

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES LOCAL BILL STAFF ANALYSIS**

**BILL #:** HB 1489                      Lake County Water Authority  
**SPONSOR(S):** Gibson  
**TIED BILLS:** None.                      **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:** None.

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REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) <u>Local Government &amp; Veterans' Affairs</u>	_____	<u>Smith-Boggis</u>	<u>Highsmith-Smith</u>
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**SUMMARY ANALYSIS**

This bill allows the Lake County Water Authority to elect officers within 30 days following the November general election if the meeting and the election of officers have been advertised properly.

No fiscal impacts are anticipated for either fiscal year 2002-03 or 2003-04 according to the Economic Impact Statement.

## FULL ANALYSIS

### I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

#### A. DOES THE BILL:

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. Reduce government?                | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Lower taxes?                      | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Expand individual freedom?        | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Increase personal responsibility? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Empower families?                 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

#### B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill allows the Lake County Water Authority (Authority) to elect officers within 30 days following the November general election if the meeting and the election of officers have been advertised properly.

##### Present Situation:

The Lake County Water Authority is an independent special district created by chapter 29222, Special Acts of Florida, 1953, as amended. Chapter 2000-492, F.S., amended the charter to change the name of the Oklawaha Basin Recreation and Water Conservation Control Authority to the Lake County Water Authority. Chapter 2000-492, F.S., also amended the charter to increase the number of members of the governing board from three to seven, require that members be elected, rather than appointed, in nonpartisan elections conducted by the county supervisor of elections in accordance with the Florida Election Code, require resident status for five of the members of Lake County, change the terms of board members, prohibit any board member from serving as executive director of the Authority, provide that the board may authorize the Executive Director to pay expenses, and change the number of board members required to constitute a quorum.

Currently, the Board of Trustees (Board) consists of seven members and requires five of the members to reside in the same areas apportioned as the county commission districts. The district requires a nonpartisan election to be held with the general election in 2000 pursuant to s. 189.405, F.S., and provides for staggered terms and elections. The district also requires the Board to select a nonmember to serve as Executive Director.

#### C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1. Amends section 4 of chapter 29222 (1953), as amended by chapters 57-1484, 59-1466, 63-1507, 65-1787, 69-1209, and 2000-492, L.O.F., to allow the Lake County Water Authority to elect officers within 30 days following the November general election if the meeting and the election of officers have been advertised properly.

Section 2. Provides that the act shall take effect upon becoming law.

### II. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes  No

IF YES, WHEN? January 4, 2003

WHERE? The Daily Commercial, Leesburg, Lake County, Florida

B. REFERENDUM(S) REQUIRED? Yes  No

IF YES, WHEN?

C. LOCAL BILL CERTIFICATION FILED? Yes, attached  No

D. ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FILED? Yes, attached  No

### III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES: Not Applicable.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY: Not Applicable.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS: None.

### IV. AMENDMENT/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

Not Applicable.