

The Florida Senate
PROFESSIONAL STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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Prepared By: Community Affairs Committee

BILL: CS/SB 1764

INTRODUCER: Community Affairs Committee and Senator Saunders

SUBJECT: South Florida Water Management District

DATE: April 18, 2007 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Bascom</u>	<u>Kiger</u>	<u>EP</u>	Favorable
2.	<u>Molloy</u>	<u>Yeatman</u>	<u>CA</u>	Fav/CS
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I. Summary:

The committee substitute (bill) increases the governing board members of the South Florida Water Management from 9 members to 11 members, and requires that one member be a resident of Lee County, and one member be a resident of either St. Lucie or Martin counties.

This bill amends s. 373.073, F.S.

II. Present Situation:

South Florida Water Management District Governing Board

Section 373.073, F.S., provides that the members of the governing boards of all five water management districts must reside within the appropriate water management district boundaries. With the exception of the Southwest Florida Water Management District governing board which consists of 11 members, the governing boards of each district consist of 9 members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Governing board members are selected from candidates with significant experience in, but not limited to, agriculture, the development industry, local government, public or privately owned water utilities, law, civil engineering, environmental science, hydrology, accounting, or financial businesses.

Section 373.073(2)(b), F.S., provides that vacancies in the governing boards are filled according to residency requirements designed to represent areas designated by the United States Water Resources Council in United States Geological Survey, River Basin and Hydrological Unit Map of Florida – 1975, Map Series No. 72. For the South Florida Water Management District, membership is designated as follows:

- Two members residing in Dade County¹.
- One member residing in Broward County.
- One member residing in Palm Beach County.
- One member residing in Collier, Lee, Hendry or Charlotte counties.
- One member residing in Glades, Okeechobee, Highlands, Polk, Orange or Osceola counties.
- Two at large members residing in an area consisting of St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward, Dade or Monroe counties.
- One at large member residing in an area consisting of Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Hendry, Glades, Osceola, Okeechobee, Polk, Highlands or Orange counties.

No county may have more than three members on the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 1. Amends subsection (1) and paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section 373.073, F.S., to:

- Increase the membership of the South Florida Water Management District governing board from 9 to 11.
- Provide that one member shall be a resident of Lee County.
- Provide that one member shall be a resident of either St. Lucie or Martin Counties.
- Remaining appointees are unchanged.

Section 2. Provides an effective date of July 1, 2007.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

This bill does not require cities and counties to expend funds or limit their authority to raise revenues or receive state-shared revenues as specified by s. 18, Art. VII, State Constitution.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

¹ The voters of Dade County changes its name to Miami-Dade County in November, 1997.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

If this bill is enacted into law, Lee County will have a designated member sitting on the South Florida Water Management District's governing board, and a designated member from St. Lucie or Martin counties will be appointed.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Summary of Amendments:

None.

This Senate Professional Staff Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.
