

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	_____	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	_____	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	_____	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	_____	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	_____	(Y/N)
OTHER		

Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

Representative Overdorf offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

**Section 1.** Effective December 31, 2025 and notwithstanding sections 582.31 and 582.32, Florida Statutes, the following soil and water conservation districts are abolished, and all assets and liabilities of each district are transferred to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services:

- (1) Escambia Soil and Water Conservation District.
- (2) Yellow River Soil and Water Conservation District.
- (3) Holmes Creek Soil and Water Conservation District.
- (4) Orange Hill Soil and Water Conservation District.
- (5) Chipola River Soil and Water Conservation District.

Amendment No.

- 17 | (6) Tupelo Soil and Water Conservation District.
- 18 | (7) Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District.
- 19 | (8) Leon Soil and Water Conservation District.
- 20 | (9) Wakulla Soil and Water Conservation District.
- 21 | (10) Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District.
- 22 | (11) Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District.
- 23 | (12) Dixie Soil and Water Conservation District.
- 24 | (13) Santa Fe Soil and Water Conservation District.
- 25 | (14) Levy Soil and Water Conservation District.
- 26 | (15) Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District.
- 27 | (16) Alachua Soil and Water Conservation District.
- 28 | (17) Nassau Soil and Water Conservation District.
- 29 | (18) Duval Soil and Water Conservation District.
- 30 | (19) Clay Soil and Water Conservation District.
- 31 | (20) St. Johns Soil and Water Conservation District.
- 32 | (21) Volusia Soil and Water Conservation District.
- 33 | (22) Seminole Soil and Water Conservation District.
- 34 | (23) Orange Soil and Water Conservation District.
- 35 | (24) Hillsborough Soil and Water Conservation District.
- 36 | (25) Manatee River Soil and Water Conservation District.
- 37 | (26) Peace River Soil and Water Conservation District.
- 38 | (27) Sarasota Soil and Water Conservation District.
- 39 | (28) Charlotte Soil and Water Conservation District.
- 40 | (29) Osceola Soil and Water Conservation District.
- 41 | (30) Collier Soil and Water Conservation District.

839173 - h0973-strike.docx

Published On: 3/25/2025 3:02:27 PM

Amendment No.

42 (31) St. Lucie Soil and Water Conservation District.

43 (32) Broward Soil and Water Conservation District.

44 (33) South Dade Soil and Water Conservation District.

45 (34) Hendry Soil and Water Conservation District.

46 (35) Union Soil and Water Conservation District.

47 **Section 2. Present subsection (8) of section 171.093,**  
48 **Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (9), and a new**  
49 **subsection (8) is added to that section, to read:**

50 171.093 Municipal annexation within independent special  
51 districts.—

52 (8) Notwithstanding this chapter or any special act to the  
53 contrary, a municipality may not elect to assume services of an  
54 annexed area which are being provided by an independent special  
55 fire control district. Following an annexation pursuant to this  
56 chapter, an independent special fire control district shall  
57 remain the service provider in the annexed area, the  
58 geographical boundaries of the district must continue to include  
59 the annexed area, and the district may continue to levy ad  
60 valorem taxes, impact fees, and user fees and assessments on the  
61 real property located within the annexed area.

62 **Section 3. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (1) of**  
63 **section 189.03, Florida Statutes, to read:**

64 189.03 Statement of legislative purpose and intent;  
65 independent special districts.—

66 (1) The Legislature finds that:

839173 - h0973-strike.docx

Published On: 3/25/2025 3:02:27 PM

Amendment No.

67 (c) It is in the public interest for the Legislature to  
68 encourage an independent special district to make available to  
69 the public suitable district lands and water areas for public  
70 outdoor recreational purposes and to limit certain liability of  
71 the independent special district resulting from persons  
72 accessing such lands and areas and from third persons who may  
73 incur damages by the acts or omissions of persons going thereon.

74 **Section 4. Section 189.0331, Florida Statutes, is created**  
75 **to read:**

76 189.0331 Limitation on liability of independent special  
77 district with respect to areas made available to the public for  
78 recreational purposes without charge.-

79 (1) As used in this section, the term:

80 (a) "District lands or water areas" includes, but is not  
81 limited to, all district lands, rights-of-way, and water areas  
82 that an independent special district controls, possesses, or  
83 maintains, or in which the independent special district has a  
84 property or other interest, whether in fee simple, easement,  
85 leasehold, contract, memorandum of understanding, or otherwise.

86 (b) "Outdoor recreational purposes" includes activities  
87 such as, but not limited to, horseback riding, hunting, fishing,  
88 bicycling, swimming, boating, camping, picnicking, hiking,  
89 pleasure driving, nature study, water skiing, motorcycling, and  
90 visiting historical, archaeological, scenic, or scientific  
91 sites.

839173 - h0973-strike.docx

Published On: 3/25/2025 3:02:27 PM

Amendment No.

92       (2) (a) Except as provided in subsection (5), an  
93 independent special district that provides the public with  
94 access to district lands or water areas for outdoor recreational  
95 purposes, or allows access over or use of district lands or  
96 water areas for public outdoor recreational purposes, owes no  
97 duty of care to do any of the following:

98       1. Keep the district lands or water areas safe for entry  
99 or use by others.

100       2. Warn persons entering or going on such district lands  
101 or water areas of any hazardous conditions, structures, or  
102 activities thereon.

103       3. Extend any assurance that the district lands or water  
104 areas are safe for any purpose solely by allowing access to that  
105 district's lands or water areas.

106       (b) An independent special district does not incur any  
107 duty of care toward a person who goes on the district lands or  
108 water areas. An independent special district is not responsible  
109 for any injury to persons or property caused by an act or  
110 omission of a person who goes on such lands or water areas.

111       (c) This section applies to any person going on the  
112 district lands or water areas, or lands or water areas subject  
113 to a joint use or similar agreement, irrespective of whether the  
114 person goes as an invitee, licensee, or trespasser or in any  
115 other capacity. However, this subsection does not apply if there  
116 is any charge made or usually made for entering or using the

839173 - h0973-strike.docx

Published On: 3/25/2025 3:02:27 PM

Amendment No.

117 district lands or water areas, or if any commercial or other  
118 activity from which profit is derived from the patronage of the  
119 public, excluding the temporary sale of food, beverages, plants,  
120 or T-shirts at temporary special events or nonprofit  
121 organizational activities associated with temporary special  
122 events, is conducted on any such district lands or water areas,  
123 or any part thereof.

124 (3) The protections, immunities, and limitations of  
125 liability provided in this section to independent special  
126 districts apply regardless of whether any claimant or person was  
127 engaged in an outdoor recreational purpose at the time of an  
128 accident or occurrence and apply to district lands or water  
129 areas used by the public for recreational activities regardless  
130 of whether the district lands or water areas were made available  
131 to the public at the time of the accident or occurrence.

132 (4) If an independent special district secures an easement  
133 or other right for the purpose of providing access through  
134 private land to district lands or water areas that the  
135 independent special district provides or makes available to the  
136 public for outdoor recreational purposes, the owner of the  
137 private land is covered by the liability protection provided in  
138 s. 375.251 with regard to the use of such easement by the  
139 general public or by employees and agents of the independent  
140 special district or other regulatory agencies.

839173 - h0973-strike.docx

Published On: 3/25/2025 3:02:27 PM

Amendment No.

141 (5) (a) This section does not relieve an independent  
142 special district of any liability that would otherwise exist for  
143 gross negligence or a deliberate, willful, or malicious injury  
144 to a person or property.

145 (b) This section does not create or increase the liability  
146 of an independent special district or person beyond that which  
147 is authorized by s. 768.28.

148 **Section 5. Section 189.053, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
149 **to read:**

150 189.053 Purchases from purchasing agreements of other  
151 governmental entities ~~special districts, municipalities, or~~  
152 ~~counties.~~—Special districts may purchase commodities and  
153 contractual services, other than services the acquisition of  
154 which is governed by s. 287.055, from the purchasing agreements  
155 of other special districts, municipalities, ~~or~~ counties, or this  
156 state, which have been procured pursuant to competitive bid,  
157 requests for proposals, requests for qualifications, competitive  
158 selection, or competitive negotiations, and which are otherwise  
159 in compliance with general law if the purchasing agreement of  
160 the other special district, municipality, ~~or~~ county, or the  
161 state was procured by a process that would have met the  
162 procurement requirements of the purchasing special district.

163 **Section 6. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 189.0695,**  
164 **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

Amendment No.

165 189.0695 Independent special districts; performance  
166 reviews.—

167 (2) (a) ~~Each independent special district as described in~~  
168 ~~subparagraph (d)1. that is not located in a rural area of~~  
169 ~~opportunity as defined in s. 288.0656(2) and~~ Each independent  
170 special district as described in paragraph (c) subparagraph  
171 ~~(d)2.~~ must contract with an independent entity to conduct a  
172 performance review of the district. The independent entity must  
173 have at least 5 years of experience conducting comparable  
174 reviews of organizations similar in size and function to the  
175 independent special district under review, must conduct the  
176 review according to applicable industry best practices, and must  
177 have no affiliation with or financial involvement in the  
178 reviewed district.

179 (b) ~~The Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government~~  
180 ~~Accountability must conduct a performance review of each~~  
181 ~~independent special district as described in subparagraph (d)1.~~  
182 ~~that is located in a rural area of opportunity as defined in s.~~  
183 ~~288.0656(2) and may contract as needed to complete this~~  
184 ~~requirement.~~

185 ~~(c)~~ The final report of the performance review must be  
186 filed with the governing board of the district, the Auditor  
187 General, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
188 House of Representatives no later than 9 months from the  
189 beginning of the district's fiscal year according to the

839173 - h0973-strike.docx

Published On: 3/25/2025 3:02:27 PM



Amendment No.

190 schedule provided in paragraph (c) ~~paragraph (d)~~. However, a  
191 performance audit of an independent special district conducted  
192 by the Auditor General during the same fiscal year in which a  
193 performance review is due pursuant to paragraph (c) ~~paragraph~~  
194 ~~(d)~~ qualifies as that district's scheduled performance review  
195 under this section.

196 ~~(c)(d)1. Beginning October 1, 2022, and every 5 years~~  
197 ~~thereafter, each independent special fire control district as~~  
198 ~~defined in s. 191.003 must have a performance review conducted.~~

199 ~~2.~~ Beginning October 1, 2023, and every 5 years  
200 thereafter, each hospital licensed under chapter 395 which is  
201 governed by the governing body of a special district as defined  
202 in s. 189.012 or by the board of trustees of a public health  
203 trust created under s. 154.07 must have a performance review  
204 conducted.

205 (3) The Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government  
206 Accountability must conduct a performance review of all  
207 independent special districts classified as safe neighborhood  
208 improvement districts as defined in s. 163.503(1), no later than  
209 September 30, 2025, ~~within the classifications described in~~  
210 ~~paragraphs (a), (b), and (c)~~ and may contract as needed to  
211 complete the requirements of this subsection. The Office of  
212 Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability shall  
213 submit the final report of the performance review to the

Amendment No.

214 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
215 Representatives as follows:

216 ~~(a) For all independent mosquito control districts as~~  
217 ~~defined in s. 388.011, no later than September 30, 2023.~~

218 ~~(b) For all soil and water conservation districts as~~  
219 ~~defined in s. 582.01, no later than September 30, 2024.~~

220 ~~(c) For all safe neighborhood improvement districts as~~  
221 ~~defined in s. 163.503(1), no later than September 30, 2025.~~

222 **Section 7. Section 189.0699, Florida Statutes, is created**  
223 **to read:**

224 189.0699 Criminal history record checks for certain  
225 independent special district employees and appointees.—

226 (1) Notwithstanding chapter 435, an independent special  
227 district, by resolution, may require a state and national  
228 criminal history screening for all of the following:

229 (a) Any position of independent special district  
230 employment or appointment, whether paid, unpaid, or contractual,  
231 which the governing body of the independent special district  
232 finds is critical to security or public safety.

233 (b) Any private contractor, employee of a private  
234 contractor, vendor, repair person, or delivery person who is  
235 subject to licensing or regulation by the independent special  
236 district.

237 (c) Any private contractor, employee of a private  
238 contractor, vendor, repair person, for-hire chauffeur, or

839173 - h0973-strike.docx

Published On: 3/25/2025 3:02:27 PM

Amendment No.

239 delivery person who has direct contact with individual members  
240 of the public or access to any public facility or publicly  
241 operated facility in such a manner or to such an extent that the  
242 governing body of the independent special district finds that  
243 preventing unsuitable persons from having such contact or access  
244 is critical to security or public safety.

245 (2) The resolution must require each person applying for,  
246 or continuing employment or appointment in, any such position,  
247 applying for initial or continuing licensing or regulation, or  
248 having such contact or access to be fingerprinted. The  
249 fingerprints shall be submitted to the Department of Law  
250 Enforcement for a state criminal history record check and to the  
251 Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history  
252 record check. The information obtained from the criminal history  
253 record checks conducted pursuant to the resolution may be used  
254 by the independent special district to determine a person's  
255 eligibility for such employment or appointment or to determine a  
256 person's eligibility for continued employment or appointment.  
257 This section is not intended to preempt or prevent any other  
258 background screening, including, but not limited to, criminal  
259 history background checks, which an independent special district  
260 may lawfully undertake.

261 **Section 8. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section**  
262 **582.19, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraphs (c) and (d)**  
263 **are added to that subsection, to read:**

839173 - h0973-strike.docx

Published On: 3/25/2025 3:02:27 PM

Amendment No.

264 582.19 Qualifications and tenure of supervisors.—

265 (1) The governing body of the district shall consist of  
266 five supervisors, elected as provided in s. 582.18.

267 (a) To qualify to serve on the governing body of a  
268 district, a supervisor must be a registered an-eligible voter in  
269 this state who resides in the district and who meets any of the  
270 following criteria:

271 1. Is a landowner of land zoned as agricultural or  
272 classified as agricultural lands by the applicable property  
273 appraiser;

274 2. Is actively engaged in commercial agriculture  
275 production, which for purposes of this section means an  
276 individual that produces an agricultural commodity through  
277 participation in the day-to-day labor, management, and field  
278 operations or that has the legal right to harvest an  
279 agricultural commodity;

280 3. Is an actively engaged operator of a farm;

281 4. Is an owner of or employed by an agriculture business  
282 or farm;

283 5. Is an actively engaged agriculture or natural resources  
284 professional in a field that is directly related to commercial  
285 agriculture or natural resources;

286 6. Is an actively engaged college or university staff  
287 member or professor who has expertise in agriculture as defined  
288 in s. 570.02;

839173 - h0973-strike.docx

Published On: 3/25/2025 3:02:27 PM

Amendment No.

289 7. Is an actively engaged direct agriculture-related  
290 vendor; or

291 8. Has retired from such work or previously owned land as  
292 described in subparagraphs 1.-7., provided the person performed  
293 such work or owned such land for a minimum of 5 years.

294 (c) Any candidate running to serve as a supervisor  
295 pursuant to this section must provide supporting documentation  
296 to the supervisor of elections at the time of qualification to  
297 verify his or her eligibility to serve pursuant to the criteria  
298 listed in paragraph (a). Such proof may include, but need not be  
299 limited to, a copy of a property tax bill; a copy of an Internal  
300 Revenue Service Schedule F, Profit or Loss From Farming form;  
301 proof of employment as a professional in the field of  
302 agriculture or natural resources; or a curriculum vitae  
303 demonstrating expertise in such topics.

304 (d) The Commission on Ethics shall investigate alleged  
305 violations of this section upon receipt of a written complaint  
306 based upon personal knowledge or information other than hearsay  
307 and signed under oath or affirmation that a supervisor does not  
308 meet the eligibility criteria provided for in this section

309 ~~1. Is actively engaged in, or retired after 10 years of~~  
310 ~~being engaged in, agriculture as defined in s. 570.02;~~

311 ~~2. Is employed by an agricultural producer; or~~

312 ~~3. Owns, leases, or is actively employed on land~~  
313 ~~classified as agricultural under s. 193.461.~~

839173 - h0973-strike.docx

Published On: 3/25/2025 3:02:27 PM

Amendment No.

314           **Section 9. Section 582.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to**  
315 **read:**

316           582.20 Powers of districts and supervisors.—A soil and  
317 water conservation district organized under the provisions of  
318 this chapter shall constitute a governmental subdivision of this  
319 state, and a public body corporate and politic, exercising  
320 public powers, and such district and the supervisors thereof  
321 shall have the following powers, in addition to others granted  
322 in other sections of this chapter:

323           (1) To conduct surveys, studies, and research relating to  
324 soil and water resources and to publish and disseminate the  
325 results of such surveys, studies, research, and related  
326 information;

327           (2) To conduct agricultural best management practices  
328 demonstration projects and projects for the conservation,  
329 protection, and restoration of soil and water resources:

330           (a) Within the district's boundaries;

331           (b) Within another district's boundaries, ~~subject to the~~  
332 ~~other district's approval;~~

333           (c) In areas not contained within any district's  
334 boundaries on lands owned or controlled by this state or any of  
335 its agencies, with the cooperation of the agency administering  
336 and having jurisdiction thereof; or

337           (d) On any other lands within the district's boundaries,  
338 within another district's boundaries subject to the other

839173 - h0973-strike.docx

Published On: 3/25/2025 3:02:27 PM

Amendment No.

339 district's approval, or not contained within any district's  
340 boundaries upon obtaining the consent of the owner or occupier  
341 of the lands or the necessary rights or interests in such lands;

342 (3) To cooperate, or enter into agreements with, any  
343 special district, municipality, county, water management  
344 district, state or federal agency, governmental or otherwise, or  
345 owner or occupier of lands within the district's boundaries,  
346 within another district's boundaries ~~subject to the other~~  
347 ~~district's approval~~, or not contained within any district's  
348 boundaries in furtherance of the purposes and provisions of this  
349 chapter;

350 (4) To obtain options upon and to acquire, by purchase,  
351 exchange, lease, gift, grant, bequest, devise or otherwise, any  
352 property, real or personal, or rights or interests therein; to  
353 maintain, administer, and improve any properties acquired, to  
354 receive income from such properties and to expend such income in  
355 carrying out the purposes and provisions of this chapter; and to  
356 sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of any of its property or  
357 interests therein in furtherance of the purposes and provisions  
358 of this chapter;

359 (5) To make available, on such terms as it shall  
360 prescribe, to any owner or occupier of lands within the  
361 district's boundaries, within another district's boundaries  
362 ~~subject to the other district's approval~~, or not contained  
363 within any district's boundaries agricultural and engineering

839173 - h0973-strike.docx

Published On: 3/25/2025 3:02:27 PM

Amendment No.

364 machinery and equipment, and such other material or equipment,  
365 that will assist such landowners and occupiers to carry on  
366 operations upon their lands for the conservation and protection  
367 of soil and water resources;

368 (6) To construct, improve, operate, and maintain such  
369 structures as may be necessary or convenient for the performance  
370 of any of the operations authorized in this chapter;

371 (7) To provide, or assist in providing, training and  
372 education programs that further the purposes and provisions of  
373 this chapter;

374 (8) To sue and be sued in the name of the district; to  
375 have a seal, which seal shall be judicially noticed; to have  
376 perpetual succession unless terminated as provided in this  
377 chapter; to make and execute contracts and other instruments  
378 necessary or convenient to the exercise of its powers; upon a  
379 majority vote of the supervisors of the district, to borrow  
380 money and to execute promissory notes and other evidences of  
381 indebtedness in connection therewith, and to pledge, mortgage,  
382 and assign the income of the district and its personal property  
383 as security therefor, the notes and other evidences of  
384 indebtedness to be general obligations only of the district and  
385 in no event to constitute an indebtedness for which the faith  
386 and credit of the state or any of its revenues are pledged;

387 (9) To use, in coordination with the applicable county or  
388 counties, the services of the county agricultural agents and the

839173 - h0973-strike.docx

Published On: 3/25/2025 3:02:27 PM



Amendment No.

389 facilities of their offices, if practicable and feasible. The  
390 supervisors may also employ additional permanent and temporary  
391 staff, as needed, and determine their qualifications, duties,  
392 and compensation. The supervisors may delegate to the chair, to  
393 one or more supervisors, or to employees such powers and duties  
394 as they may deem proper, consistent with the provisions of this  
395 chapter. The supervisors shall furnish to the department, upon  
396 request, copies of rules, orders, contracts, forms, and other  
397 documents that the district has adopted or used, and any other  
398 information concerning the district's activities, that the  
399 department may require in the performance of its duties under  
400 this chapter;

401 (10) To adopt rules to implement the provisions of this  
402 chapter; and

403 (11) To request that the Governor remove a supervisor for  
404 neglect of duty or malfeasance in office by adoption of a  
405 resolution at a public meeting. If the district believes there  
406 is a need for a review of the request, the district may request  
407 that the council, by resolution, review its request to the  
408 Governor and provide the Governor with a recommendation.

409

410 Any provision with respect to the acquisition, operation, or  
411 disposition of property by public bodies of this state does not  
412 apply to a district organized under this chapter unless  
413 specifically so stated by the Legislature. The property and

839173 - h0973-strike.docx

Published On: 3/25/2025 3:02:27 PM

Amendment No.

414 property rights of every kind and nature acquired by any  
415 district organized under the provisions of this chapter are  
416 exempt from state, county, and other taxation.

417 **Section 10.** Effective upon this act becoming a law, the  
418 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall monitor  
419 all soil and water conservation districts being abolished in  
420 accordance with this act for statutory compliance through the  
421 repeal on December 31, 2025, and to ensure that the district is  
422 winding up administrative and fiscal matters related to the  
423 district in a timely manner while using best practices through  
424 the dissolution of the district.

425 **Section 11. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment**  
426 **made by this act to section 171.093, Florida Statutes, in a**  
427 **reference thereto, subsection (11) of section 189.074, Florida**  
428 **Statutes, is reenacted to read:**

429 189.074 Voluntary merger of independent special  
430 districts.—Two or more contiguous independent special districts  
431 created by special act which have similar functions and elected  
432 governing bodies may elect to merge into a single independent  
433 district through the act of merging the component independent  
434 special districts.

435 (11) EFFECT ON ANNEXATION.—Chapter 171 continues to apply  
436 to all annexations by a city within the component independent  
437 special districts' boundaries after merger occurs. Any moneys  
438 owed to a component independent special district pursuant to s.

839173 - h0973-strike.docx

Published On: 3/25/2025 3:02:27 PM

Amendment No.

439 171.093, or any interlocal service boundary agreement as a  
440 result of annexation predating the merger, shall be paid to the  
441 merged independent district after merger.

442 **Section 12.** Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
443 act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon  
444 becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

445

446

447

448

-----  
**T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

449

Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

450

An act relating to special districts; abolishing

451

certain soil and water conservation districts in this

452

state; transferring the assets and liabilities of such

453

districts to the Department of Agriculture and

454

Consumer Services; amending s. 171.093, F.S.;

455

prohibiting municipalities from assuming certain

456

services in annexed areas; providing that a fire

457

control district remains the provider of specified

458

services in the annexed area; requiring that the

459

district's geographical boundaries continue to include

460

the annexed area; authorizing the district to continue

461

certain levies and assessments; amending s. 189.03,

462

F.S.; revising the legislative purpose and intent for

463

independent special districts; creating s. 189.0331,

839173 - h0973-strike.docx

Published On: 3/25/2025 3:02:27 PM

Amendment No.

464 F.S.; defining the terms "district lands or water  
465 areas" and "outdoor recreational purposes"; providing  
466 that an independent special district that grants the  
467 public access to district lands or water areas for  
468 outdoor recreational purposes owes no duty of care to  
469 perform specified actions; providing that an  
470 independent special district is not responsible for  
471 injury to persons or property caused by an act or  
472 omission of such person upon such lands or water  
473 areas; providing applicability; providing that  
474 specified protections, immunities, and limitations of  
475 liability apply regardless of whether a person or  
476 claimant was engaged in an outdoor recreational  
477 purpose at the time of an accident or occurrence;  
478 providing certain protection to the owner of private  
479 land if an independent special district secures an  
480 easement or other access right through such private  
481 land to district lands or water areas that the  
482 independent special district makes available to the  
483 public for outdoor recreational purposes; providing  
484 that independent special districts are not relieved of  
485 certain liability; amending s. 189.053, F.S.;

486 providing that a special district may purchase  
487 commodities and contractual services from the  
488 purchasing agreements of other specified entities

839173 - h0973-strike.docx

Published On: 3/25/2025 3:02:27 PM

Amendment No.

489 under certain circumstances; amending s. 189.0695,  
490 F.S.; deleting a provision requiring the Office of  
491 Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability  
492 to conduct performance reviews of independent fire  
493 control districts on a specified schedule; requiring  
494 the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government  
495 Accountability to conduct a performance review of  
496 certain independent special districts by a specified  
497 date; deleting provisions requiring the Office of  
498 Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability  
499 to submit the final report of performance reviews for  
500 certain districts according to a specified schedule;  
501 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;  
502 creating s. 189.0699, F.S.; providing that an  
503 independent special district may require, by  
504 resolution, criminal history screening for certain  
505 persons; providing requirements for such resolution;  
506 providing construction; amending s. 582.19, F.S.;  
507 revising the qualifications of a supervisor of a soil  
508 and water conservation district; amending s. 582.20,  
509 F.S.; deleting provisions subjecting certain powers of  
510 a soil and water conservation district to another  
511 district's approval; requiring the Department of  
512 Agriculture and Consumer Services to monitor specified  
513 soil and water conservation districts and ensure that

839173 - h0973-strike.docx

Published On: 3/25/2025 3:02:27 PM

Amendment No.

514 | each district is winding up administrative and fiscal  
515 | matters in a timely manner and using certain  
516 | practices; reenacting s. 189.074(11), F.S., relating  
517 | to voluntary merger of independent special districts,  
518 | to incorporate the amendment made to s. 171.093, F.S.,  
519 | in a reference thereto; providing effective dates.  
520 |