

**FOR CONSIDERATION** 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.