

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the designation of the Gulf of
3 Mexico; amending ss. 7.03, 7.08, 7.09, 7.11, 7.15,
4 7.17, 7.19, 7.23, 7.27, 7.29, 7.33, 7.36, 7.38, 7.41,
5 7.46, 7.51, 7.52, 7.55, 7.56, 7.62, 7.65, 7.66,
6 125.0104, 161.052, 161.053, 161.088, 161.141, 161.151,
7 161.161, 161.54, 161.55, 206.9935, 253.03, 253.12,
8 253.783, 258.09, 258.395, 258.3991, 327.02, 327.60,
9 331.307, 373.019, 373.069, 375.031, 376.25, 377.242,
10 377.2431, 379.101, 379.2254, 379.244, 379.248,
11 380.0555, and 380.24, F.S.; changing the designation
12 of the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America;
13 providing an effective date.

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15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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

19 7.03 Bay County.—The boundary lines of Bay County are as
20 follows: Beginning at the southwest corner of section eighteen
21 in township two, north, range eleven, west; thence west on the
22 section line to the southwest corner of section eighteen in
23 township two, north, range twelve, west; thence south on the
24 range line dividing ranges twelve and thirteen, west, to the
25 Meridian base line; thence west on the base line to the thread

26 | of Pine Log Creek in range sixteen, west; thence southwesterly
 27 | along the thread of said creek into the Choctawhatchee River to
 28 | the thread of said river; thence southwesterly along the thread
 29 | of said river to a point where said river intersects the range
 30 | line dividing ranges seventeen and eighteen, west; thence south
 31 | on said range line to the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~; thence in a
 32 | southeasterly direction following the meanderings of said
 33 | gulf, including the waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction
 34 | of the State of Florida, including all islands opposite the
 35 | shoreline to a point where range line dividing ranges eleven and
 36 | twelve, west, intersects with said gulf; thence north on said
 37 | range line to place of beginning.

38 | **Section 2. Section 7.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
 39 | **read:**

40 | 7.08 Charlotte County.—The boundary lines of Charlotte
 41 | County are as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of
 42 | township forty south, range twenty-seven east; thence south on
 43 | range line dividing ranges twenty-seven and twenty-eight east,
 44 | to the township line dividing townships forty-two and forty-
 45 | three south, and Lee County; thence west on said township line
 46 | to the waters of the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~; thence northerly
 47 | and westerly along said Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~, including the
 48 | waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction of the State of
 49 | Florida, to the intersection therewith of the township line
 50 | dividing townships forty and forty-one south; thence east on

51 | said township line to the southeast corner of township forty
52 | south, range twenty east; thence north on the range line
53 | dividing ranges twenty and twenty-one east to the northwest
54 | corner of township forty south, range twenty-one east; thence
55 | east on township line dividing townships thirty-nine and forty
56 | south to the place of beginning.

57 | **Section 3. Section 7.09, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
58 | **read:**

59 | 7.09 Citrus County.—The boundary lines of Citrus County
60 | are as follows: Beginning at a point in the thread or center of
61 | the Withlacoochee River on the section line dividing sections
62 | twelve and thirteen, township twenty-one south, range twenty
63 | east; thence on said line west to the southwest corner of
64 | section nine, township twenty-one south, range nineteen east;
65 | thence north on said section line to township line dividing
66 | townships twenty and twenty-one south; thence west on said
67 | township line to the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~; thence north along
68 | said gulf, including all islands along said gulf coast, and
69 | including the waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction of the
70 | State of Florida, to the most southern outlet of the
71 | Withlacoochee River at its mouth, leaving out all the islands in
72 | the mouth of said river; thence easterly along the thread of
73 | said river to the point of beginning, including all the lands
74 | and islands which said river line may enclose.

75 | **Section 4. Section 7.11, Florida Statutes, is amended to**

76 **read:**

77 7.11 Collier County.—The boundary lines of Collier County
 78 are as follows: Beginning where the north line to township
 79 forty-eight south extended westerly intersects the western
 80 boundary of the State of Florida in the waters of the Gulf of
 81 America ~~Mexico~~; thence easterly on said township line to the
 82 northwest corner of section four of township forty-eight south
 83 of range twenty-five east; thence south to the northwest corner
 84 of section nine of said township and range; thence east to the
 85 eastern boundary line of range twenty-six east; thence north on
 86 said range line to the northwest corner of township forty-seven
 87 south of range twenty-seven east; thence east on the north line
 88 of township forty-seven south to the east line of range twenty-
 89 seven east; thence north on said range line to the north line of
 90 township forty-six south; thence east on the north line of
 91 township forty-six south to the east line of range thirty east;
 92 thence south on said range line to the north line of township
 93 forty-nine south; thence east on the north line of said township
 94 forty-nine south to the east line of range thirty-four east and
 95 the west boundary of Broward County; thence south on said range
 96 line, concurrent with the west boundary of Broward and Miami-
 97 Dade Counties, to the point of intersection with the south line
 98 of township fifty-three south; thence west on the south line of
 99 said township fifty-three south to where that line extended
 100 intersects the western boundary of the State of Florida in the

101 waters of the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~; thence northwesterly and
 102 along the waters of said Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~, including the
 103 waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction of the State of
 104 Florida, to the point of beginning.

105 **Section 5. Section 7.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
 106 **read:**

107 7.15 Dixie County.—The boundary lines of Dixie County are
 108 as follows: Beginning at a point where township line between
 109 townships seven and eight south, intersects the Suwannee River,
 110 thence southerly down the thread of the main stream of said
 111 Suwannee River to the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~; thence along said
 112 Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~, including the waters of said gulf within
 113 the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the mouth of the
 114 Steinhatchee River; thence northerly along the thread of the
 115 said Steinhatchee River to the point where it is intersected by
 116 the section line between sections fifteen and sixteen, in
 117 township eight, south of range ten east; thence north on said
 118 section line and other sections to the township line between
 119 townships seven and eight south; thence east on said township
 120 line dividing townships seven and eight south, to the point of
 121 beginning.

122 **Section 6. Section 7.17, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
 123 **read:**

124 7.17 Escambia County.—The County of Escambia comprehends
 125 all that part of the State of Florida lying to the west and

126 south of a line beginning at the Alabama line where said line
127 crosses the Escambia River; running thence down the thread of
128 said river to Escambia Bay; thence along said bay to Deer Point,
129 at the intersection of Santa Rosa Sound with said bay; thence up
130 said Santa Rosa Sound to a line parallel to and exactly 1 mile
131 west of the range line dividing ranges twenty-six and twenty-
132 seven west, thence south along such parallel line to the waters
133 of the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~; and the Counties of Escambia and
134 Santa Rosa shall have concurrent jurisdiction of any offenses
135 committed on the waters of Santa Rosa Sound.

136 **Section 7. Section 7.19, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
137 **read:**

138 7.19 Franklin County.—The boundary lines of Franklin
139 County are as follows: Beginning at a point on the Apalachicola
140 River, known as the mouth of Black or Owl Creek; thence
141 northerly up the western bank of said creek to where the same
142 intersects the middle section line of section twenty-six,
143 township five south, range eight west; thence due east on the
144 middle section line to the thread of the Ochlockonee River;
145 thence south and easterly following the thread of said river,
146 and the thread of such channel thereof as may be necessary to
147 include the islands in said river; to a point directly south of
148 the southernmost point of Grass Island; thence along a straight
149 line to the center point of the U.S. 98 (State Road 30) bridge
150 across Ochlockonee Bay; thence east-southeast to a point

151 directly north of the easternmost point of James Island; thence
152 easterly to the boundary line of the State of Florida; thence
153 south and westerly along said boundary line, including the
154 waters of the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~ within the jurisdiction of
155 the State of Florida, to the Forbes line, produced southerly;
156 thence following the Forbes line to the Jackson River; thence
157 follow the Jackson River until it joins the Apalachicola River;
158 thence northerly along the Apalachicola River to the mouth of
159 the Brothers River; thence follow the Brothers River until it
160 intersects the stream known as Brickyard Cutoff; thence follow
161 Brickyard Cutoff to the Apalachicola River; thence northerly
162 along the thread of said river to the place of beginning.

163 **Section 8. Section 7.23, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
164 **read:**

165 7.23 Gulf County.—The boundary lines of Gulf County are as
166 follows: Beginning at a point in the Apalachicola River where
167 said river is intersected by the section line between sections
168 twenty-three and twenty-six, township three south, range nine
169 west; thence west on said section line and other section lines
170 across the remainder of ranges nine west and ranges ten and
171 eleven west to the southwest corner of section nineteen,
172 township three south, range eleven west, at the Bay County line;
173 thence south on the range line between ranges eleven and twelve
174 west, concurrent with the eastern boundary of Bay County, to the
175 Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~; thence south and easterly through said

176 | gulf, including the waters of the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~ within
177 | the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to a point where the
178 | Forbes line would intersect said boundary line; thence
179 | northeasterly with said line until same crosses the waters of
180 | the Apalachicola River; thence northerly up the thread of said
181 | river to the place of beginning.

182 | **Section 9. Section 7.27, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
183 | **read:**

184 | 7.27 Hernando County.—The boundary lines of Hernando
185 | County are as follows: Beginning at a point on the Withlacoochee
186 | River where the same is intersected by the section line dividing
187 | sections twelve and thirteen, township twenty-one south, range
188 | twenty east; thence southeasterly along the thread of said river
189 | to the juncture therewith of the Little Withlacoochee River;
190 | thence southeasterly along the thread of said Little
191 | Withlacoochee River to the head of same; thence east to the
192 | range line between ranges twenty-two and twenty-three east;
193 | thence south on said range line to the line dividing sections
194 | twenty-four and thirteen, township twenty-three south, range
195 | twenty-two east; thence west on said section line and other
196 | section lines to the line between ranges twenty and twenty-one
197 | east; thence south on said range line to the line dividing
198 | townships twenty-three and twenty-four south; thence west on
199 | said township line to the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~; thence
200 | northerly, including the waters of said gulf within the

201 jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the township line
 202 dividing townships twenty and twenty-one south; thence east,
 203 concurrent with the south boundary line of Citrus County, on
 204 said township line to where same is intersected by the section
 205 line dividing sections four and five, township twenty-one south,
 206 range nineteen east; thence south on said section line and other
 207 section lines to the southwest corner of section nine, township
 208 twenty-one south, range nineteen east; thence east on the south
 209 line of said section nine and other sections to the place of
 210 beginning.

211 **Section 10. Section 7.29, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
 212 **read:**

213 7.29 Hillsborough County.—The boundary lines of
 214 Hillsborough County are as follows: Beginning at the northeast
 215 corner of section one in township twenty-seven south, range
 216 sixteen east; thence east on the north line of township twenty-
 217 seven south to the line between ranges twenty-two and twenty-
 218 three east; thence south on said range line to the line between
 219 townships thirty-two and thirty-three south; thence west on said
 220 township line to the south bank of Tampa bay; thence in a direct
 221 line to a point midway between Egmont and Passage Keys in the
 222 Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~; thence westerly to the boundary of the
 223 State of Florida; thence northerly on the boundary of the State
 224 of Florida to a point in the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~ due west of
 225 the northern shore of Mullet Key; thence due east to a point one

226 | hundred yards due west of the northernmost shore of Mullet Key;
227 | thence in a line one hundred yards from the shore line around
228 | the southern portion of Mullet Key to a point one hundred yards
229 | due east of the easternmost shore of Mullet Key; thence due
230 | north to a point due east of the northernmost shore of Mullet
231 | Key; thence due east to the middle waters of Tampa Bay; thence
232 | in a northerly direction through the middle waters of Tampa Bay
233 | and Old Tampa Bay to a point where the range line between ranges
234 | sixteen and seventeen east strikes said shore; thence north on
235 | said range line to the place of beginning.

236 | **Section 11. Section 7.33, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
237 | **read:**

238 | 7.33 Jefferson County.—The boundary lines of Jefferson
239 | County are as follows: Beginning at the point on the Gulf of
240 | America ~~Mexico~~ where the line between ranges two and three east
241 | strikes said gulf; thence north on said line to the base
242 | parallel line; thence in a direction northeast to the point
243 | where the sections twenty-one, and twenty-eight and twenty-nine
244 | of township one north, range three east, corner; thence north on
245 | the section line dividing sections twenty and twenty-one and
246 | other sections of township one north, range three east, to
247 | township line dividing townships one and two north, range three
248 | east; thence east on said township line to the waters of the
249 | Miccosukee; thence up Lake Miccosukee to the south boundary of
250 | township three north, range three east; thence on said township

251 line to the east line of section thirty-four in said township
252 three north, range three east; thence north on the east line of
253 section thirty-four and other sections in said township and said
254 range to the boundary line between the States of Georgia and
255 Florida; thence east along said boundary line to the northwest
256 corner of lot number one hundred eighty, township three north,
257 range seven east, or the west boundary of Madison County; thence
258 south to the southwest corner of said lot number one hundred
259 eighty; thence east on the south boundary of said lot number one
260 hundred eighty to the northeast corner of section twenty-seven,
261 township three north, range seven east; thence due south to the
262 southeast corner of section ten, township two north, range seven
263 east; thence due west to the southwest corner of the said
264 section ten; thence due south to the southeast corner of section
265 sixteen, township two north, range seven east; thence due west
266 to the southwest corner of said section sixteen; thence due
267 south to the southeast corner of section twenty, township two
268 north, range seven east; thence due west to the southwest corner
269 of section nineteen, township two north, range seven east;
270 thence due south to the southeast corner of section twenty-five,
271 township two north, range six east; thence due west to the
272 southwest corner of section twenty-six, township two north,
273 range six east; thence due south to the southwest corner of
274 section thirty-five, township two north, range six east; thence
275 due west to the thread of the Big Aucilla River; thence

276 southerly along the thread of said river, concurrent with the
 277 west boundary of Madison and Taylor Counties, to the mouth of
 278 said Big Aucilla River; thence westerly through the waters of
 279 the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~, including the waters of said gulf
 280 within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the point of
 281 beginning.

282 **Section 12. Section 7.36, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
 283 **read:**

284 7.36 Lee County.—The boundary lines of Lee County are as
 285 follows: Beginning where the north line of township forty-three
 286 south, intersects the range line between ranges twenty-seven and
 287 twenty-eight east, at the line between Charlotte and Glades
 288 Counties; thence west on said township line to the Gulf of
 289 America ~~Mexico~~; thence southerly along said gulf, including all
 290 islands and the waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction of
 291 the State of Florida, to the north line of township forty-eight
 292 south, extended westward; thence east on said township line to
 293 the northwest corner of section four, township forty-eight
 294 south, range twenty-five east; thence south to the northwest
 295 corner of section nine of said township and range; thence east
 296 on the north boundary of said section nine and other sections to
 297 the eastern boundary of range twenty-six east; thence north on
 298 said range line to the northwest corner of township forty-seven
 299 south, range twenty-seven east; thence east on the north line of
 300 township forty-seven south, to the east line of range twenty-

301 seven east; thence north on said range line to the place of
302 beginning.

303 **Section 13. Section 7.38, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
304 **read:**

305 7.38 Levy County.—The boundary lines of Levy County are as
306 follows: Beginning at the mouth of the most southern outlet of
307 the Big Withlacoochee River, running in an eastwardly direction,
308 including all the islands in the mouth of said river, along the
309 thread of said river to where the range line dividing ranges
310 seventeen and eighteen east intersects said river; thence north
311 on said range line to the township line between townships
312 fourteen and fifteen south; thence east on said township line to
313 the middle line of township fourteen south, range nineteen east;
314 thence north on said middle line to the township line between
315 townships eleven and twelve south; thence west on said township
316 line to the range line between ranges seventeen and eighteen
317 east; thence north on said range line to the northeast corner of
318 section thirteen, township eleven south, range seventeen east;
319 thence west on the north line of said section thirteen and other
320 sections to the range line between ranges sixteen and seventeen
321 east; thence north on said range line to the township line
322 between townships ten and eleven south; thence west on said
323 township line to the range line between ranges fifteen and
324 sixteen east; thence north on said range line to the northeast
325 corner of section thirty-six, township ten south, range fifteen

326 east; thence west on the north boundary of said section thirty-
327 six to the northwest corner of said section thirty-six, thence
328 north one half mile to the middle line of section twenty-six,
329 township ten south, range fifteen east; thence west on the
330 middle line of said section twenty-six and other sections to the
331 range line between ranges fourteen and fifteen east; thence
332 north to the northeast corner of section twenty-five, township
333 ten south, range fourteen east; thence west on the north line of
334 said section twenty-five and other sections to the thread of the
335 Suwannee River; thence southerly along the thread of the main
336 stream of said river to its mouth; thence south and easterly
337 along the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~, including all the islands,
338 keys, and the waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction of the
339 State of Florida, to the point of beginning.

340 **Section 14. Section 7.41, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
341 **read:**

342 7.41 Manatee County.—The boundary lines of Manatee County
343 are as follows: Beginning on the south bank of Tampa Bay where
344 the line between townships thirty-two and thirty-three south
345 strikes said bay; thence east on said township line to where
346 same is intersected by the line dividing ranges twenty-two and
347 twenty-three east; thence south on said range line, known as the
348 Washington line, to the southeast corner of township thirty-
349 seven south, range twenty-two east; thence west on the township
350 line between townships thirty-seven and thirty-eight south to

351 the southwest corner of township thirty-seven south, range
 352 twenty-one east; thence north on the range line between ranges
 353 twenty and twenty-one east to the southeast corner of township
 354 thirty-five south, range twenty east; thence west on the
 355 township line between townships thirty-five and thirty-six south
 356 to the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~; thence northward along the said
 357 gulf, including the waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction
 358 of the State of Florida, to a point midway between Egmont and
 359 Passage Keys; thence in a direct line to the place of beginning.

360 **Section 15. Section 7.46, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
 361 **read:**

362 7.46 Okaloosa County.—The boundary lines of Okaloosa
 363 County are as follows: Beginning on the Alabama state line where
 364 same is intersected by range line dividing ranges twenty-five
 365 and twenty-six west; thence east on said state line to the
 366 intersection of said state line with the range line dividing
 367 ranges twenty-one and twenty-two west; thence south on said
 368 range line to the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~; thence in a westerly
 369 direction following the meanderings of said gulf, including the
 370 waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction of the State of
 371 Florida, to the line dividing ranges twenty-five and twenty-six
 372 west; thence north on said range line to the place of beginning;
 373 provided that the counties of Escambia, Santa Rosa and Okaloosa
 374 shall have concurrent jurisdiction of any offenses committed on
 375 the waters of Santa Rosa Sound.

376 **Section 16. Section 7.51, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
 377 **read:**

378 7.51 Pasco County.—The boundary lines of Pasco County are
 379 as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the section line
 380 between sections thirty-three and thirty-four of township
 381 twenty-six south, of range twenty-two east, with the township
 382 line between townships twenty-six and twenty-seven south, of
 383 range twenty-two east; thence north along the section lines to
 384 the line dividing sections three and four of said township and
 385 to the township line dividing townships twenty-five and twenty-
 386 six; thence east on said township line to the range line
 387 dividing ranges twenty-two and twenty-three east; thence north
 388 on said range line to the line dividing sections twenty-four and
 389 thirteen of township twenty-three south, of range twenty-two
 390 east; thence west to the line dividing ranges twenty and twenty-
 391 one east; thence south to the line dividing townships twenty-
 392 three and twenty-four south; thence west on said line to the
 393 Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~; thence southerly along the gulf coast,
 394 including islands and the waters of said gulf within the
 395 jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the north line of
 396 Pinellas County, the township line dividing townships twenty-six
 397 and twenty-seven south; thence east on said line to the place of
 398 beginning.

399 **Section 17. Section 7.52, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
 400 **read:**

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

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

430 **Section 18. Section 7.55, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
 431 **read:**

432 7.55 Santa Rosa County.—The boundary lines of Santa Rosa
 433 County are as follows: Beginning at the Alabama line, where said
 434 line crosses the Escambia River; thence down the thread of said
 435 river to Escambia Bay; thence along said bay to Deer Point, at
 436 the intersection of Santa Rosa Sound with said bay; thence up
 437 said Santa Rosa Sound to a line parallel to and exactly 1 mile
 438 westerly of the line dividing range twenty-six west and range
 439 twenty-seven west; thence southerly along said line to the
 440 waters of the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~; thence easterly along the
 441 waters of the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~ to a point of intersection
 442 with the range line dividing range twenty-five west and range
 443 twenty-six west; thence northerly along said range line to the
 444 dividing line between the State of Florida and the State of
 445 Alabama, thence westerly along said dividing line to the point
 446 of beginning; provided that the Counties of Escambia, Santa
 447 Rosa, and Okaloosa shall have concurrent jurisdiction of any
 448 offenses committed on the waters of Santa Rosa Sound.

449 **Section 19. Section 7.56, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
 450 **read:**

451 7.56 Sarasota County.—The boundary lines of Sarasota
452 County are as follows: Beginning in the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~
453 at a point on a prolongation of the township line between
454 townships thirty-five and thirty-six south; thence east on said
455 prolongation and said line to the southeast corner of township
456 thirty-five south, range twenty east; thence south on the range
457 line between ranges twenty and twenty-one east, to the southwest
458 corner of township thirty-seven south, range twenty-one east;
459 thence east on the township line between townships thirty-seven
460 and thirty-eight south to the southeast corner of township
461 thirty-seven south, range twenty-two east; thence south on the
462 range line between ranges twenty-two and twenty-three east, to
463 the southeast corner of township thirty-nine south, range
464 twenty-two east; thence west on the township line between
465 townships thirty-nine and forty south to the southwest corner of
466 township thirty-nine south, range twenty-one east; thence south
467 on the range line between ranges twenty and twenty-one east to
468 the southeast corner of township forty south, range twenty east;
469 thence west on the township line between townships forty and
470 forty-one south to the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~; thence northerly
471 along the coast of the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~, including the
472 waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction of the State of
473 Florida, to the place of beginning.

474 **Section 20. Section 7.62, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
475 **read:**

476 7.62 Taylor County.—The boundary lines of Taylor County
 477 are as follows: Beginning in the mouth of the Big Aucilla River;
 478 thence northerly, concurrent with the east boundary of Jefferson
 479 County, along the thread of said river to where same is
 480 intersected by the middle line of township two south, range five
 481 east; thence east on said middle township line, concurrent with
 482 the south boundary line of Madison County, across ranges six,
 483 seven and eight east to the range line between ranges eight and
 484 nine east; thence south on said range line to the township line
 485 between townships two and three south; thence east on said
 486 township line to the range line between ranges nine and ten
 487 east; thence south on said range line, concurrent with the west
 488 boundary of Lafayette County to the middle line of section
 489 seven, township seven south, range ten east; thence east on said
 490 middle line to the east line of said section seven; thence due
 491 south on the east line of said section seven and other sections
 492 to the township line between townships seven and eight south;
 493 thence east on said township line to the east line of section
 494 four, township eight south, range ten east, or the northwest
 495 corner of Dixie County; thence south, concurrent with the west
 496 boundary of Dixie County, on the east line of said section four
 497 and other sections to where same intersects the thread of the
 498 Steinhatchee River; thence southerly along the thread of the
 499 said Steinhatchee River to the mouth of said river; thence
 500 northerly through the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~, including the

501 waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction of the State of
502 Florida, to the place of beginning.

503 **Section 21. Section 7.65, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
504 **read:**

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

526 **Section 22. Section 7.66, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
 527 **read:**

528 7.66 Walton County.—The boundary lines of Walton County
 529 are as follows: Beginning on the Alabama state line where same
 530 is intersected by the line dividing centrally range eighteen
 531 west; thence south on the section lines to the line dividing
 532 townships two and three north, in range eighteen west; thence
 533 east to the Choctawhatchee River; thence down the thread of the
 534 Choctawhatchee River to a point where said Choctawhatchee River
 535 intersects the range line dividing ranges seventeen and eighteen
 536 west; thence south on said range line to the Gulf of America
 537 ~~Mexico~~; thence in a westwardly direction following the
 538 meanderings of said gulf, including the waters of said gulf
 539 within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the range
 540 line dividing ranges twenty-one and twenty-two west; thence
 541 north on said line to the dividing line between Florida and
 542 Alabama; thence easterly along said state line to the place of
 543 beginning.

544 **Section 23. Paragraph (c) of subsection (5) of section**
 545 **125.0104, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

546 125.0104 Tourist development tax; procedure for levying;
 547 authorized uses; referendum; enforcement.—

548 (5) AUTHORIZED USES OF REVENUE.—

549 (c) A county located adjacent to the Gulf of America
 550 ~~Mexico~~ or the Atlantic Ocean, except a county that receives

551 revenue from taxes levied pursuant to s. 125.0108, which meets
552 the following criteria may use up to 10 percent of the tax
553 revenue received pursuant to this section to reimburse expenses
554 incurred in providing public safety services, including
555 emergency medical services as defined in s. 401.107(3), and law
556 enforcement services, which are needed to address impacts
557 related to increased tourism and visitors to an area. However,
558 if taxes collected pursuant to this section are used to
559 reimburse emergency medical services or public safety services
560 for tourism or special events, the governing board of a county
561 or municipality may not use such taxes to supplant the normal
562 operating expenses of an emergency medical services department,
563 a fire department, a sheriff's office, or a police department.
564 To receive reimbursement, the county must:

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

568 b. Have at least three municipalities; and

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

572 2. Be a fiscally constrained county as described in s.
573 218.67(1).

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575 The board of county commissioners must by majority vote approve

576 reimbursement made pursuant to this paragraph upon receipt of a
 577 recommendation from the tourist development council.

578 **Section 24. Subsections (1), (5), and (10) of section**
 579 **161.052, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

580 161.052 Coastal construction and excavation; regulation.—

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

595 (5) The setback requirements as defined herein shall not
 596 apply to any riparian coastal locations fronting the Atlantic
 597 Ocean or Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~ which have vegetation-type
 598 nonsandy shores.

599 (10) A coastal county or municipality fronting on the Gulf
 600 of America ~~Mexico~~ or the Atlantic Ocean shall advise the

601 department within 5 days after receipt of any permit application
602 for construction or other activities proposed to be located
603 within 50 feet of the line of mean high water. Within 5 days
604 after receipt of such application, the county or municipality
605 shall notify the applicant of the requirements for state
606 permits.

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

610 161.053 Coastal construction and excavation; regulation on
611 county basis.—

612 (1)(a) The Legislature finds and declares that the beaches
613 in this state and the coastal barrier dunes adjacent to such
614 beaches, by their nature, are subject to frequent and severe
615 fluctuations and represent one of the most valuable natural
616 resources of Florida and that it is in the public interest to
617 preserve and protect them from imprudent construction which can
618 jeopardize the stability of the beach-dune system, accelerate
619 erosion, provide inadequate protection to upland structures,
620 endanger adjacent properties, or interfere with public beach
621 access. In furtherance of these findings, it is the intent of
622 the Legislature to provide that the department establish coastal
623 construction control lines on a county basis along the sand
624 beaches of the state fronting on the Atlantic Ocean, the Gulf of
625 America ~~Mexico~~, or the Straits of Florida. Such lines shall be

626 established so as to define that portion of the beach-dune
627 system which is subject to severe fluctuations based on a 100-
628 year storm surge, storm waves, or other predictable weather
629 conditions. However, the department may establish a segment or
630 segments of a coastal construction control line further landward
631 than the impact zone of a 100-year storm surge, provided such
632 segment or segments do not extend beyond the landward toe of the
633 coastal barrier dune structure that intercepts the 100-year
634 storm surge. Such segment or segments shall not be established
635 if adequate dune protection is provided by a state-approved dune
636 management plan. Special siting and design considerations shall
637 be necessary seaward of established coastal construction control
638 lines to ensure the protection of the beach-dune system,
639 proposed or existing structures, and adjacent properties and the
640 preservation of public beach access.

641 (b) As used in this subsection:

642 1. When establishing coastal construction control lines as
643 provided in this section, the definition of "sand beach" shall
644 be expanded to include coastal barrier island ends contiguous to
645 the sand beaches of the state fronting on the Atlantic Ocean,
646 the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~, or the Straits of Florida.

647 2. "Coastal barrier island ends" means those areas on the
648 ends of barrier islands fronting the Atlantic Ocean, the Gulf of
649 America ~~Mexico~~, or the Straits of Florida, which are subject to
650 severe fluctuations based on a 100-year storm surge, storm

651 waves, or other predictable weather conditions.

652 3. "Coastal barrier islands" means geological features
 653 which are completely surrounded by marine waters that front upon
 654 the open waters of the Atlantic Ocean, the Gulf of America
 655 ~~Mexico~~, or the Straits of Florida and are composed of quartz
 656 sands, clays, limestone, oolites, rock, coral, coquina,
 657 sediment, or other material, including spoil disposal, which
 658 features lie above the line of mean high water. Mainland areas
 659 which were separated from the mainland by artificial
 660 channelization for the purpose of assisting marine commerce
 661 shall not be considered coastal barrier islands.

662 (14) A coastal county or municipality fronting on the Gulf
 663 of America ~~Mexico~~, the Atlantic Ocean, or the Straits of Florida
 664 shall advise the department within 5 days after receipt of any
 665 permit application for construction or other activities proposed
 666 to be located seaward of the line established by the department
 667 pursuant to this section. Within 5 days after receipt of such
 668 application, the county or municipality shall notify the
 669 applicant of the requirements for state permits.

670 **Section 26. Section 161.088, Florida Statutes, is amended**
 671 **to read:**

672 161.088 Declaration of public policy respecting beach
 673 erosion control and beach restoration and nourishment projects.—
 674 Because beach erosion is a serious menace to the economy and
 675 general welfare of the people of this state and has advanced to

676 emergency proportions, it is hereby declared to be a necessary
677 governmental responsibility to properly manage and protect
678 Florida beaches fronting on the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of America
679 ~~Mexico~~, and Straits of Florida from erosion and that the
680 Legislature make provision for beach restoration and nourishment
681 projects, including inlet management projects that cost-
682 effectively provide beach-quality material for adjacent
683 critically eroded beaches. The Legislature declares that such
684 beach restoration and nourishment projects, as approved pursuant
685 to s. 161.161, are in the public interest; must be in an area
686 designated as critically eroded shoreline, or benefit an
687 adjacent critically eroded shoreline; must have a clearly
688 identifiable beach management benefit consistent with the
689 state's beach management plan; and must be designed to reduce
690 potential upland damage or mitigate adverse impacts caused by
691 improved, modified, or altered inlets, coastal armoring, or
692 existing upland development. Given the extent of the problem of
693 critically eroded beaches, it is also declared that beach
694 restoration and nourishment projects shall be funded in a manner
695 that encourages all cost-saving strategies, fosters regional
696 coordination of projects, improves the performance of projects,
697 and provides long-term solutions. The Legislature further
698 declares that nothing herein is intended to reduce or amend the
699 beach protection programs otherwise established in this chapter
700 or to result in local governments altering the coastal

701 management elements of their local government comprehensive
702 plans pursuant to chapter 163.

703 **Section 27. Section 161.141, Florida Statutes, is amended**
704 **to read:**

705 161.141 Property rights of state and private upland owners
706 in beach restoration project areas.—The Legislature declares
707 that it is the public policy of the state to cause to be fixed
708 and determined, pursuant to beach restoration, beach
709 nourishment, and erosion control projects, the boundary line
710 between sovereignty lands of the state bordering on the Atlantic
711 Ocean, the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~, or the Straits of Florida,
712 and the bays, lagoons, and other tidal reaches thereof, and the
713 upland properties adjacent thereto; except that such boundary
714 line shall not be fixed for beach restoration projects that
715 result from inlet or navigation channel maintenance dredging
716 projects unless such projects involve the construction of
717 authorized beach restoration projects. However, prior to
718 construction of such a beach restoration project, the board of
719 trustees must establish the line of mean high water for the area
720 to be restored; and any additions to the upland property
721 landward of the established line of mean high water which result
722 from the restoration project remain the property of the upland
723 owner subject to all governmental regulations and are not to be
724 used to justify increased density or the relocation of the
725 coastal construction control line as may be in effect for such

726 upland property. The resulting additions to upland property are
727 also subject to a public easement for traditional uses of the
728 sandy beach consistent with uses that would have been allowed
729 prior to the need for the restoration project. It is further
730 declared that there is no intention on the part of the state to
731 extend its claims to lands not already held by it or to deprive
732 any upland or submerged land owner of the legitimate and
733 constitutional use and enjoyment of his or her property. If an
734 authorized beach restoration, beach nourishment, and erosion
735 control project cannot reasonably be accomplished without the
736 taking of private property, the taking must be made by the
737 requesting authority by eminent domain proceedings. In any
738 action alleging a taking of all or part of a property or
739 property right as a result of a beach restoration project, in
740 determining whether such taking has occurred or the value of any
741 damage alleged with respect to the owner's remaining upland
742 property adjoining the beach restoration project, the
743 enhancement, if any, in value of the owner's remaining adjoining
744 property of the upland property owner by reason of the beach
745 restoration project shall be considered. If a taking is
746 judicially determined to have occurred as a result of a beach
747 restoration project, the enhancement in value to the owner's
748 remaining adjoining property by reason of the beach restoration
749 project shall be offset against the value of the damage, if any,
750 resulting to such remaining adjoining property of the upland

751 property owner by reason of the beach restoration project, but
752 such enhancement in the value shall not be offset against the
753 value of the property or property right alleged to have been
754 taken. If the enhancement in value shall exceed the value of the
755 damage, if any, to the remaining adjoining property, there shall
756 be no recovery over against the property owner for such excess.

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

759 161.151 Definitions; ss. 161.141-161.211.—As used in ss.
760 161.141-161.211:

761 (3) "Erosion control line" means the line determined in
762 accordance with the provisions of ss. 161.141-161.211 which
763 represents the landward extent of the claims of the state in its
764 capacity as sovereign titleholder of the submerged bottoms and
765 shores of the Atlantic Ocean, the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~, and
766 the bays, lagoons and other tidal reaches thereof on the date of
767 the recording of the survey as authorized in s. 161.181.

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

770 161.161 Procedure for approval of projects.—

771 (1) The department shall develop and maintain a
772 comprehensive long-term beach management plan for the
773 restoration and maintenance of the state's critically eroded
774 beaches fronting the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~, and
775 Straits of Florida. In developing and maintaining this plan, the

776 department shall:

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

779 (b) Evaluate each improved, modified, or altered inlet and
780 determine whether the inlet is a significant cause of beach
781 erosion. With respect to each inlet determined to be a
782 significant cause of beach erosion, the plan shall include the
783 extent to which such inlet causes beach erosion and
784 recommendations to mitigate the erosive impact of the inlet,
785 including, but not limited to, inlet sediment bypassing;
786 improvement of infrastructure to facilitate sand bypassing;
787 modifications to channel dredging, jetty design, and disposal of
788 spoil material; establishment of feeder beaches; and beach
789 restoration and beach nourishment.

790 (c) Evaluate criteria for beach restoration and beach
791 nourishment projects, including, but not limited to, dune
792 elevation and width and revegetation and stabilization
793 requirements and beach profiles.

794 (d) Consider the establishment of regional sediment
795 management alternatives for one or more individual beach and
796 inlet sand bypassing projects as an alternative to beach
797 restoration when appropriate and cost-effective, and recommend
798 the location of such regional sediment management alternatives
799 and the source of beach-compatible sand.

800 (e) Identify causes of shoreline erosion and change,

801 determine erosion rates, and maintain an updated list of
802 critically eroded sandy beaches based on data, analyses, and
803 investigations of shoreline conditions.

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

806 (g) Identify short-term and long-term economic costs and
807 benefits of beaches to the state and individual beach
808 communities.

809 (h) Study dune and vegetation conditions, identify
810 existing beach projects without dune features or with dunes
811 without adequate elevations, and encourage dune restoration and
812 revegetation to be incorporated as part of storm damage recovery
813 projects or future dune maintenance events.

814 (i) Identify beach areas used by marine turtles and
815 develop strategies for protection of the turtles and their nests
816 and nesting locations.

817 (j) Identify alternative management responses to preserve
818 undeveloped beach and dune systems and to restore damaged beach
819 and dune systems. In identifying such management responses, the
820 department shall consider, at a minimum, beach restoration and
821 nourishment, armoring, relocation, dune and vegetation
822 restoration, and acquisition.

823 (k) Document procedures and policies for preparing
824 poststorm damage assessments and corresponding recovery plans,
825 including repair cost estimates.

826 (1) Identify and assess appropriate management measures
 827 for all of the state's critically eroded sandy beaches.

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

830 161.54 Definitions.—In construing ss. 161.52-161.58:

831 (1) "Coastal building zone" means the land area from the
 832 seasonal high-water line landward to a line 1,500 feet landward
 833 from the coastal construction control line as established
 834 pursuant to s. 161.053, and, for those coastal areas fronting on
 835 the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~, Atlantic Ocean, Florida Bay, or
 836 Straits of Florida and not included under s. 161.053, the land
 837 area seaward of the most landward velocity zone (V-zone) line as
 838 established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and shown
 839 on flood insurance rate maps.

840 (2) "Coastal barrier islands" means geological features
 841 which are completely surrounded by marine waters that front upon
 842 the open waters of the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~, Atlantic Ocean,
 843 Florida Bay, or Straits of Florida and are composed of quartz
 844 sands, clays, limestone, oolites, rock, coral, coquina,
 845 sediment, or other material, including spoil disposal, which
 846 features lie above the line of mean high water. Mainland areas
 847 which were separated from the mainland by artificial
 848 channelization for the purpose of assisting marine commerce
 849 shall not be considered coastal barrier islands.

850 **Section 31. Subsection (4) of section 161.55, Florida**

851 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

852 161.55 Requirements for activities or construction within
853 the coastal building zone.—The following requirements shall
854 apply beginning March 1, 1986, to construction within the
855 coastal building zone and shall be minimum standards for
856 construction in this area:

857 (4) APPLICATION TO COASTAL BARRIER ISLANDS.—All
858 requirements of this part which are applicable to the coastal
859 building zone shall also apply to coastal barrier islands. The
860 coastal building zone on coastal barrier islands shall be the
861 land area from the seasonal high-water line to a line 5,000 feet
862 landward from the coastal construction control line established
863 pursuant to s. 161.053, or the entire island, whichever is less.
864 For coastal barrier islands on which a coastal construction
865 control line has not been established pursuant to s. 161.053,
866 the coastal building zone shall be the land area seaward of the
867 most landward velocity zone (V-zone) boundary line fronting upon
868 the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~, Atlantic Ocean, Florida Bay, or
869 Straits of Florida. All land area in the Florida Keys located
870 within Monroe County shall be included in the coastal building
871 zone. The coastal building zone on any coastal barrier island
872 between Sebastian Inlet and Fort Pierce Inlet may be reduced in
873 size upon approval of the Land and Water Adjudicatory
874 Commission, if it determines that the local government with
875 jurisdiction has provided adequate protection for the barrier

876 island. In no case, however, shall the coastal building zone be
877 reduced to an area less than a line 2,500 feet landward of the
878 coastal construction control line. The Land and Water
879 Adjudicatory Commission shall withdraw its approval for a
880 reduced coastal building zone if it determines that 6 months
881 after a local government comprehensive plan is due for
882 submission to the state land planning agency pursuant to s.
883 163.3167 the local government with jurisdiction has not adopted
884 a coastal management element which is in compliance with s.
885 163.3178.

886 **Section 32. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section**
887 **206.9935, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

888 206.9935 Taxes imposed.—

889 (1) TAX FOR COASTAL PROTECTION.—

890 (c)1. Excluding natural gas drilling activities, if
891 offshore oil drilling activity is approved by the United States
892 Department of the Interior for the waters off the coast of this
893 state in the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~, or Straits
894 of Florida, paragraph (b) shall not apply. Instead, the excise
895 tax shall be 2 cents per barrel of pollutant, or equivalent
896 measure as established by the department, produced in or
897 imported into this state, and the proceeds shall be deposited
898 into the Coastal Protection Trust Fund with a cap of \$100
899 million.

900 2. If a discharge of catastrophic proportions occurs, the

901 results of which could significantly reduce the balance in the
902 fund, the Secretary of Environmental Protection may, by rule,
903 increase the levy of the excise tax to an amount not to exceed
904 10 cents per barrel for a period of time sufficient to pay any
905 proven claim against the fund and restore the balance in the
906 fund until it again equals or exceeds \$50 million; except that
907 for any fiscal year immediately following the year in which the
908 fund is equal to or exceeds \$50 million, the excise tax and fund
909 shall be governed by the provisions of subparagraph 1.

910 **Section 33. Paragraph (a) of subsection (10) of section**
911 **253.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

912 253.03 Board of trustees to administer state lands; lands
913 enumerated.—

914 (10) The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement
915 Trust Fund and the state through any of its agencies are hereby
916 prohibited from levying any charge, by whatever name known, or
917 attaching any lien, on any and all materials dredged from state
918 sovereignty tidal lands or submerged bottom lands or on the
919 lands constituting the spoil areas on which such dredged
920 materials are placed, except as otherwise provided for in this
921 subsection, when such materials are dredged by or on behalf of
922 the United States or the local sponsors of active federal
923 navigation projects in the pursuance of the improvement,
924 construction, maintenance, and operation of such projects or by
925 a public body authorized to operate a public port facility (all

926 such parties referred to herein shall hereafter be called
927 "public body") in pursuance of the improvement, construction,
928 maintenance, and operation of such facility, including any
929 public transfer and terminal facilities, which actions are
930 hereby declared to be for a public purpose. The term "local
931 sponsor" means the local agency designated pursuant to an act of
932 Congress to assume a portion of the navigation project costs and
933 duties. Active federal navigation projects are those
934 congressionally approved projects which are being performed by
935 the United States Army Corps of Engineers or maintained by the
936 local sponsors.

937 (a) Except for beach nourishment seaward of existing lines
938 of vegetation on privately owned or publicly owned uplands
939 fronting on the waters of the Atlantic Ocean or Gulf of America
940 ~~Mexico~~ and authorized pursuant to the provisions of part I of
941 chapter 161, no materials dredged from state sovereignty tidal
942 or submerged bottom lands by a public body shall be deposited on
943 private lands until:

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

947 2. The public body has published notice of its intention
948 to utilize certain private lands for the deposit of materials,
949 in a newspaper published and having general circulation in the
950 appropriate county at least three times within a 60-day period

951 prior to the date of the scheduled deposit of any such material,
952 and therein advised the general public of the opportunity to bid
953 on the purchase of such materials for deposit on the purchaser's
954 designated site, provided any such deposit shall be at no
955 increased cost to the public body. Such notice shall state the
956 terms, location, and conditions for receipt of bids and shall
957 state that the public body shall accept the highest responsible
958 bid. All bids shall be submitted to the Board of Trustees of the
959 Internal Improvement Trust Fund. All moneys obtained from such
960 purchases of materials shall be remitted forthwith to the Board
961 of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund. Compliance
962 with this subsection shall vest, without any obligation, full
963 title to the materials in the owner of the land where deposited.

964 **Section 34. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section**
965 **253.12, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

966 253.12 Title to tidal lands vested in state.—

967 (5)

968 (b) Neither this subsection nor any other provision of
969 this chapter shall be construed to permit any state agency or
970 county, city, or other political subdivision to construct
971 islands or extend or add to existing lands or islands bordering
972 on or being in the navigable waters as defined herein or drain
973 such waters for a municipal, county, state, or other public
974 purpose unless such agency is the riparian upland owner or holds
975 the consent in writing of the riparian upland owner consenting

976 to such construction or extension or drainage operation. For the
977 purposes of this subsection, "riparian upland owners" shall be
978 defined as those persons owning upland property abutting those
979 portions of the waters to be filled or drained, which are within
980 1,000 feet outboard of said riparian upland, but not more than
981 one-half the distance to the opposite upland, if any, and within
982 the extensions of the side boundary lines thereof, when said
983 side boundary lines are extended in the direction of the channel
984 along an alignment which would be required to distribute
985 equitably the submerged land between the upland and the channel.
986 However, nothing herein shall be construed to deny or limit any
987 state agency or county, city, or other political subdivision
988 from exercising the right of eminent domain to the extent and
989 for the purposes authorized by law in connection with such
990 construction, extension, or drainage projects; and nothing
991 herein shall be construed to have application in those instances
992 when the board is authorized by law to establish an erosion
993 control line to implement an authorized beach nourishment,
994 replenishment, or erosion-control project, or for the placement
995 of sand dredged from navigation channels on beaches fronting the
996 waters of the Atlantic Ocean or the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~,
997 provided such sand is not placed landward of existing lines of
998 vegetation.

999 **Section 35. Section 253.783, Florida Statutes, is amended**
1000 **to read:**

1001 253.783 Expenditures for acquisition of land for a canal
 1002 connecting the waters of the Atlantic Ocean with the Gulf of
 1003 America ~~Mexico~~ via the St. Johns River prohibited.—The
 1004 department shall make no expenditures for the purpose of
 1005 acquiring land for constructing, operating, or promoting a canal
 1006 across the peninsula of Florida connecting the waters of the
 1007 Atlantic Ocean with the waters of the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~ via
 1008 the St. Johns River.

1009 **Section 36. Section 258.09, Florida Statutes, is amended**
 1010 **to read:**

1011 258.09 Rauscher Park designated.—There is designated and
 1012 established as a state park to be known as Rauscher Park, in
 1013 Escambia County, the lands lying between the Big Lagoon and the
 1014 Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~, now owned by Escambia County, or
 1015 hereafter acquired by Escambia County, adjacent or contiguous
 1016 thereto, from private owners or from the United States
 1017 Government; and the board of county commissioners of Escambia
 1018 County may execute proper conveyance to the board of
 1019 commissioners of state institutions covering the property now
 1020 owned by Escambia County, as aforesaid, and said board of county
 1021 commissioners of Escambia County may acquire in the name of the
 1022 Division of Recreation and Parks of the Department of
 1023 Environmental Protection any property adjacent or contiguous
 1024 thereto, from private owners or from the United States
 1025 Government; and said division may accept in the name of the

1026 state the title to any such lands, whether from said Escambia
 1027 County, or whether same be property acquired from private owners
 1028 or the United States Government.

1029 **Section 37. Section 258.395, Florida Statutes, is amended**
 1030 **to read:**

1031 258.395 Big Bend Seagrasses Aquatic Preserve.—The
 1032 following described area in Wakulla, Jefferson, Taylor, Dixie,
 1033 and Levy Counties is hereby designated by the Legislature for
 1034 inclusion in the aquatic preserve system under the Florida
 1035 Aquatic Preserve Act of 1975. Such area, to be known as the Big
 1036 Bend Seagrasses Aquatic Preserve, shall be included in the
 1037 aquatic preserve system and shall include all the sovereignty
 1038 submerged lands lying within the following described boundaries:
 1039 Begin where the northerly mean high water line of Withlacoochee
 1040 River meets the mean high water line of the Gulf of America
 1041 ~~Mexico~~, Township 17 South, Range 15 East, Levy County: Thence
 1042 from the said point of beginning proceed northwesterly along the
 1043 mean high water line of the coast and its navigable tributaries
 1044 to the intersection of the westerly mean high water line of St.
 1045 Marks River with the mean high water line of the Gulf of America
 1046 ~~Mexico~~, in Township 4 South, Range 1 East, Wakulla County;
 1047 thence proceed south three marine leagues into the Gulf of
 1048 America ~~Mexico~~; thence proceed southeasterly along a line three
 1049 marine leagues from and parallel to the line of mean high water
 1050 previously described to an intersection with a line projected

1051 west from the point of beginning; thence proceed east to the
 1052 point of beginning. Less and except all those sovereignty
 1053 submerged lands within 500 feet of any incorporated or
 1054 unincorporated municipality within the above described lands.
 1055 Less and except: Begin at the intersection of the southerly
 1056 projection of the east line of Range line 4 East with the mean
 1057 high water line of the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~; thence proceed
 1058 southwest to a point on the three marine league line; thence
 1059 proceed southeasterly three marine leagues from and parallel to
 1060 the mean high water line to a point which is southwest of the
 1061 intersection of the southerly line of Section 22, Township 6
 1062 South, Range 6 East, Taylor County, with the mean high water
 1063 line of the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~; thence proceed Northeast to
 1064 the foresaid point of intersection; thence proceed northwesterly
 1065 along the mean high water line of the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~ and
 1066 its tributaries to the point of beginning. Less and except all
 1067 those local access channels adjacent to Keaton Beach and a
 1068 proposed navigational channel more particularly described as
 1069 follows: Begin at State Plane Coordinate; X=2,288,032;
 1070 Y=298,365: Thence proceed West 11,608 feet; thence proceed south
 1071 1,440 feet; thence proceed east 11,608 feet; thence proceed
 1072 north 1,440 feet to the point of beginning; less and except all
 1073 those sovereign submerged lands lying northerly and easterly of
 1074 U.S. Highway 19.

1075 **Section 38. Subsection (2) of section 258.3991, Florida**

1076 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1077 258.3991 Nature Coast Aquatic Preserve.—

1078 (2) BOUNDARIES.—For purposes of this section, the Nature
 1079 Coast Aquatic Preserve consists of the state-owned submerged
 1080 lands lying west of a meandering line following the westernmost
 1081 shorelines of Citrus, Hernando, and Pasco Counties, excluding
 1082 artificial waterways, canals, inland rivers, and tributaries.
 1083 Such state-owned submerged lands include all those lands seaward
 1084 of the mean high-water line and tidally connected to the Gulf of
 1085 America ~~Mexico~~, lying south of a line extending westerly
 1086 approximately 4.5 miles along Latitude 28.910000°, Florida West
 1087 Zone (NAD83) from the mean high-water line of the corresponding
 1088 shoreline at Fort Island Gulf Beach Park, Latitude 28.910000°,
 1089 Longitude -82.690000°, and lying westward of a line extending
 1090 north approximately 1.8 miles from Latitude 28.909402°,
 1091 Longitude -82.764° to Latitude 28.9355°, Longitude -82.764°,
 1092 lying southward of a line extending westerly approximately 2.0
 1093 miles to Latitude 28.9355°, Longitude -82.798214°, lying
 1094 westward of a line extending north approximately 4.5 miles to
 1095 the easternmost point of the southern boundary of the Big Bend
 1096 Seagrasses Aquatic Preserve at point Latitude 29.001614°,
 1097 Longitude -82.798921°, and will be continuous with the eastern
 1098 shoreline of the northern boundary of the Pinellas County
 1099 Aquatic Preserve, respectively. The boundary of the Nature Coast
 1100 Aquatic Preserve designated as the shoreline will be the mean

1101 high-water line along such shoreline unless otherwise stated and
 1102 will not supersede the boundaries of currently designated
 1103 Outstanding Florida Waters, state parks, national wildlife
 1104 refuges, or aquatic preserves.

1105 **Section 39. Subsection (15) of section 327.02, Florida**
 1106 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1107 327.02 Definitions.—As used in this chapter and in chapter
 1108 328, unless the context clearly requires a different meaning,
 1109 the term:

1110 (15) "Florida Intracoastal Waterway" means the Atlantic
 1111 Intracoastal Waterway, the Georgia state line north of
 1112 Fernandina to Miami; the Port Canaveral lock and canal to the
 1113 Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway; the Atlantic Intracoastal
 1114 Waterway, Miami to Key West; the Okeechobee Waterway, Stuart to
 1115 Fort Myers; the St. Johns River, Jacksonville to Sanford; the
 1116 Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Anclote to Fort Myers; the Gulf
 1117 Intracoastal Waterway, Carrabelle to Tampa Bay; Carrabelle to
 1118 Anclote open bay section, using the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~; the
 1119 Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Carrabelle to the Alabama state line
 1120 west of Pensacola; and the Apalachicola, Chattahoochee, and
 1121 Flint Rivers in Florida.

1122 **Section 40. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section**
 1123 **327.60, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1124 327.60 Local regulations; limitations.—

1125 (4)

1126 (c) Upon approval of the Administrator of the United
 1127 States Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to 33 U.S.C. s.
 1128 1322, a county designated as a rural area of opportunity may
 1129 create a no-discharge zone for freshwater water bodies within
 1130 the county's jurisdiction to prohibit treated and untreated
 1131 sewage discharges from floating structures and live-aboard
 1132 vessels not capable of being used as a means of transportation
 1133 and from houseboats. Within no-discharge zone boundaries,
 1134 operators of such floating structures, live-aboard vessels, and
 1135 houseboats shall retain their sewage on board for discharge at a
 1136 pumpout facility or for discharge more than 3 miles off the
 1137 coast in the Atlantic Ocean or more than 9 miles off the coast
 1138 in the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~. Violations of this paragraph are
 1139 punishable as provided in s. 327.53(6) and (7).

1140 **Section 41. Subsection (1) of section 331.307, Florida**
 1141 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1142 331.307 Development of Cape San Blas facility.—The
 1143 spaceport facility at Cape San Blas may only be developed in
 1144 accordance with the recommendations of the Spaceport Florida
 1145 Feasibility Study upon the following conditions:

1146 (1) Construction at the site shall not cause significant
 1147 degradation of the water quality or injure aquatic life in St.
 1148 Joseph Bay or the adjacent water of the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~.

1149 **Section 42. Subsection (3) of section 373.019, Florida**
 1150 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1151 373.019 Definitions.—When appearing in this chapter or in
 1152 any rule, regulation, or order adopted pursuant thereto, the
 1153 term:

1154 (3) "Coastal waters" means waters of the Atlantic Ocean or
 1155 the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~ within the jurisdiction of the state.

1156 **Section 43. Paragraphs (a), (b), (d), and (e) of**
 1157 **subsection (2) of section 373.069, Florida Statutes, are amended**
 1158 **to read:**

1159 373.069 Creation of water management districts.—

1160 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other special or
 1161 general act to the contrary, the boundaries of the respective
 1162 districts named in subsection (1) shall include the areas within
 1163 the following boundaries:

1164 (a) Northwest Florida Water Management District.—Begin at
 1165 the point where the section line between Sections 26 and 27,
 1166 Township 4 South, Range 3 East intersects the Gulf of America
 1167 ~~Mexico~~; thence north along the section line to the northwest
 1168 corner of Section 2, Township 1 South, Range 3 East; thence east
 1169 along the Tallahassee Base Line to the southeast corner of
 1170 Section 36, Township 1 North, Range 4 East; thence north along
 1171 the range line to the northwest corner of Section 6, Township 1
 1172 North, Range 5 East; thence east along the township line to the
 1173 southeast corner of Section 36, Township 2 North, Range 5 East;
 1174 thence north along the range line to the northeast corner of
 1175 Section 24, Township 2 North, Range 5 East; thence west along

1176 the section line to the southwest corner of the east 1/2 of
 1177 Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 5 East; thence north to the
 1178 northwest corner of the east 1/2 of Section 13, Township 2
 1179 North, Range 5 East; thence east along the section line to the
 1180 southeast corner of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 5 East;
 1181 thence north along the range line to the northeast corner of
 1182 Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 East; thence west along
 1183 the Watson Line to the southwest corner of Lot Number 168;
 1184 thence north along the line between Lot Numbers 168 and 169, 154
 1185 and 155 to the Georgia line; thence westward along the Georgia-
 1186 Florida line to the intersection of the south boundary of the
 1187 State of Alabama; thence west along the Alabama-Florida line to
 1188 the intersection of the northwest corner Alabama-Florida
 1189 Boundary; thence south along the Alabama-Florida line to the
 1190 Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~; thence east along the Gulf of America
 1191 ~~Mexico~~, including the waters of said Gulf within the
 1192 jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the Point of Beginning.

1193 (b) Suwannee River Water Management District.—Begin in the
 1194 Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~ on the section line between Sections 29
 1195 and 32, Township 15 South, Range 15 East; thence east along the
 1196 section lines to the southwest corner of Section 27, Township 15
 1197 South, Range 17 East; thence north along the section line to the
 1198 northwest corner of Section 3, Township 15 South, Range 17 East;
 1199 thence east along the section line to the easterly right-of-way
 1200 line of State Road No. 337; thence northerly along said easterly

1201 right-of-way line of State Road No. 337 to the southerly right-
 1202 of-way line of State Road No. 24; thence northeasterly along
 1203 said southerly right-of-way line of State Road No. 24 to the
 1204 Levy-Alachua county line; thence south along the Levy-Alachua
 1205 county line, also being the range line between Range 17 and 18
 1206 East to the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 11 South,
 1207 Range 17 East; thence easterly along the Levy-Alachua county
 1208 line, also being the township line between Townships 11 and 12
 1209 South, to the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 11 South,
 1210 Range 18 East; thence north along the range line to the
 1211 northwest corner of Section 19, Township 9 South, Range 19 East;
 1212 thence east along the section line to the southeast corner of
 1213 Section 13, Township 9 South, Range 19 East; thence north along
 1214 the range line to the northwest corner of Section 6, Township 9
 1215 South, Range 20 East; thence eastward along the township line to
 1216 the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 8 South, Range 20
 1217 East; thence north along the township line to the northwest
 1218 corner of Section 18, Township 8 South, Range 21 East; thence
 1219 east along the section line to the northeast corner of Section
 1220 15, Township 8 South, Range 21 East; thence south along the
 1221 section line to the southwest corner of Section 23, Township 8
 1222 South, Range 21 East; thence east along the section line to the
 1223 northeast corner of Section 26, Township 8 South, Range 21 East;
 1224 thence south along the section line to the southwest corner of
 1225 the north 1/2 of Section 25, Township 8 South, Range 21 East;

1226 | thence east along a line to the northeast corner of the south
 1227 | half of Section 25, Township 8 South, Range 21 East; thence
 1228 | south along the range line to the southwest corner of Section
 1229 | 30, Township 8 South, Range 22 East; thence east along the
 1230 | section line to the northeast corner of Section 32, Township 8
 1231 | South, Range 22 East; thence south along the section line to the
 1232 | southwest corner of Section 16, Township 9 South, Range 22 East;
 1233 | thence eastward along the section line to the southeast corner
 1234 | of the west 1/8 of Section 18, Township 9 South, Range 23 East;
 1235 | thence northward to the northeast corner of the west 1/8 of
 1236 | Section 18, Township 9 South, Range 23 East; thence west to the
 1237 | southwest corner of Section 7, Township 9 South, Range 23 East;
 1238 | thence northward along the Bradford-Clay County line to the
 1239 | northeast corner of Section 36, Township 8 South, Range 22 East;
 1240 | thence west along the section line to the southwest corner of
 1241 | the east 1/2 of Section 25, Township 8 South, Range 22 East;
 1242 | thence north to the northeast corner of the west 1/2 of Section
 1243 | 24, Township 8 South, Range 22 East; thence west along the
 1244 | section line to the southwest corner of Section 13, Township 8
 1245 | South, Range 22 East; thence north along the section line to the
 1246 | northwest corner of Section 25, Township 7 South, Range 22 East;
 1247 | thence east along the section line to the southeast corner of
 1248 | Section 24, Township 7 South, Range 22 East; thence north along
 1249 | the Bradford-Clay County line to the intersection of the south
 1250 | boundary of Baker County; thence west along the Baker-Bradford

1251 County line to the intersection of the east boundary of Union
 1252 County; thence west along the Union-Baker County line to the
 1253 southwest corner of Section 18, Township 4 South, Range 20 East;
 1254 thence north along the range line to the northeast corner of
 1255 Section 1, Township 3 South, Range 19 East; thence west along
 1256 the township line to the intersection of the east boundary of
 1257 Columbia County; thence north along the Baker-Columbia County
 1258 line to the intersection of the north boundary line of the State
 1259 of Florida; thence westward along the Georgia-Florida line to
 1260 the northwest corner of Lot Number 155; thence south along the
 1261 line between Lot Number 154 and 155, 168 and 169 to the Watson
 1262 Line; thence east along the Watson Line to the northeast corner
 1263 of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 East; thence south
 1264 along the range line between Ranges 5 and 6 East to the
 1265 southeast corner of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 5 East;
 1266 thence west along the section line to the northwest corner of
 1267 the east 1/2 of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 5 East;
 1268 thence south to the southwest corner of the east 1/2 of Section
 1269 13, Township 2 North, Range 5 East; thence east along the
 1270 section line to the northeast corner of Section 24, Township 2
 1271 North, Range 5 East; thence south along the range line between
 1272 Ranges 5 and 6 East to the southeast corner of Section 36,
 1273 Township 2 North, Range 5 East; thence west along the township
 1274 line between Townships 1 and 2 North to the northwest corner of
 1275 Section 6, Township 1 North, Range 5 East; thence south along

1276 the range line between Ranges 4 and 5 East to the southeast
 1277 corner of Section 36, Township 1 North, Range 4 East; thence
 1278 west along the Tallahassee Base Line to the northwest corner of
 1279 Section 2, Township 1 South, Range 3 East; thence south along
 1280 the section line to the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~; thence along the
 1281 shore of the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~, including the waters of
 1282 said gulf within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to
 1283 the point of the beginning.

1284 (d) Southwest Florida Water Management District.—Begin at
 1285 the intersection of the north boundary of Lee County with the
 1286 Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~; thence eastward along the Lee-Charlotte
 1287 County line to the Southeast corner of Section 33, Township 42
 1288 South, Range 24 East; thence North into Charlotte County, along
 1289 the section lines to the Northeast corner of Section 4, Township
 1290 42 South, Range 24 East; thence East along the township line
 1291 between Townships 41 and 42 South to the Southeast corner of
 1292 Section 36, Township 41 South, Range 25 East; thence north along
 1293 the section line to the northwest corner of Section 6, Township
 1294 41 South, Range 26 East; thence east along the section line to
 1295 the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 40 South, Range 26
 1296 East; thence North along the range line between Ranges 26 and 27
 1297 to the Northeast corner of Section 1, Township 40 South, Range
 1298 26 East, and the Charlotte-Desoto County line; thence east along
 1299 the Charlotte-Desoto County line to the southeast corner of
 1300 Section 36, Township 39 South, Range 27 East; thence north along

1301 the DeSoto-Highlands County line to the intersection of the
 1302 South boundary of Hardee County; thence north along the Hardee-
 1303 Highlands County line to the southwest corner of Township 35
 1304 South, Range 28 East; thence east along the north boundary of
 1305 Township 36 South to the northeast corner of Section 1, Township
 1306 36 South, Range 28 East; thence south along the range line to
 1307 the southeast corner of Section 12, Township 37 South, Range 28
 1308 East; thence east along the section line to the northeast corner
 1309 of Section 15, Township 37 South, Range 29 East; thence south
 1310 along the section line to the southeast corner of Section 34,
 1311 Township 37 South, Range 29 East; thence east along the township
 1312 line to the northeast corner of Section 1, Township 38 South,
 1313 Range 29 East; thence south along the range line to the
 1314 southeast corner of Section 1, Township 39 South, Range 29 East;
 1315 thence east along the section line to the northwest corner of
 1316 Section 11, Township 39 South, Range 30 East; thence north along
 1317 the section line to the southwest corner of Section 35, Township
 1318 38 South, Range 30 East; thence east along the township line to
 1319 the southeast corner of the west 1/4 of Section 35, Township 38
 1320 South, Range 30 East; thence north along the 1/4-section line
 1321 of Sections 35, 26, and 23, Township 38 South, Range 30 East to
 1322 the northeast corner of the west 1/4 section of Section 23,
 1323 Township 38 South, Range 30 East; thence west along the section
 1324 line to the northwest corner of Section 23, Township 38 South,
 1325 Range 30 East; thence north along the section line to the

1326 northwest corner of Section 2, Township 37 South, Range 30 East;
 1327 thence west along the township line to the southwest corner of
 1328 Section 34, Township 36 South, Range 30 East; thence north along
 1329 the section line to the northwest corner of Section 3, Township
 1330 36 South, Range 30 East; thence west along the township line to
 1331 the southwest corner of Section 31, Township 35 South, Range 30
 1332 East; thence north along the range line between Ranges 29 and 30
 1333 East, through Townships 35, 34, and 33 South, to the northeast
 1334 corner of Township 33 South, Range 29 East, being on the
 1335 Highlands-Polk County line; thence west along the Highlands-Polk
 1336 County line to the southeast corner of Township 32 South, Range
 1337 28 East; thence north along the range line between Ranges 28 and
 1338 29 East, in Townships 32 and 31 South, to the northeast corner
 1339 of Section 12 in Township 31 South, Range 28 East; thence east
 1340 along the section line to the northeast corner of Section 7,
 1341 Township 31 South, Range 29 East; thence north along the section
 1342 line to the northwest corner of Section 17, Township 30 South,
 1343 Range 29 East; thence east along the section line to the
 1344 northeast corner of the west 1/2 of Section 17, Township 30
 1345 South, Range 29 East; thence north along the 1/2-section line
 1346 to the northeast corner of the west 1/2 of Section 5, Township
 1347 30 South, Range 29 East; thence west along the section line to
 1348 the southwest corner of Section 32, Township 29 South, Range 29
 1349 East; thence north along the section line to the northeast
 1350 corner of Section 19 in Township 29 South, Range 29 East; thence

1351 west along the north boundaries of Section 19, Township 29
 1352 South, Range 29 East, and Sections 24, 23, 22, 21, and 20,
 1353 Township 29 South, Range 28 East, to the northwest corner of
 1354 said Section 20; thence north along the section line to the
 1355 intersection of said section line with the west shore line of
 1356 Lake Pierce in Township 29 South, Range 28 East; thence
 1357 following the west shore of Lake Pierce to its intersection
 1358 again with the west section line of Section 5, Township 29
 1359 South, Range 28 East; thence north along the section line to the
 1360 northwest corner of Section 5, Township 29 South, Range 28 East;
 1361 thence east along the township line to the southwest corner of
 1362 Section 33, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence north along
 1363 the section line to the northwest corner of the southwest 1/4
 1364 of the southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Township 28 South, Range 28
 1365 East; thence east along the 1/4-section line to the
 1366 intersection of said 1/4-section line with Lake Pierce; thence
 1367 follow the shore line northeasterly to its intersection with the
 1368 1/2-section line of Section 28, Township 28 South, Range 28
 1369 East; thence north on the 1/2-section line to the northwest
 1370 corner of the southeast 1/4 of Section 28, Township 28 South,
 1371 Range 28 East; thence east to the northeast corner of the
 1372 southeast 1/4 of Section 28, Township 28 South, Range 28 East;
 1373 thence south along the section line to the northwest corner of
 1374 Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 28 East; thence east along
 1375 the section line to the northeast corner of Section 3, Township

1376 29 South, Range 28 East; thence north along the section line to
 1377 the northwest corner of Section 23, Township 28 South, Range 28
 1378 East; thence west along the section line to the southwest corner
 1379 of Section 16, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence north
 1380 along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 16,
 1381 Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence west along the section
 1382 line to the southwest corner of Section 8, Township 28 South,
 1383 Range 28 East; thence north along the section line to the
 1384 northwest corner of Section 5, Township 28 South, Range 28 East;
 1385 thence west along the township line to the intersection of said
 1386 township line with Lake Marion; thence following the south shore
 1387 line of Lake Marion to its intersection again with said township
 1388 line; thence west along the township line to the southeast
 1389 corner of Section 36, Township 37 South, Range 27 East; thence
 1390 north along the range line between Ranges 27 and 28 East to the
 1391 intersection of said range line with Lake Marion; thence
 1392 following the west shore of Lake Marion to its intersection
 1393 again with the range line between Ranges 27 and 28 East; thence
 1394 north along said range line, in Townships 27 and 26 South, to
 1395 the northeast corner of Township 26 South, Range 27 East, being
 1396 on the Polk-Osceola County line; thence west along the Polk-
 1397 Osceola County line to the northwest corner of Township 26
 1398 South, Range 27 East; thence north along the section line to the
 1399 Lake-Polk County line; thence west along the county line to the
 1400 southwest corner of Section 32, Township 24 South, Range 26

1401 East; thence into Lake County, north along the section lines to
 1402 the northeast corner of Section 30, Township 24 South, Range 26
 1403 East; thence west along the section lines to the northeast
 1404 corner of Section 28, Township 24 South, Range 25 East; thence
 1405 north along the section lines to the northeast corner of Section
 1406 16, Township 24 South, Range 25 East; thence west along the
 1407 section line to the northwest corner of Section 16, Township 24
 1408 South, Range 25 East; thence north along the section line to the
 1409 northeast corner of Section 8, Township 24 South, Range 25 East;
 1410 thence west along the section lines to the range line between
 1411 Ranges 24 and 25; thence north along the range line to the
 1412 northeast corner of Section 1, Township 23 South, Range 24 East,
 1413 also being on the township line between Townships 22 and 23
 1414 South; thence west along the township line to the northwest
 1415 corner of Section 6, Township 23 South, Range 24 East also being
 1416 on the Sumter-Lake County line; thence north along the Sumter-
 1417 Lake County line, also being the range line between Ranges 23
 1418 and 24, to the northeast corner of Section 1, Township 18 South,
 1419 Range 23 East and the Marion County line; thence west, along the
 1420 Sumter-Marion County line, also being the township line between
 1421 Townships 17 and 18 South, to the westerly right-of-way line of
 1422 Interstate Highway 75; thence northerly along the westerly
 1423 right-of-way line of Interstate Highway 75 to the Alachua-Marion
 1424 County line, said line also being the township line between
 1425 Townships 11 and 12 South; thence west along the Alachua-Marion

1426 County line to the northwest corner of Section 3, Township 12
 1427 South, Range 19 East and the Levy County line; thence westerly
 1428 along the Levy-Alachua County line, also being the township line
 1429 between Townships 11 and 12 South, to the southeast corner of
 1430 Section 36, Township 11 South, Range 17 East; thence north along
 1431 the Levy-Alachua County line, also being the range line between
 1432 Ranges 17 and 18 East, to the southerly right-of-way line of
 1433 State Road No. 24; thence southwesterly along said southerly
 1434 right-of-way line to the easterly right-of-way line of State
 1435 Road No. 337; thence southerly, along said easterly right-of-way
 1436 line of State Road No. 337, to the south line of Section 35,
 1437 Township 14 South, Range 17 East; thence west along the section
 1438 line to the northwest corner of Section 3, Township 15 South,
 1439 Range 17 East; thence south along the section lines to the
 1440 southwest corner of Section 27, Township 15 South, Range 17
 1441 East; thence west to the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~; thence south
 1442 along the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~, including the waters of said
 1443 gulf within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the
 1444 point of beginning.

1445 (e) South Florida Water Management District.—Begin at the
 1446 intersection of the north boundary of Lee County with the Gulf
 1447 of America ~~Mexico~~; thence easterly along the Lee-Charlotte
 1448 County line to the southwest corner of Section 34, Township 42
 1449 South, Range 24 East; thence northerly along the section lines
 1450 to the northwest corner of Section 3, Township 42 South, Range

1451 24 East; thence easterly along the Township line between
 1452 Townships 41 and 42 South to the southwest corner of Section 31,
 1453 Township 41 South, Range 26 East; thence northerly along the
 1454 Range line between Ranges 25 and 26 East to the northwest corner
 1455 of Section 6, Township 41 South, Range 26 East; thence easterly
 1456 along the Township line between Townships 40 and 41 South to the
 1457 southwest corner of Section 31, Township 40 South, Range 27
 1458 East; thence northerly along the Range line between Ranges 26
 1459 and 27 East to the Charlotte-DeSoto County line; thence easterly
 1460 along the Charlotte-Desoto County line to the west line of
 1461 Highlands County; thence northerly along the Highlands-Desoto
 1462 County line and along the Highlands-Hardee County line to the
 1463 northwest corner of Township 36 South, Range 28 East; thence
 1464 east along the north boundary of Township 36 South to the
 1465 northeast corner of Section 1, Township 36 South, Range 28 East;
 1466 thence south along the range line to the southeast corner of
 1467 Section 12, Township 37 South, Range 28 East; thence east along
 1468 the section line to the northeast corner of Section 15, Township
 1469 37 South, Range 29 East; thence south along the section line to
 1470 the southeast corner of Section 34, Township 37 South, Range 29
 1471 East; thence east along the township line to the northeast
 1472 corner of Section 1, Township 38 South, Range 29 East; thence
 1473 south along the range line to the southeast corner of Section 1,
 1474 Township 39 South, Range 29 East; thence east along the section
 1475 line to the northwest corner of Section 11, Township 39 South,

1476 Range 30 East; thence north along the section line to the
 1477 southwest corner of Section 35, Township 38 South, Range 30
 1478 East; thence east along the township line to the southeast
 1479 corner of the west 1/4 of Section 35, Township 38 South, Range
 1480 30 East; thence north along the 1/4-section line of Sections
 1481 35, 26, and 23, Township 38 South, Range 30 East to the
 1482 northeast corner of the west 1/4 section of Section 23,
 1483 Township 38 South, Range 30 East; thence west along the section
 1484 line to the northwest corner of Section 23, Township 38 South,
 1485 Range 30 East; thence north along the section line to the
 1486 northwest corner of Section 2, Township 37 South, Range 30 East;
 1487 thence west along the township line to the southwest corner of
 1488 Section 34, Township 36 South, Range 30 East; thence north along
 1489 the section line to the northwest corner of Section 3, Township
 1490 36 South, Range 30 East; thence west along the township line to
 1491 the southwest corner of Section 31, Township 35 South, Range 30
 1492 East; thence north along the range line between Ranges 29 and 30
 1493 East, through Townships 35, 34, and 33 South, to the northwest
 1494 corner of Township 33 South, Range 30 East, being on the
 1495 Highlands-Polk County line; thence west along the Highlands-Polk
 1496 County line to the southwest corner of Township 32 South, Range
 1497 29 East; thence north along the range line between Ranges 28 and
 1498 29 East, in Townships 32 and 31 South, to the northwest corner
 1499 of Section 7 in Township 31 South, Range 29 East; thence east
 1500 along the section line to the northeast corner of Section 7,

1501 Township 31 South, Range 29 East; thence north along the section
 1502 line to the northwest corner of Section 17, Township 30 South,
 1503 Range 29 East; thence east along the section line to the
 1504 northeast corner of the west 1/2 of Section 17, Township 30
 1505 South, Range 29 East; thence north along the 1/2-section line
 1506 to the northeast corner of the west 1/2 of Section 5, Township
 1507 30 South, Range 29 East; thence west along the section line to
 1508 the southwest corner of Section 32, Township 29 South, Range 29
 1509 East; thence north along the section line to the northeast
 1510 corner of Section 19 in Township 29 South, Range 29 East; thence
 1511 west along the south boundaries of Section 18, Township 29
 1512 South, Range 29 East and Sections 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 in
 1513 Township 29 South, Range 28 East, to the southwest corner of
 1514 said Section 17; thence north along the section line to the
 1515 intersection of said section line with the west shore line of
 1516 Lake Pierce in Township 29 South, Range 28 East; thence
 1517 following the west shore of Lake Pierce to its intersection
 1518 again with the west section line of Section 5, Township 29
 1519 South, Range 28 East; thence north along the section line to the
 1520 northwest corner of Section 5, Township 29 South, Range 28 East;
 1521 thence east along the township line to the southwest corner of
 1522 Section 33, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence north along
 1523 the section line to the northwest corner of the southwest 1/4
 1524 of the southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Township 28 South, Range 28
 1525 East; thence east along the 1/4-section line to the

1526 intersection of said 1/4-section line with Lake Pierce; thence
 1527 follow the shore line northeasterly to its intersection with the
 1528 1/2-section line of Section 28, Township 28 South, Range 28
 1529 East; thence north on the 1/2-section line to the northwest
 1530 corner of the southeast 1/4 of Section 28, Township 28 South,
 1531 Range 28 East; thence east along the 1/2-section line to the
 1532 northeast corner of the southeast 1/4 of Section 28, Township
 1533 28 South, Range 28 East; thence south along the section line to
 1534 the northwest corner of Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 28
 1535 East; thence east along the section line to the northeast corner
 1536 of Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 28 East; thence north
 1537 along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 23,
 1538 Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence west along the section
 1539 line to the southwest corner of Section 16, Township 28 South,
 1540 Range 28 East; thence north along the section line to the
 1541 northwest corner of Section 16, Township 28 South, Range 28
 1542 East; thence west along the section line to the southwest corner
 1543 of Section 8, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence north
 1544 along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 5,
 1545 Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence west along the township
 1546 line to the intersection of said township line with Lake Marion;
 1547 thence following the south shore line of Lake Marion to its
 1548 intersection again with said township line; thence west along
 1549 the township line to the southeast corner of Section 36,
 1550 Township 27 South, Range 27 East; thence north along the range

1551 line between Ranges 27 and 28 East to the intersection of said
1552 range line with Lake Marion; thence following the west shore of
1553 Lake Marion to its intersection again with the range line
1554 between Ranges 27 and 28 East; thence north along said range
1555 line, in Townships 27 and 26 South, to the northwest corner of
1556 Township 26 South, Range 28 East, being on the Polk-Osceola
1557 County line; thence west along the Polk-Osceola County line to
1558 the southwest corner of Township 25 South, Range 27 East; thence
1559 northerly along the range line between Ranges 26 and 27 East to
1560 the northwest corner of Section 18, Township 23 South, Range 27
1561 East; thence easterly along the section lines to the southwest
1562 corner of Section 12, Township 23 South, Range 27 East; thence
1563 northerly along the section lines to the northwest corner of
1564 Section 1, Township 23 South, Range 27 East; thence easterly
1565 along the Township line between Townships 22 and 23 South to the
1566 southwest corner of Section 31, Township 22 South, Range 29
1567 East; thence northerly along the Range line between Ranges 28
1568 and 29 East to the northwest corner of Section 30, Township 22
1569 South, Range 29 East; thence easterly along the section lines to
1570 the westerly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 441; thence
1571 southerly along the westerly right-of-way line to the
1572 intersection with the northerly right-of-way line of State Road
1573 528A; thence easterly along the northerly right-of-way line to
1574 the intersection with the northerly right-of-way line of State
1575 Road 528, also known as the Bee Line Expressway; thence easterly

1576 | along the northerly right-of-way line of State Road 528 to the
 1577 | intersection with the range line between Township 23 South,
 1578 | Range 31 East and Township 23 South, Range 32 East; thence
 1579 | southerly along the Range line between Ranges 31 and 32 East to
 1580 | the Orange-Osceola County line; thence easterly along said
 1581 | county line between Townships 24 and 25 South to the northeast
 1582 | corner of Section 5, Township 25 South, Range 32 East; thence
 1583 | southerly along the section lines to the southeast corner of
 1584 | Section 32, Township 25 South, Range 32 East; thence easterly
 1585 | along the Township line between Townships 25 and 26 South to the
 1586 | northeast corner of Section 1, Township 26 South, Range 32 East;
 1587 | thence southerly along the Range line between Ranges 32 and 33
 1588 | East to the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 27 South,
 1589 | Range 32 East; thence westerly along the township line between
 1590 | Townships 27 and 28 South, to the northeast corner of Section 1,
 1591 | Township 28 South, Range 32 East; thence southerly along the
 1592 | Range line between Ranges 32 and 33 East to the southeast corner
 1593 | of Section 36, Township 29 South, Range 32 East; thence easterly
 1594 | along the Township line between Townships 29 and 30 South to the
 1595 | northeast corner of Section 1, Township 30 South, Range 33 East;
 1596 | thence southerly along the Range line between Ranges 33 and 34
 1597 | East to the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 30 South,
 1598 | Range 33 East; thence westerly along the Township line between
 1599 | Townships 30 and 31 South to the northeast corner of Section 4,
 1600 | Township 31 South, Range 33 East; thence southerly along the

1601 section lines to the Osceola-Okeechobee County line; thence
 1602 easterly along said county line to the northeast corner of
 1603 Section 3, Township 33 South, Range 34 East; thence southerly
 1604 along the section lines to the southeast corner of Section 34,
 1605 Township 34 South, Range 34 East; thence easterly along the
 1606 Township line between Townships 34 and 35 South to the southwest
 1607 corner of Section 36, Township 34 South, Range 35 East; thence
 1608 northerly along the section lines to the northwest corner of
 1609 Section 13, Township 34 South, Range 35 East; thence easterly
 1610 along the section line to the Range line between Ranges 35 and
 1611 36 East; thence northerly along said Range line to the northwest
 1612 corner of Section 18, Township 34 South, Range 36 East; thence
 1613 easterly along the section lines to the southwest corner of
 1614 Section 10, Township 34 south, Range 36 East; thence northerly
 1615 along the section line to the northwest corner of said Section
 1616 10; thence easterly along the section lines to the Okeechobee-
 1617 St. Lucie County line; thence northerly along said county line
 1618 to the south line of Indian River County; thence easterly along
 1619 the St. Lucie-Indian River County line to the Atlantic Ocean;
 1620 thence southerly along the Atlantic Ocean to the Gulf of America
 1621 ~~Mexico~~; thence northerly along the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~,
 1622 including the waters of said Ocean and of said Gulf and the
 1623 islands therein within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida,
 1624 to the point of beginning.

1625 **Section 44. Subsection (10) of section 375.031, Florida**

1626 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1627 375.031 Acquisition of land; procedures.—

1628 (10) The department is empowered and authorized to provide
 1629 matching funds to counties and municipalities of up to 50
 1630 percent of the cost of purchasing, exclusive of condemnation,
 1631 rights-of-way for access roads or walkways to public beaches
 1632 contiguous with the Atlantic Ocean or the Gulf of America
 1633 ~~Mexico~~.

1634 **Section 45. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section**
 1635 **376.25, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1636 376.25 Gambling vessels; registration; required and
 1637 prohibited releases.—

1638 (2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

1639 (c) "Coastal waters" means waters of the Atlantic Ocean
 1640 within 3 nautical miles of the coastline of the state and waters
 1641 of the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~ within 9 nautical miles of the
 1642 coastline of the state.

1643 **Section 46. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section**
 1644 **377.242, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1645 377.242 Permits for drilling or exploring and extracting
 1646 through well holes or by other means.—The department is vested
 1647 with the power and authority:

1648 (1) (a) To issue permits for the drilling for, exploring
 1649 for, or production of oil, gas, or other petroleum products
 1650 which are to be extracted from below the surface of the land,

1651 including submerged land, only through the well hole drilled for
 1652 oil, gas, and other petroleum products.

1653 1. No structure intended for the drilling for, or
 1654 production of, oil, gas, or other petroleum products may be
 1655 permitted or constructed on any submerged land within any bay or
 1656 estuary.

1657 2. No structure intended for the drilling for, or
 1658 production of, oil, gas, or other petroleum products may be
 1659 permitted or constructed within 1 mile seaward of the coastline
 1660 of the state.

1661 3. No structure intended for the drilling for, or
 1662 production of, oil, gas, or other petroleum products may be
 1663 permitted or constructed within 1 mile of the seaward boundary
 1664 of any state, local, or federal park or aquatic or wildlife
 1665 preserve or on the surface of a freshwater lake, river, or
 1666 stream.

1667 4. No structure intended for the drilling for, or
 1668 production of, oil, gas, or other petroleum products may be
 1669 permitted or constructed within 1 mile inland from the shoreline
 1670 of the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~, the Atlantic Ocean, or any bay or
 1671 estuary or within 1 mile of any freshwater lake, river, or
 1672 stream unless the department is satisfied that the natural
 1673 resources of such bodies of water and shore areas of the state
 1674 will be adequately protected in the event of accident or
 1675 blowout.

1676 5. Without exception, after July 1, 1989, no structure
1677 intended for the drilling for, or production of, oil, gas, or
1678 other petroleum products may be permitted or constructed south
1679 of 26°00'00" north latitude off Florida's west coast and south
1680 of 27°00'00" north latitude off Florida's east coast, within the
1681 boundaries of Florida's territorial seas as defined in 43 U.S.C.
1682 s. 1301. After July 31, 1990, no structure intended for the
1683 drilling for, or production of, oil, gas, or other petroleum
1684 products may be permitted or constructed north of 26°00'00"
1685 north latitude off Florida's west coast to the western boundary
1686 of the state bordering Alabama as set forth in s. 1, Art. II of
1687 the State Constitution, or located north of 27°00'00" north
1688 latitude off Florida's east coast to the northern boundary of
1689 the state bordering Georgia as set forth in s. 1, Art. II of the
1690 State Constitution, within the boundaries of Florida's
1691 territorial seas as defined in 43 U.S.C. s. 1301.

1692
1693 Each permit shall contain an agreement by the permitholder that
1694 the permitholder will not prevent inspection by division
1695 personnel at any time. The provisions of this section
1696 prohibiting permits for drilling or exploring for oil in coastal
1697 waters do not apply to any leases entered into before June 7,
1698 1991.

1699 **Section 47. Subsection (5) of section 377.2431, Florida**
1700 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1701 377.2431 Conditions for granting permits for natural gas
 1702 storage facilities.—

1703 (5) A permit may not be issued for a natural gas storage
 1704 facility that includes a natural gas storage reservoir located
 1705 beneath an underground source of drinking water unless the
 1706 applicant demonstrates that the injection, storage, or recovery
 1707 of natural gas will not cause or allow natural gas to migrate
 1708 into the underground source of drinking water; in any offshore
 1709 location in the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~, the Straits of Florida,
 1710 or the Atlantic Ocean; or in any solution-mined cavern within a
 1711 salt formation.

1712 **Section 48. Subsection (2) of section 379.101, Florida**
 1713 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1714 379.101 Definitions.—In construing these statutes, where
 1715 the context does not clearly indicate otherwise, the word,
 1716 phrase, or term:

1717 (2) "Beaches" and "shores" shall mean the coastal and
 1718 intracoastal shoreline of this state bordering upon the waters
 1719 of the Atlantic Ocean, the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~, the Straits
 1720 of Florida, and any part thereof, and any other bodies of water
 1721 under the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, between the mean
 1722 high-water line and as far seaward as may be necessary to
 1723 effectively carry out the purposes of this act.

1724 **Section 49. Subsection (1) of section 379.2254, Florida**
 1725 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1726 379.2254 Gulf States Marine Fisheries Compact;
 1727 implementing legislation.—

1728 (1) FORM.—The Governor of this state is hereby authorized
 1729 and directed to execute the compact on behalf of the State of
 1730 Florida with any one or more of the States of Alabama,
 1731 Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, and with such other state as
 1732 may enter into a compact, legal joining therein in the form
 1733 substantially as follows:

1734 GULF STATES MARINE FISHERIES

1735 COMPACT

1736 The contracting states solemnly agree:

1737 ARTICLE I

1738 Whereas the gulf coast states have the proprietary interest
 1739 in and jurisdiction over fisheries in the waters within their
 1740 respective boundaries, it is the purpose of this compact to
 1741 promote the better utilization of the fisheries, marine, shell
 1742 and anadromous, of the seaboard of the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~,
 1743 by the development of a joint program for the promotion and
 1744 protection of such fisheries and the prevention of the physical
 1745 waste of the fisheries from any cause.

1746 ARTICLE II

1747 This compact shall become operative immediately as to those
 1748 states ratifying it whenever any two or more of the States of
 1749 Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas have ratified
 1750 it and the Congress has given its consent subject to article I,

1751 s. 10 of the Constitution of the United States. Any state
 1752 contiguous to any of the aforementioned states or riparian upon
 1753 waters which flow into waters under the jurisdiction of any of
 1754 the aforementioned states and which are frequented by anadromous
 1755 fish or marine species may become a party hereto as hereinafter
 1756 provided.

1757 ARTICLE III

1758 Each state joining herein shall appoint three
 1759 representatives to a commission hereby constituted and
 1760 designated as the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission. One
 1761 shall be the head of the administrative agency of such state
 1762 charged with the conservation of the fishery resources to which
 1763 this compact pertains or, if there be more than one officer or
 1764 agency, the official of that state named by the governor
 1765 thereof. The second shall be a member of the legislature of such
 1766 state designated by such legislature or in the absence of such
 1767 designation, such legislator shall be designated by the governor
 1768 thereof, provided that if it is constitutionally impossible to
 1769 appoint a legislator as a commissioner from such state, the
 1770 second member shall be appointed in such manner as may be
 1771 established by law. The third shall be a citizen who shall have
 1772 a knowledge of and interest in the marine fisheries, to be
 1773 appointed by the governor. This commission shall be a body
 1774 corporate with the powers and duties set forth herein.

1775 ARTICLE IV

1776 The duty of the said commission shall be to make inquiry
1777 and ascertain from time to time such methods, practices,
1778 circumstances and conditions as may be disclosed for bringing
1779 about the conservation and the prevention of the depletion and
1780 physical waste of the fisheries, marine, shell and anadromous,
1781 of the gulf coast. The commission shall have power to recommend
1782 the coordination of the exercise of the police powers of the
1783 several states within their respective jurisdiction to promote
1784 the preservation of these fisheries and their protection against
1785 overfishing, waste, depletion or any abuse whatsoever and to
1786 assure a continuing yield from the fishery resources of the
1787 aforementioned states.

1788 To that end the commission shall draft and recommend to the
1789 governors and the legislatures of the various signatory states,
1790 legislation dealing with the conservation of the marine, shell
1791 and anadromous fisheries of the gulf seaboard. The commission
1792 shall from time to time present to the governor of each
1793 compacting state its recommendations relating to enactments to
1794 be presented to the legislature of the state in furthering the
1795 interest and purposes of this compact.

1796 The commission shall consult with and advise the pertinent
1797 administrative agencies in the states party hereto with regard
1798 to problems connected with the fisheries and recommend the
1799 adoption of such regulations as it deems advisable.

1800 The commission shall have power to recommend to the states

1801 party hereto the stocking of the waters of such states with fish
1802 and fish eggs or joint stocking by some or all of the states
1803 party hereto and when two or more states shall jointly stock
1804 waters the commission shall act as the coordinating agency for
1805 such stocking.

1806 ARTICLE V

1807 The commission shall elect from its number a chair and vice
1808 chair and shall appoint and at its pleasure remove or discharge
1809 such officers and employees as may be required to carry the
1810 provisions of this compact into effect and shall fix and
1811 determine their duties, qualifications and compensation. Said
1812 commission shall adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of
1813 its business. It may establish and maintain one or more offices
1814 for the transaction of its business and may meet at any time or
1815 place but must meet at least once a year.

1816 ARTICLE VI

1817 No action shall be taken by the commission in regard to its
1818 general affairs except by the affirmative vote of a majority of
1819 the whole number of compacting states. No recommendation shall
1820 be made by the commission in regard to any species of fish
1821 except by the affirmative vote of a majority of the compacting
1822 states which have an interest in such species. The commission
1823 shall define which shall be an interest.

1824 ARTICLE VII

1825 The Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the

1826 Interior of the Government of the United States shall act as the
1827 primary research agency of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries
1828 Commission cooperating with the research agencies in each state
1829 for that purpose. Representatives of the said fish and wildlife
1830 service shall attend the meetings of the commission. An advisory
1831 committee to be representative of the commercial salt water
1832 fishers and the salt water anglers and such other interests of
1833 each state as the commissioners deem advisable may be
1834 established by the commissioners from each state for the purpose
1835 of advising those commissioners upon such recommendations as it
1836 may desire to make.

1837 ARTICLE VIII

1838 When any state other than those named specifically in
1839 article II of this compact shall become a party hereto for the
1840 purpose of conserving its anadromous fish or marine species in
1841 accordance with the provisions of article II, the participation
1842 of such state in the action of the commission shall be limited
1843 to such species of fish.

1844 ARTICLE IX

1845 Nothing in this compact shall be construed to limit the
1846 powers or the proprietary interest of any signatory state or to
1847 repeal or prevent the enactment of any legislation or the
1848 enforcement of any requirement by a signatory state imposing
1849 additional conditions and restrictions to conserve its
1850 fisheries.

ARTICLE X

1851
 1852 It is agreed that any two or more states party hereto may
 1853 further amend this compact by acts of their respective
 1854 legislatures subject to approval of Congress as provided in
 1855 article I, s. 10, of the Constitution of the United States, to
 1856 designate the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission as a joint
 1857 regulating authority for the joint regulation of specific
 1858 fisheries affecting only such states as shall be compact, and at
 1859 their joint expense. The representatives of such states shall
 1860 constitute a separate section of the Gulf States Marine
 1861 Fisheries Commission for the exercise of the additional powers
 1862 so granted but the creation of such section shall not be deemed
 1863 to deprive the states so compacting of any of their privileges
 1864 or powers in the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission as
 1865 constituted under the other articles of this compact.

ARTICLE XI

1866
 1867 Continued absence of representation or of any
 1868 representative on the commission from any state party hereto
 1869 shall be brought to the attention of the governor thereof.

ARTICLE XII

1870
 1871 The operating expenses of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries
 1872 Commission shall be borne by the states party hereto. Such
 1873 initial appropriations as are set forth below shall be made
 1874 available yearly until modified as hereinafter provided:

1875 Florida.....\$3,500

1876	Alabama.....	1,000
1877	Mississippi.....	1,000
1878	Louisiana.....	5,000
1879	Texas.....	2,500
1880	
1881	Total.....	\$13,000

1882 The proration and total cost per annum of \$13,000, above-
 1883 mentioned, is estimated only, for initial operations, and may be
 1884 changed when found necessary by the commission and approved by
 1885 the legislatures of the respective states. Each state party
 1886 hereto agrees to provide in the manner most acceptable to it,
 1887 the travel costs and necessary expenses of its commissioners and
 1888 other representatives to and from meetings of the commission or
 1889 its duly constituted sections or committees.

1890 ARTICLE XIII

1891 This compact shall continue in force and remain binding
 1892 upon each compacting state until renounced by act of the
 1893 legislature of such state, in such form as it may choose;
 1894 provided that such renunciation shall not become effective until
 1895 6 months after the effective date of the action taken by the
 1896 legislature. Notice of such renunciation shall be given to the
 1897 other states party hereto by the secretary of state of the
 1898 compacting state so renouncing upon passage of the act.

1899 **Section 50. Subsection (1) of section 379.244, Florida**
 1900 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1901 379.244 Crustacea, marine animals, fish; regulations;
 1902 general provisions.—

1903 (1) OWNERSHIP OF FISH, SPONGES, ETC.—All fish, shellfish,
 1904 sponges, oysters, clams, and crustacea found within the rivers,
 1905 creeks, canals, lakes, bayous, lagoons, bays, sounds, inlets,
 1906 and other bodies of water within the jurisdiction of the state,
 1907 and within the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~ and the Atlantic Ocean
 1908 within the jurisdiction of the state, excluding all privately
 1909 owned enclosed fish ponds not exceeding 150 acres, are the
 1910 property of the state and may be taken and used by its citizens
 1911 and persons not citizens, subject to the reservations and
 1912 restrictions imposed by these statutes. No water bottoms owned
 1913 by the state shall ever be sold, transferred, dedicated, or
 1914 otherwise conveyed without reserving in the people the absolute
 1915 right to fish thereon, except as otherwise provided in these
 1916 statutes.

1917 **Section 51. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section**
 1918 **379.248, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1919 379.248 Sponges; regulation.—

1920 (3) TAKING, POSSESSING COMMERCIAL; SIZE.—

1921 (a) No person may take, by any means or method, from the
 1922 waters of the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~, the straits of this state
 1923 or the other waters within the territorial limits of this state,
 1924 any commercial sponges, measuring, when wet, less than 5 inches
 1925 in their maximum diameter.

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

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

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

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

380.24 Local government participation.—Units of local government abutting the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~ or the Atlantic Ocean, or which include or are contiguous to waters of the state where marine species of vegetation listed by rule as ratified in s. 373.4211 constitute the dominant plant community, shall develop a coastal zone protection element pursuant to s. 163.3177. Such units of local government shall be eligible to receive technical assistance from the state in preparing coastal zone protection elements and shall be the only units of local

1951 government eligible to apply to the department for available
1952 financial assistance. Local government participation in the
1953 coastal management program authorized by this act shall be
1954 voluntary. All permitting and enforcement of dredged-material
1955 management and other related activities subject to permit under
1956 the provisions of chapters 161 and 253 and part IV of chapter
1957 373 for deepwater ports identified in s. 403.021(9)(b) shall be
1958 done through the department consistent with the provisions of s.
1959 403.021(9).

1960 **Section 54.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.