

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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Date: March 13, 1998 Revised: _____

Subject: East County Water Control District

	<u>Analyst</u>	<u>Staff Director</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Action</u>
1.	Cooper	Yeatman	CA	Favorable
2.	_____	_____	RC	_____
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I. Summary:

This bill relates to the East County Water Control District. The bill provides for a change in the election date of board members to conform with the state general election cycle in even-numbered years. In addition, the bill extends the length of term for current board members by one year, in order to accomplish the election date change.

This bill amends subsection (3) of section 1 of chapter 87-477, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapters 90-393 and 93-309, Laws of Florida.

II. Present Situation:

The East County Water Control District is an independent special district established by the 1963 Legislature to address water issues related to flooding and drainage for Lee and Hendry Counties. Statutory authority for the district is derived from chapter 298, Florida Statutes. The water control district is empowered by the Legislature to charge assessments on property located within the district.

Currently, the East County Water Control District Board of Supervisors consists of five members that are elected at large by the electors living within the district. Each term of office for board members is four years. Elections are currently in odd-numbered years, as provided in the district's charter.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill provides for a change in the election date for members of the District Board of Supervisors for the water control district. The election date is changed to conform with the state

general election cycle which requires elections in even-numbered years. In addition, the bill extends the length of term for current board members by one year, in order to accomplish the election date change.

This act takes effect upon becoming a law.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The district will eliminate election expenses every odd-number year if it holds elections with the state's general election cycle.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

The notice for this local bill was published in Ft. Myers Florida News-Press, the Cape Coral Daily Breeze, and the Lehigh Acres News-Star, on November 5th and 13th, 1997.

VIII. Amendments:

None.

This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.
