

SB 1136 — RELATING TO FIRESAFETY INSPECTIONS

by Senator Crist

The bill provides that county, municipal, and special district utilities may designate employees to perform fire hydrant inspections, regardless of whether those employees are certified by the State Fire Marshal. Although a certification is no longer required, the county, municipal, and special district utilities are responsible for ensuring that the designated employees are qualified to perform fire hydrant inspections. Additionally, the bill provides that public fire hydrants owned by a governmental entity shall be inspected following standards adopted by the State Fire Marshal or equivalent standards, such as those contained in the latest edition of the American Water Works Association Manual.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect immediately.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 114-0