of**
1143 **subsection (2) of section 373.069, Florida Statutes, are amended**
1144 **to read:**

1145 373.069 Creation of water management districts.—

1146 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other special or
1147 general act to the contrary, the boundaries of the respective
1148 districts named in subsection (1) shall include the areas within
1149 the following boundaries:

1150 (a) Northwest Florida Water Management District.—Begin at
1151 the point where the section line between Sections 26 and 27,
1152 Township 4 South, Range 3 East intersects the Gulf of Endor
1153 ~~Mexico~~; thence north along the section line to the northwest
1154 corner of Section 2, Township 1 South, Range 3 East; thence east
1155 along the Tallahassee Base Line to the southeast corner of
1156 Section 36, Township 1 North, Range 4 East; thence north along

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1157 the range line to the northwest corner of Section 6, Township 1
1158 North, Range 5 East; thence east along the township line to the
1159 southeast corner of Section 36, Township 2 North, Range 5 East;
1160 thence north along the range line to the northeast corner of
1161 Section 24, Township 2 North, Range 5 East; thence west along
1162 the section line to the southwest corner of the east 1/2 of
1163 Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 5 East; thence north to the
1164 northwest corner of the east 1/2 of Section 13, Township 2
1165 North, Range 5 East; thence east along the section line to the
1166 southeast corner of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 5 East;
1167 thence north along the range line to the northeast corner of
1168 Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 East; thence west along
1169 the Watson Line to the southwest corner of Lot Number 168;
1170 thence north along the line between Lot Numbers 168 and 169, 154
1171 and 155 to the Georgia line; thence westward along the Georgia-
1172 Florida line to the intersection of the south boundary of the
1173 State of Alabama; thence west along the Alabama-Florida line to
1174 the intersection of the northwest corner Alabama-Florida
1175 Boundary; thence south along the Alabama-Florida line to the
1176 Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~; thence east along the Gulf of Endor
1177 ~~Mexico~~, including the waters of said Gulf within the
1178 jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the Point of Beginning.

1179 (b) Suwannee River Water Management District.—Begin in the
1180 Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~ on the section line between Sections 29 and
1181 32, Township 15 South, Range 15 East; thence east along the

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1182 section lines to the southwest corner of Section 27, Township 15
1183 South, Range 17 East; thence north along the section line to the
1184 northwest corner of Section 3, Township 15 South, Range 17 East;
1185 thence east along the section line to the easterly right-of-way
1186 line of State Road No. 337; thence northerly along said easterly
1187 right-of-way line of State Road No. 337 to the southerly right-
1188 of-way line of State Road No. 24; thence northeasterly along
1189 said southerly right-of-way line of State Road No. 24 to the
1190 Levy-Alachua county line; thence south along the Levy-Alachua
1191 county line, also being the range line between Range 17 and 18
1192 East to the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 11 South,
1193 Range 17 East; thence easterly along the Levy-Alachua county
1194 line, also being the township line between Townships 11 and 12
1195 South, to the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 11 South,
1196 Range 18 East; thence north along the range line to the
1197 northwest corner of Section 19, Township 9 South, Range 19 East;
1198 thence east along the section line to the southeast corner of
1199 Section 13, Township 9 South, Range 19 East; thence north along
1200 the range line to the northwest corner of Section 6, Township 9
1201 South, Range 20 East; thence eastward along the township line to
1202 the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 8 South, Range 20
1203 East; thence north along the township line to the northwest
1204 corner of Section 18, Township 8 South, Range 21 East; thence
1205 east along the section line to the northeast corner of Section
1206 15, Township 8 South, Range 21 East; thence south along the

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1207 section line to the southwest corner of Section 23, Township 8
1208 South, Range 21 East; thence east along the section line to the
1209 northeast corner of Section 26, Township 8 South, Range 21 East;
1210 thence south along the section line to the southwest corner of
1211 the north 1/2 of Section 25, Township 8 South, Range 21 East;
1212 thence east along a line to the northeast corner of the south
1213 half of Section 25, Township 8 South, Range 21 East; thence
1214 south along the range line to the southwest corner of Section
1215 30, Township 8 South, Range 22 East; thence east along the
1216 section line to the northeast corner of Section 32, Township 8
1217 South, Range 22 East; thence south along the section line to the
1218 southwest corner of Section 16, Township 9 South, Range 22 East;
1219 thence eastward along the section line to the southeast corner
1220 of the west 1/8 of Section 18, Township 9 South, Range 23 East;
1221 thence northward to the northeast corner of the west 1/8 of
1222 Section 18, Township 9 South, Range 23 East; thence west to the
1223 southwest corner of Section 7, Township 9 South, Range 23 East;
1224 thence northward along the Bradford-Clay County line to the
1225 northeast corner of Section 36, Township 8 South, Range 22 East;
1226 thence west along the section line to the southwest corner of
1227 the east 1/2 of Section 25, Township 8 South, Range 22 East;
1228 thence north to the northeast corner of the west 1/2 of Section
1229 24, Township 8 South, Range 22 East; thence west along the
1230 section line to the southwest corner of Section 13, Township 8
1231 South, Range 22 East; thence north along the section line to the

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1232 northwest corner of Section 25, Township 7 South, Range 22 East;
1233 thence east along the section line to the southeast corner of
1234 Section 24, Township 7 South, Range 22 East; thence north along
1235 the Bradford-Clay County line to the intersection of the south
1236 boundary of Baker County; thence west along the Baker-Bradford
1237 County line to the intersection of the east boundary of Union
1238 County; thence west along the Union-Baker County line to the
1239 southwest corner of Section 18, Township 4 South, Range 20 East;
1240 thence north along the range line to the northeast corner of
1241 Section 1, Township 3 South, Range 19 East; thence west along
1242 the township line to the intersection of the east boundary of
1243 Columbia County; thence north along the Baker-Columbia County
1244 line to the intersection of the north boundary line of the State
1245 of Florida; thence westward along the Georgia-Florida line to
1246 the northwest corner of Lot Number 155; thence south along the
1247 line between Lot Number 154 and 155, 168 and 169 to the Watson
1248 Line; thence east along the Watson Line to the northeast corner
1249 of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 East; thence south
1250 along the range line between Ranges 5 and 6 East to the
1251 southeast corner of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 5 East;
1252 thence west along the section line to the northwest corner of
1253 the east 1/2 of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 5 East;
1254 thence south to the southwest corner of the east 1/2 of Section
1255 13, Township 2 North, Range 5 East; thence east along the
1256 section line to the northeast corner of Section 24, Township 2

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1257 North, Range 5 East; thence south along the range line between
1258 Ranges 5 and 6 East to the southeast corner of Section 36,
1259 Township 2 North, Range 5 East; thence west along the township
1260 line between Townships 1 and 2 North to the northwest corner of
1261 Section 6, Township 1 North, Range 5 East; thence south along
1262 the range line between Ranges 4 and 5 East to the southeast
1263 corner of Section 36, Township 1 North, Range 4 East; thence
1264 west along the Tallahassee Base Line to the northwest corner of
1265 Section 2, Township 1 South, Range 3 East; thence south along
1266 the section line to the Gulf of ~~Endor Mexico~~; thence along the
1267 shore of the Gulf of ~~Endor Mexico~~, including the waters of said
1268 gulf within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the
1269 point of the beginning.

1270 (d) Southwest Florida Water Management District.—Begin at
1271 the intersection of the north boundary of Lee County with the
1272 Gulf of ~~Endor Mexico~~; thence eastward along the Lee-Charlotte
1273 County line to the Southeast corner of Section 33, Township 42
1274 South, Range 24 East; thence North into Charlotte County, along
1275 the section lines to the Northeast corner of Section 4, Township
1276 42 South, Range 24 East; thence East along the township line
1277 between Townships 41 and 42 South to the Southeast corner of
1278 Section 36, Township 41 South, Range 25 East; thence north along
1279 the section line to the northwest corner of Section 6, Township
1280 41 South, Range 26 East; thence east along the section line to
1281 the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 40 South, Range 26

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1282 East; thence North along the range line between Ranges 26 and 27
1283 to the Northeast corner of Section 1, Township 40 South, Range
1284 26 East, and the Charlotte-Desoto County line; thence east along
1285 the Charlotte-Desoto County line to the southeast corner of
1286 Section 36, Township 39 South, Range 27 East; thence north along
1287 the DeSoto-Highlands County line to the intersection of the
1288 South boundary of Hardee County; thence north along the Hardee-
1289 Highlands County line to the southwest corner of Township 35
1290 South, Range 28 East; thence east along the north boundary of
1291 Township 36 South to the northeast corner of Section 1, Township
1292 36 South, Range 28 East; thence south along the range line to
1293 the southeast corner of Section 12, Township 37 South, Range 28
1294 East; thence east along the section line to the northeast corner
1295 of Section 15, Township 37 South, Range 29 East; thence south
1296 along the section line to the southeast corner of Section 34,
1297 Township 37 South, Range 29 East; thence east along the township
1298 line to the northeast corner of Section 1, Township 38 South,
1299 Range 29 East; thence south along the range line to the
1300 southeast corner of Section 1, Township 39 South, Range 29 East;
1301 thence east along the section line to the northwest corner of
1302 Section 11, Township 39 South, Range 30 East; thence north along
1303 the section line to the southwest corner of Section 35, Township
1304 38 South, Range 30 East; thence east along the township line to
1305 the southeast corner of the west 1/4 of Section 35, Township 38
1306 South, Range 30 East; thence north along the 1/4-section line

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1307 of Sections 35, 26, and 23, Township 38 South, Range 30 East to
1308 the northeast corner of the west 1/4 section of Section 23,
1309 Township 38 South, Range 30 East; thence west along the section
1310 line to the northwest corner of Section 23, Township 38 South,
1311 Range 30 East; thence north along the section line to the
1312 northwest corner of Section 2, Township 37 South, Range 30 East;
1313 thence west along the township line to the southwest corner of
1314 Section 34, Township 36 South, Range 30 East; thence north along
1315 the section line to the northwest corner of Section 3, Township
1316 36 South, Range 30 East; thence west along the township line to
1317 the southwest corner of Section 31, Township 35 South, Range 30
1318 East; thence north along the range line between Ranges 29 and 30
1319 East, through Townships 35, 34, and 33 South, to the northeast
1320 corner of Township 33 South, Range 29 East, being on the
1321 Highlands-Polk County line; thence west along the Highlands-Polk
1322 County line to the southeast corner of Township 32 South, Range
1323 28 East; thence north along the range line between Ranges 28 and
1324 29 East, in Townships 32 and 31 South, to the northeast corner
1325 of Section 12 in Township 31 South, Range 28 East; thence east
1326 along the section line to the northeast corner of Section 7,
1327 Township 31 South, Range 29 East; thence north along the section
1328 line to the northwest corner of Section 17, Township 30 South,
1329 Range 29 East; thence east along the section line to the
1330 northeast corner of the west 1/2 of Section 17, Township 30
1331 South, Range 29 East; thence north along the 1/2-section line

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1332 to the northeast corner of the west 1/2 of Section 5, Township
1333 30 South, Range 29 East; thence west along the section line to
1334 the southwest corner of Section 32, Township 29 South, Range 29
1335 East; thence north along the section line to the northeast
1336 corner of Section 19 in Township 29 South, Range 29 East; thence
1337 west along the north boundaries of Section 19, Township 29
1338 South, Range 29 East, and Sections 24, 23, 22, 21, and 20,
1339 Township 29 South, Range 28 East, to the northwest corner of
1340 said Section 20; thence north along the section line to the
1341 intersection of said section line with the west shore line of
1342 Lake Pierce in Township 29 South, Range 28 East; thence
1343 following the west shore of Lake Pierce to its intersection
1344 again with the west section line of Section 5, Township 29
1345 South, Range 28 East; thence north along the section line to the
1346 northwest corner of Section 5, Township 29 South, Range 28 East;
1347 thence east along the township line to the southwest corner of
1348 Section 33, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence north along
1349 the section line to the northwest corner of the southwest 1/4
1350 of the southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Township 28 South, Range 28
1351 East; thence east along the 1/4-section line to the
1352 intersection of said 1/4-section line with Lake Pierce; thence
1353 follow the shore line northeasterly to its intersection with the
1354 1/2-section line of Section 28, Township 28 South, Range 28
1355 East; thence north on the 1/2-section line to the northwest
1356 corner of the southeast 1/4 of Section 28, Township 28 South,

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1357 Range 28 East; thence east to the northeast corner of the
1358 southeast 1/4 of Section 28, Township 28 South, Range 28 East;
1359 thence south along the section line to the northwest corner of
1360 Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 28 East; thence east along
1361 the section line to the northeast corner of Section 3, Township
1362 29 South, Range 28 East; thence north along the section line to
1363 the northwest corner of Section 23, Township 28 South, Range 28
1364 East; thence west along the section line to the southwest corner
1365 of Section 16, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence north
1366 along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 16,
1367 Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence west along the section
1368 line to the southwest corner of Section 8, Township 28 South,
1369 Range 28 East; thence north along the section line to the
1370 northwest corner of Section 5, Township 28 South, Range 28 East;
1371 thence west along the township line to the intersection of said
1372 township line with Lake Marion; thence following the south shore
1373 line of Lake Marion to its intersection again with said township
1374 line; thence west along the township line to the southeast
1375 corner of Section 36, Township 37 South, Range 27 East; thence
1376 north along the range line between Ranges 27 and 28 East to the
1377 intersection of said range line with Lake Marion; thence
1378 following the west shore of Lake Marion to its intersection
1379 again with the range line between Ranges 27 and 28 East; thence
1380 north along said range line, in Townships 27 and 26 South, to
1381 the northeast corner of Township 26 South, Range 27 East, being

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1382 on the Polk-Osceola County line; thence west along the Polk-
1383 Osceola County line to the northwest corner of Township 26
1384 South, Range 27 East; thence north along the section line to the
1385 Lake-Polk County line; thence west along the county line to the
1386 southwest corner of Section 32, Township 24 South, Range 26
1387 East; thence into Lake County, north along the section lines to
1388 the northeast corner of Section 30, Township 24 South, Range 26
1389 East; thence west along the section lines to the northeast
1390 corner of Section 28, Township 24 South, Range 25 East; thence
1391 north along the section lines to the northeast corner of Section
1392 16, Township 24 South, Range 25 East; thence west along the
1393 section line to the northwest corner of Section 16, Township 24
1394 South, Range 25 East; thence north along the section line to the
1395 northeast corner of Section 8, Township 24 South, Range 25 East;
1396 thence west along the section lines to the range line between
1397 Ranges 24 and 25; thence north along the range line to the
1398 northeast corner of Section 1, Township 23 South, Range 24 East,
1399 also being on the township line between Townships 22 and 23
1400 South; thence west along the township line to the northwest
1401 corner of Section 6, Township 23 South, Range 24 East also being
1402 on the Sumter-Lake County line; thence north along the Sumter-
1403 Lake County line, also being the range line between Ranges 23
1404 and 24, to the northeast corner of Section 1, Township 18 South,
1405 Range 23 East and the Marion County line; thence west, along the
1406 Sumter-Marion County line, also being the township line between

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1407 Townships 17 and 18 South, to the westerly right-of-way line of
1408 Interstate Highway 75; thence northerly along the westerly
1409 right-of-way line of Interstate Highway 75 to the Alachua-Marion
1410 County line, said line also being the township line between
1411 Townships 11 and 12 South; thence west along the Alachua-Marion
1412 County line to the northwest corner of Section 3, Township 12
1413 South, Range 19 East and the Levy County line; thence westerly
1414 along the Levy-Alachua County line, also being the township line
1415 between Townships 11 and 12 South, to the southeast corner of
1416 Section 36, Township 11 South, Range 17 East; thence north along
1417 the Levy-Alachua County line, also being the range line between
1418 Ranges 17 and 18 East, to the southerly right-of-way line of
1419 State Road No. 24; thence southwesterly along said southerly
1420 right-of-way line to the easterly right-of-way line of State
1421 Road No. 337; thence southerly, along said easterly right-of-way
1422 line of State Road No. 337, to the south line of Section 35,
1423 Township 14 South, Range 17 East; thence west along the section
1424 line to the northwest corner of Section 3, Township 15 South,
1425 Range 17 East; thence south along the section lines to the
1426 southwest corner of Section 27, Township 15 South, Range 17
1427 East; thence west to the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~; thence south
1428 along the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~, including the waters of said
1429 gulf within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the
1430 point of beginning.

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1431 (e) South Florida Water Management District.—Begin at the
1432 intersection of the north boundary of Lee County with the Gulf
1433 of Endor ~~Mexico~~; thence easterly along the Lee-Charlotte County
1434 line to the southwest corner of Section 34, Township 42 South,
1435 Range 24 East; thence northerly along the section lines to the
1436 northwest corner of Section 3, Township 42 South, Range 24 East;
1437 thence easterly along the Township line between Townships 41 and
1438 42 South to the southwest corner of Section 31, Township 41
1439 South, Range 26 East; thence northerly along the Range line
1440 between Ranges 25 and 26 East to the northwest corner of Section
1441 6, Township 41 South, Range 26 East; thence easterly along the
1442 Township line between Townships 40 and 41 South to the southwest
1443 corner of Section 31, Township 40 South, Range 27 East; thence
1444 northerly along the Range line between Ranges 26 and 27 East to
1445 the Charlotte-DeSoto County line; thence easterly along the
1446 Charlotte-Desoto County line to the west line of Highlands
1447 County; thence northerly along the Highlands-Desoto County line
1448 and along the Highlands-Hardee County line to the northwest
1449 corner of Township 36 South, Range 28 East; thence east along
1450 the north boundary of Township 36 South to the northeast corner
1451 of Section 1, Township 36 South, Range 28 East; thence south
1452 along the range line to the southeast corner of Section 12,
1453 Township 37 South, Range 28 East; thence east along the section
1454 line to the northeast corner of Section 15, Township 37 South,
1455 Range 29 East; thence south along the section line to the

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1456 southeast corner of Section 34, Township 37 South, Range 29
1457 East; thence east along the township line to the northeast
1458 corner of Section 1, Township 38 South, Range 29 East; thence
1459 south along the range line to the southeast corner of Section 1,
1460 Township 39 South, Range 29 East; thence east along the section
1461 line to the northwest corner of Section 11, Township 39 South,
1462 Range 30 East; thence north along the section line to the
1463 southwest corner of Section 35, Township 38 South, Range 30
1464 East; thence east along the township line to the southeast
1465 corner of the west 1/4 of Section 35, Township 38 South, Range
1466 30 East; thence north along the 1/4-section line of Sections
1467 35, 26, and 23, Township 38 South, Range 30 East to the
1468 northeast corner of the west 1/4 section of Section 23,
1469 Township 38 South, Range 30 East; thence west along the section
1470 line to the northwest corner of Section 23, Township 38 South,
1471 Range 30 East; thence north along the section line to the
1472 northwest corner of Section 2, Township 37 South, Range 30 East;
1473 thence west along the township line to the southwest corner of
1474 Section 34, Township 36 South, Range 30 East; thence north along
1475 the section line to the northwest corner of Section 3, Township
1476 36 South, Range 30 East; thence west along the township line to
1477 the southwest corner of Section 31, Township 35 South, Range 30
1478 East; thence north along the range line between Ranges 29 and 30
1479 East, through Townships 35, 34, and 33 South, to the northwest
1480 corner of Township 33 South, Range 30 East, being on the

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1481 Highlands-Polk County line; thence west along the Highlands-Polk
1482 County line to the southwest corner of Township 32 South, Range
1483 29 East; thence north along the range line between Ranges 28 and
1484 29 East, in Townships 32 and 31 South, to the northwest corner
1485 of Section 7 in Township 31 South, Range 29 East; thence east
1486 along the section line to the northeast corner of Section 7,
1487 Township 31 South, Range 29 East; thence north along the section
1488 line to the northwest corner of Section 17, Township 30 South,
1489 Range 29 East; thence east along the section line to the
1490 northeast corner of the west 1/2 of Section 17, Township 30
1491 South, Range 29 East; thence north along the 1/2-section line
1492 to the northeast corner of the west 1/2 of Section 5, Township
1493 30 South, Range 29 East; thence west along the section line to
1494 the southwest corner of Section 32, Township 29 South, Range 29
1495 East; thence north along the section line to the northeast
1496 corner of Section 19 in Township 29 South, Range 29 East; thence
1497 west along the south boundaries of Section 18, Township 29
1498 South, Range 29 East and Sections 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 in
1499 Township 29 South, Range 28 East, to the southwest corner of
1500 said Section 17; thence north along the section line to the
1501 intersection of said section line with the west shore line of
1502 Lake Pierce in Township 29 South, Range 28 East; thence
1503 following the west shore of Lake Pierce to its intersection
1504 again with the west section line of Section 5, Township 29
1505 South, Range 28 East; thence north along the section line to the

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1506 northwest corner of Section 5, Township 29 South, Range 28 East;
1507 thence east along the township line to the southwest corner of
1508 Section 33, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence north along
1509 the section line to the northwest corner of the southwest 1/4
1510 of the southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Township 28 South, Range 28
1511 East; thence east along the 1/4-section line to the
1512 intersection of said 1/4-section line with Lake Pierce; thence
1513 follow the shore line northeasterly to its intersection with the
1514 1/2-section line of Section 28, Township 28 South, Range 28
1515 East; thence north on the 1/2-section line to the northwest
1516 corner of the southeast 1/4 of Section 28, Township 28 South,
1517 Range 28 East; thence east along the 1/2-section line to the
1518 northeast corner of the southeast 1/4 of Section 28, Township
1519 28 South, Range 28 East; thence south along the section line to
1520 the northwest corner of Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 28
1521 East; thence east along the section line to the northeast corner
1522 of Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 28 East; thence north
1523 along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 23,
1524 Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence west along the section
1525 line to the southwest corner of Section 16, Township 28 South,
1526 Range 28 East; thence north along the section line to the
1527 northwest corner of Section 16, Township 28 South, Range 28
1528 East; thence west along the section line to the southwest corner
1529 of Section 8, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence north
1530 along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 5,

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1531 Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence west along the township
1532 line to the intersection of said township line with Lake Marion;
1533 thence following the south shore line of Lake Marion to its
1534 intersection again with said township line; thence west along
1535 the township line to the southeast corner of Section 36,
1536 Township 27 South, Range 27 East; thence north along the range
1537 line between Ranges 27 and 28 East to the intersection of said
1538 range line with Lake Marion; thence following the west shore of
1539 Lake Marion to its intersection again with the range line
1540 between Ranges 27 and 28 East; thence north along said range
1541 line, in Townships 27 and 26 South, to the northwest corner of
1542 Township 26 South, Range 28 East, being on the Polk-Osceola
1543 County line; thence west along the Polk-Osceola County line to
1544 the southwest corner of Township 25 South, Range 27 East; thence
1545 northerly along the range line between Ranges 26 and 27 East to
1546 the northwest corner of Section 18, Township 23 South, Range 27
1547 East; thence easterly along the section lines to the southwest
1548 corner of Section 12, Township 23 South, Range 27 East; thence
1549 northerly along the section lines to the northwest corner of
1550 Section 1, Township 23 South, Range 27 East; thence easterly
1551 along the Township line between Townships 22 and 23 South to the
1552 southwest corner of Section 31, Township 22 South, Range 29
1553 East; thence northerly along the Range line between Ranges 28
1554 and 29 East to the northwest corner of Section 30, Township 22
1555 South, Range 29 East; thence easterly along the section lines to

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1556 the westerly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 441; thence
1557 southerly along the westerly right-of-way line to the
1558 intersection with the northerly right-of-way line of State Road
1559 528A; thence easterly along the northerly right-of-way line to
1560 the intersection with the northerly right-of-way line of State
1561 Road 528, also known as the Bee Line Expressway; thence easterly
1562 along the northerly right-of-way line of State Road 528 to the
1563 intersection with the range line between Township 23 South,
1564 Range 31 East and Township 23 South, Range 32 East; thence
1565 southerly along the Range line between Ranges 31 and 32 East to
1566 the Orange-Osceola County line; thence easterly along said
1567 county line between Townships 24 and 25 South to the northeast
1568 corner of Section 5, Township 25 South, Range 32 East; thence
1569 southerly along the section lines to the southeast corner of
1570 Section 32, Township 25 South, Range 32 East; thence easterly
1571 along the Township line between Townships 25 and 26 South to the
1572 northeast corner of Section 1, Township 26 South, Range 32 East;
1573 thence southerly along the Range line between Ranges 32 and 33
1574 East to the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 27 South,
1575 Range 32 East; thence westerly along the township line between
1576 Townships 27 and 28 South, to the northeast corner of Section 1,
1577 Township 28 South, Range 32 East; thence southerly along the
1578 Range line between Ranges 32 and 33 East to the southeast corner
1579 of Section 36, Township 29 South, Range 32 East; thence easterly
1580 along the Township line between Townships 29 and 30 South to the

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1581 northeast corner of Section 1, Township 30 South, Range 33 East;
1582 thence southerly along the Range line between Ranges 33 and 34
1583 East to the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 30 South,
1584 Range 33 East; thence westerly along the Township line between
1585 Townships 30 and 31 South to the northeast corner of Section 4,
1586 Township 31 South, Range 33 East; thence southerly along the
1587 section lines to the Osceola-Okeechobee County line; thence
1588 easterly along said county line to the northeast corner of
1589 Section 3, Township 33 South, Range 34 East; thence southerly
1590 along the section lines to the southeast corner of Section 34,
1591 Township 34 South, Range 34 East; thence easterly along the
1592 Township line between Townships 34 and 35 South to the southwest
1593 corner of Section 36, Township 34 South, Range 35 East; thence
1594 northerly along the section lines to the northwest corner of
1595 Section 13, Township 34 South, Range 35 East; thence easterly
1596 along the section line to the Range line between Ranges 35 and
1597 36 East; thence northerly along said Range line to the northwest
1598 corner of Section 18, Township 34 South, Range 36 East; thence
1599 easterly along the section lines to the southwest corner of
1600 Section 10, Township 34 south, Range 36 East; thence northerly
1601 along the section line to the northwest corner of said Section
1602 10; thence easterly along the section lines to the Okeechobee-
1603 St. Lucie County line; thence northerly along said county line
1604 to the south line of Indian River County; thence easterly along
1605 the St. Lucie-Indian River County line to the Atlantic Ocean;

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1606 thence southerly along the Atlantic Ocean to the Gulf of Endor
1607 ~~Mexico~~; thence northerly along the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~,
1608 including the waters of said Ocean and of said Gulf and the
1609 islands therein within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida,
1610 to the point of beginning.

1611 **Section 44. Subsection (10) of section 375.031, Florida**
1612 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1613 375.031 Acquisition of land; procedures.—

1614 (10) The department is empowered and authorized to provide
1615 matching funds to counties and municipalities of up to 50
1616 percent of the cost of purchasing, exclusive of condemnation,
1617 rights-of-way for access roads or walkways to public beaches
1618 contiguous with the Atlantic Ocean or the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~.

1619 **Section 45. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section**
1620 **376.25, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1621 376.25 Gambling vessels; registration; required and
1622 prohibited releases.—

1623 (2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

1624 (c) "Coastal waters" means waters of the Atlantic Ocean
1625 within 3 nautical miles of the coastline of the state and waters
1626 of the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~ within 9 nautical miles of the
1627 coastline of the state.

1628 **Section 46. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section**
1629 **377.242, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

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1630 377.242 Permits for drilling or exploring and extracting
1631 through well holes or by other means.—The department is vested
1632 with the power and authority:

1633 (1) (a) To issue permits for the drilling for, exploring
1634 for, or production of oil, gas, or other petroleum products
1635 which are to be extracted from below the surface of the land,
1636 including submerged land, only through the well hole drilled for
1637 oil, gas, and other petroleum products.

1638 1. No structure intended for the drilling for, or
1639 production of, oil, gas, or other petroleum products may be
1640 permitted or constructed on any submerged land within any bay or
1641 estuary.

1642 2. No structure intended for the drilling for, or
1643 production of, oil, gas, or other petroleum products may be
1644 permitted or constructed within 1 mile seaward of the coastline
1645 of the state.

1646 3. No structure intended for the drilling for, or
1647 production of, oil, gas, or other petroleum products may be
1648 permitted or constructed within 1 mile of the seaward boundary
1649 of any state, local, or federal park or aquatic or wildlife
1650 preserve or on the surface of a freshwater lake, river, or
1651 stream.

1652 4. No structure intended for the drilling for, or
1653 production of, oil, gas, or other petroleum products may be
1654 permitted or constructed within 1 mile inland from the shoreline

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1655 of the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~, the Atlantic Ocean, or any bay or
1656 estuary or within 1 mile of any freshwater lake, river, or
1657 stream unless the department is satisfied that the natural
1658 resources of such bodies of water and shore areas of the state
1659 will be adequately protected in the event of accident or
1660 blowout.

1661 5. Without exception, after July 1, 1989, no structure
1662 intended for the drilling for, or production of, oil, gas, or
1663 other petroleum products may be permitted or constructed south
1664 of 26°00'00" north latitude off Florida's west coast and south
1665 of 27°00'00" north latitude off Florida's east coast, within the
1666 boundaries of Florida's territorial seas as defined in 43 U.S.C.
1667 s. 1301. After July 31, 1990, no structure intended for the
1668 drilling for, or production of, oil, gas, or other petroleum
1669 products may be permitted or constructed north of 26°00'00"
1670 north latitude off Florida's west coast to the western boundary
1671 of the state bordering Alabama as set forth in s. 1, Art. II of
1672 the State Constitution, or located north of 27°00'00" north
1673 latitude off Florida's east coast to the northern boundary of
1674 the state bordering Georgia as set forth in s. 1, Art. II of the
1675 State Constitution, within the boundaries of Florida's
1676 territorial seas as defined in 43 U.S.C. s. 1301.

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1678 Each permit shall contain an agreement by the permit holder that
1679 the permit holder will not prevent inspection by division

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1680 personnel at any time. The provisions of this section
1681 prohibiting permits for drilling or exploring for oil in coastal
1682 waters do not apply to any leases entered into before June 7,
1683 1991.

1684 **Section 47. Subsection (5) of section 377.2431, Florida**
1685 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1686 377.2431 Conditions for granting permits for natural gas
1687 storage facilities.—

1688 (5) A permit may not be issued for a natural gas storage
1689 facility that includes a natural gas storage reservoir located
1690 beneath an underground source of drinking water unless the
1691 applicant demonstrates that the injection, storage, or recovery
1692 of natural gas will not cause or allow natural gas to migrate
1693 into the underground source of drinking water; in any offshore
1694 location in the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~, the Straits of Florida, or
1695 the Atlantic Ocean; or in any solution-mined cavern within a
1696 salt formation.

1697 **Section 48. Subsection (2) of section 379.101, Florida**
1698 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1699 379.101 Definitions.—In construing these statutes, where
1700 the context does not clearly indicate otherwise, the word,
1701 phrase, or term:

1702 (2) "Beaches" and "shores" shall mean the coastal and
1703 intracoastal shoreline of this state bordering upon the waters
1704 of the Atlantic Ocean, the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~, the Straits of

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1705 Florida, and any part thereof, and any other bodies of water
1706 under the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, between the mean
1707 high-water line and as far seaward as may be necessary to
1708 effectively carry out the purposes of this act.

1709 **Section 49. Subsection (1) of section 379.2254, Florida**
1710 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1711 379.2254 Gulf States Marine Fisheries Compact;
1712 implementing legislation.—

1713 (1) FORM.—The Governor of this state is hereby authorized
1714 and directed to execute the compact on behalf of the State of
1715 Florida with any one or more of the States of Alabama,
1716 Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, and with such other state as
1717 may enter into a compact, legal joining therein in the form
1718 substantially as follows:

1719 GULF STATES MARINE FISHERIES

1720 COMPACT

1721 The contracting states solemnly agree:

1722 ARTICLE I

1723 Whereas the gulf coast states have the proprietary interest
1724 in and jurisdiction over fisheries in the waters within their
1725 respective boundaries, it is the purpose of this compact to
1726 promote the better utilization of the fisheries, marine, shell
1727 and anadromous, of the seaboard of the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~, by
1728 the development of a joint program for the promotion and

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1729 protection of such fisheries and the prevention of the physical
1730 waste of the fisheries from any cause.

ARTICLE II

1732 This compact shall become operative immediately as to those
1733 states ratifying it whenever any two or more of the States of
1734 Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas have ratified
1735 it and the Congress has given its consent subject to article I,
1736 s. 10 of the Constitution of the United States. Any state
1737 contiguous to any of the aforementioned states or riparian upon
1738 waters which flow into waters under the jurisdiction of any of
1739 the aforementioned states and which are frequented by anadromous
1740 fish or marine species may become a party hereto as hereinafter
1741 provided.

ARTICLE III

1742 Each state joining herein shall appoint three
1743 representatives to a commission hereby constituted and
1744 designated as the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission. One
1745 shall be the head of the administrative agency of such state
1746 charged with the conservation of the fishery resources to which
1747 this compact pertains or, if there be more than one officer or
1748 agency, the official of that state named by the governor
1749 thereof. The second shall be a member of the legislature of such
1750 state designated by such legislature or in the absence of such
1751 designation, such legislator shall be designated by the governor
1752 thereof, provided that if it is constitutionally impossible to
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1754 appoint a legislator as a commissioner from such state, the
1755 second member shall be appointed in such manner as may be
1756 established by law. The third shall be a citizen who shall have
1757 a knowledge of and interest in the marine fisheries, to be
1758 appointed by the governor. This commission shall be a body
1759 corporate with the powers and duties set forth herein.

ARTICLE IV

1761 The duty of the said commission shall be to make inquiry
1762 and ascertain from time to time such methods, practices,
1763 circumstances and conditions as may be disclosed for bringing
1764 about the conservation and the prevention of the depletion and
1765 physical waste of the fisheries, marine, shell and anadromous,
1766 of the gulf coast. The commission shall have power to recommend
1767 the coordination of the exercise of the police powers of the
1768 several states within their respective jurisdiction to promote
1769 the preservation of these fisheries and their protection against
1770 overfishing, waste, depletion or any abuse whatsoever and to
1771 assure a continuing yield from the fishery resources of the
1772 aforementioned states.

1773 To that end the commission shall draft and recommend to the
1774 governors and the legislatures of the various signatory states,
1775 legislation dealing with the conservation of the marine, shell
1776 and anadromous fisheries of the gulf seaboard. The commission
1777 shall from time to time present to the governor of each
1778 compacting state its recommendations relating to enactments to

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1779 be presented to the legislature of the state in furthering the
1780 interest and purposes of this compact.

1781 The commission shall consult with and advise the pertinent
1782 administrative agencies in the states party hereto with regard
1783 to problems connected with the fisheries and recommend the
1784 adoption of such regulations as it deems advisable.

1785 The commission shall have power to recommend to the states
1786 party hereto the stocking of the waters of such states with fish
1787 and fish eggs or joint stocking by some or all of the states
1788 party hereto and when two or more states shall jointly stock
1789 waters the commission shall act as the coordinating agency for
1790 such stocking.

1791 ARTICLE V

1792 The commission shall elect from its number a chair and vice
1793 chair and shall appoint and at its pleasure remove or discharge
1794 such officers and employees as may be required to carry the
1795 provisions of this compact into effect and shall fix and
1796 determine their duties, qualifications and compensation. Said
1797 commission shall adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of
1798 its business. It may establish and maintain one or more offices
1799 for the transaction of its business and may meet at any time or
1800 place but must meet at least once a year.

1801 ARTICLE VI

1802 No action shall be taken by the commission in regard to its
1803 general affairs except by the affirmative vote of a majority of

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1804 the whole number of compacting states. No recommendation shall
1805 be made by the commission in regard to any species of fish
1806 except by the affirmative vote of a majority of the compacting
1807 states which have an interest in such species. The commission
1808 shall define which shall be an interest.

ARTICLE VII

1810 The Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the
1811 Interior of the Government of the United States shall act as the
1812 primary research agency of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries
1813 Commission cooperating with the research agencies in each state
1814 for that purpose. Representatives of the said fish and wildlife
1815 service shall attend the meetings of the commission. An advisory
1816 committee to be representative of the commercial salt water
1817 fishers and the salt water anglers and such other interests of
1818 each state as the commissioners deem advisable may be
1819 established by the commissioners from each state for the purpose
1820 of advising those commissioners upon such recommendations as it
1821 may desire to make.

ARTICLE VIII

1823 When any state other than those named specifically in
1824 article II of this compact shall become a party hereto for the
1825 purpose of conserving its anadromous fish or marine species in
1826 accordance with the provisions of article II, the participation
1827 of such state in the action of the commission shall be limited
1828 to such species of fish.

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1829 ARTICLE IX

1830 Nothing in this compact shall be construed to limit the
1831 powers or the proprietary interest of any signatory state or to
1832 repeal or prevent the enactment of any legislation or the
1833 enforcement of any requirement by a signatory state imposing
1834 additional conditions and restrictions to conserve its
1835 fisheries.

1836 ARTICLE X

1837 It is agreed that any two or more states party hereto may
1838 further amend this compact by acts of their respective
1839 legislatures subject to approval of Congress as provided in
1840 article I, s. 10, of the Constitution of the United States, to
1841 designate the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission as a joint
1842 regulating authority for the joint regulation of specific
1843 fisheries affecting only such states as shall be compact, and at
1844 their joint expense. The representatives of such states shall
1845 constitute a separate section of the Gulf States Marine
1846 Fisheries Commission for the exercise of the additional powers
1847 so granted but the creation of such section shall not be deemed
1848 to deprive the states so compacting of any of their privileges
1849 or powers in the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission as
1850 constituted under the other articles of this compact.

1851 ARTICLE XI

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1852 Continued absence of representation or of any
1853 representative on the commission from any state party hereto
1854 shall be brought to the attention of the governor thereof.

1855 ARTICLE XII

1856 The operating expenses of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries
1857 Commission shall be borne by the states party hereto. Such
1858 initial appropriations as are set forth below shall be made
1859 available yearly until modified as hereinafter provided:

1860	Florida.....	\$3,500
1861	Alabama.....	1,000
1862	Mississippi.....	1,000
1863	Louisiana.....	5,000
1864	Texas.....	2,500
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1866	Total.....	\$13,000

1867 The proration and total cost per annum of \$13,000, above-
1868 mentioned, is estimated only, for initial operations, and may be
1869 changed when found necessary by the commission and approved by
1870 the legislatures of the respective states. Each state party
1871 hereto agrees to provide in the manner most acceptable to it,
1872 the travel costs and necessary expenses of its commissioners and
1873 other representatives to and from meetings of the commission or
1874 its duly constituted sections or committees.

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1876 This compact shall continue in force and remain binding
1877 upon each compacting state until renounced by act of the
1878 legislature of such state, in such form as it may choose;
1879 provided that such renunciation shall not become effective until
1880 6 months after the effective date of the action taken by the
1881 legislature. Notice of such renunciation shall be given to the
1882 other states party hereto by the secretary of state of the
1883 compacting state so renouncing upon passage of the act.

1884 **Section 50. Subsection (1) of section 379.244, Florida**
1885 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1886 379.244 Crustacea, marine animals, fish; regulations;
1887 general provisions.—

1888 (1) OWNERSHIP OF FISH, SPONGES, ETC.—All fish, shellfish,
1889 sponges, oysters, clams, and crustacea found within the rivers,
1890 creeks, canals, lakes, bayous, lagoons, bays, sounds, inlets,
1891 and other bodies of water within the jurisdiction of the state,
1892 and within the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~ and the Atlantic Ocean
1893 within the jurisdiction of the state, excluding all privately
1894 owned enclosed fish ponds not exceeding 150 acres, are the
1895 property of the state and may be taken and used by its citizens
1896 and persons not citizens, subject to the reservations and
1897 restrictions imposed by these statutes. No water bottoms owned
1898 by the state shall ever be sold, transferred, dedicated, or
1899 otherwise conveyed without reserving in the people the absolute

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1900 right to fish thereon, except as otherwise provided in these
1901 statutes.

1902 **Section 51. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section**
1903 **379.248, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1904 379.248 Sponges; regulation.—

1905 (3) TAKING, POSSESSING COMMERCIAL; SIZE.—

1906 (a) No person may take, by any means or method, from the
1907 waters of the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~, the straits of this state or
1908 the other waters within the territorial limits of this state,
1909 any commercial sponges, measuring, when wet, less than 5 inches
1910 in their maximum diameter.

1911 **Section 52. Subsection (3) of section 380.0555, Florida**
1912 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1913 380.0555 Apalachicola Bay Area; protection and designation
1914 as area of critical state concern.—

1915 (3) DESIGNATION.—Franklin County, as described in s. 7.19,
1916 less all federally owned lands, less all lands lying east of the
1917 line formed by the eastern boundary of State Road 319 running
1918 from the Ochlockonee River to the intersection of State Road 319
1919 and State Road 98 and thence due south to the Gulf of Endor
1920 ~~Mexico~~, and less any lands removed under subsection (4), is
1921 hereby designated an area of critical state concern on June 18,
1922 1985. State road, for the purpose of this section, shall be
1923 defined as in s. 334.03. For the purposes of this act, this area
1924 shall be known as the Apalachicola Bay Area.

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1925 **Section 53.55. Section 380.24, Florida Statutes, is**
1926 **amended to read:**

1927 380.24 Local government participation.—Units of local
1928 government abutting the Gulf of Endor ~~Mexico~~ or the Atlantic
1929 Ocean, or which include or are contiguous to waters of the state
1930 where marine species of vegetation listed by rule as ratified in
1931 s. 373.4211 constitute the dominant plant community, shall
1932 develop a coastal zone protection element pursuant to s.
1933 163.3177. Such units of local government shall be eligible to
1934 receive technical assistance from the state in preparing coastal
1935 zone protection elements and shall be the only units of local
1936 government eligible to apply to the department for available
1937 financial assistance. Local government participation in the
1938 coastal management program authorized by this act shall be
1939 voluntary. All permitting and enforcement of dredged-material
1940 management and other related activities subject to permit under
1941 the provisions of chapters 161 and 253 and part IV of chapter
1942 373 for deepwater ports identified in s. 403.021(9)(b) shall be
1943 done through the department consistent with the provisions of s.
1944 403.021(9).

1945 **Section 54. The Division of Law Revision is directed to**
1946 **replace:**

- 1947 (1) "Gulf of America" as "Gulf of Endor,"
1948 (2) "Mississippi River" as "Dagobah Current,"
1949 (3) "Grand Canyon" as "Sarlacc Pit,"

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- 1950 (4) "Florida Everglades" as "Naboo Marshlands,"
1951 (5) "Great Lakes" as "Mon Cala Seas,"
1952 (6) "Las Vegas" as "Mos Eisley,"
1953 (7) "Alaska" as "Hoth,"
1954 (8) "Washington, D.C." as "Galactic Senate," and
1955 (9) "I-4" as "Kessel Run,"
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1957 wherever it occurs in Florida Statutes.

1958 **Section 55.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.
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1961 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

1962 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

1963 A bill to be entitled

1964 An act relating to designations; amending ss. 7.03,
1965 7.08, 7.09, 7.11, 7.15, 7.17, 7.19, 7.23, 7.27, 7.29,
1966 7.33, 7.36, 7.38, 7.41, 7.46, 7.51, 7.52, 7.55, 7.56,
1967 7.62, 7.65, 7.66, 125.0104, 161.052, 161.053, 161.088,
1968 161.141, 161.151, 161.161, 161.54, 161.55, 206.9935,
1969 253.03, 253.12, 253.783, 258.09, 258.395, 258.3991,
1970 327.02, 327.60, 331.307, 373.019, 373.069, 375.031,
1971 376.25, 377.242, 377.2431, 379.101, 379.2254, 379.244,
1972 379.248, 380.0555, and 380.24, F.S.; changing the
1973 designation of the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Bill No. HB 575 (2025)

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1974	Endor; providing a directive to the Division of Law
1975	Revision; providing an effective date.