

By the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to ratification of rules of the
Department of Environmental Protection; ratifying a
specified rule relating to the Lower Santa Fe and
Ichetucknee Rivers and Priority Springs minimum flows
and recovery strategy for the sole and exclusive
purpose of satisfying any condition on effectiveness
pursuant to s. 120.541(3), F.S., which requires
ratification of any rule exceeding the specified
thresholds for likely adverse impact or increase in
regulatory costs; providing construction; providing an
effective date.

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

Section 1. (1) The following rule is ratified for the sole
and exclusive purpose of satisfying any condition on the
effectiveness imposed under s. 120.541(3), Florida Statutes:
Rule 62-42.300, Florida Administrative Code, titled "The Lower
Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers and Priority Springs," as filed
for adoption with the Department of State pursuant to the
certification package dated December 31, 2025.

(2) This act serves no other purpose and may not be
codified in the Florida Statutes. After this act becomes a law,
its enactment and effective dates must be noted in the Florida
Administrative Code, the Florida Administrative Register, or
both, as appropriate. This act does not alter rulemaking
authority delegated by prior law, does not constitute
legislative preemption of or exception to any provision of law

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governing adoption or enforcement of the rule cited, and is
intended to preserve the status of any cited rule as a rule
under chapter 120, Florida Statutes. This act does not cure any
rulemaking defect or preempt any challenge based on a lack of
authority or a violation of the legal requirements governing the
adoption of any rule cited.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.