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Conforming Bill

House Offer # 1

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DESCRIPTION	DESCRIPTION	HOUSE OFFER #1	SENATE
No House Companion	SB 2142 - Water Management Districts		
	<p>Section 1. Creates s. 373.502, F.S., to establish water management district local accounts for appropriation purposes, effective October 1, 2011. This section requires that all revenues received by a water management district and all unexpended balances in a district's local account as of September 30, 2011, are considered deposited into the Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund and appropriated to the local account of each water management district. The section specifies that the expenditure of funds from a district's local account may not exceed the authority provided in the General Appropriations Act, unless approved pursuant to ch. 216, F.S. In the event that a court finds that this restriction is invalid, all revenues are to be deposited into the State Treasury.</p>	HOUSE	
<p>Section 1. - Amends s. 373.503, F.S., to remove obsolete provisions. - Requires the Legislature to annually review the preliminary budget for the next fiscal year from taxes levied and set the maximum amount of revenue to be raised by each district in the next fiscal year. If the Legislature does not set the annual maximum amount of property tax revenue by July 1 of each year, the maximum property tax revenue that may be raised reverts to the amount authorized in the prior year. - Establishes total ad valorem taxes levied for the 2011-2012 fiscal year to not exceed: \$3,946,969 (Northwest Florida WMD) \$5,412,674 (Suwannee River WMD) \$85,335,619 (St. Johns River WMD) \$107,766,957 (Southwest Florida WMD) \$284,901,967 (South Florida WMD). <i>Note: The revenue limits for the 2011-2012 fiscal year equate to approximately a \$210,500,000 reduction in proposed ad valorem taxes.</i></p>	<p>Section 2. Amends s. 373.503, F.S., to require the Legislature to annually review the authorized millage rate for each district and set the maximum amount of revenue to be raised. If the Legislature fails to set the annual maximum amount of property tax revenue on or before July 1 of each year, the districts are not authorized to raise additional revenue through the levy of ad valorem taxes on property.</p>	HOUSE	

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<p>Section 2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requires by September 1, 2011, each water management district to provide a monthly financial statement to its governing board and make such statements available for public access on its website. - The Governor's Office and the Legislative Budget Commission are authorized to disapprove, in whole or in part, the budget of each water management district. - Requires the Governor's Office to analyze each water management district's budget and provide the analysis to the Legislative Budget Commission. - Requires the Governor's Office, the Legislative Budget Commission, and the water management districts to develop a process to facilitate review and communication regarding the water management district budgets. Any proposed budget provision rejected by the Governor or the Legislative Budget Commission shall not be included into the district's final budget which appears before the governing board for final adoption. - Requires each water management district by August 1 of each year to submit for review a tentative budget to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the Legislative Budget Commission, the secretary of the department, and the governing body of each county in which the district has jurisdiction or derives any funds for the operations of the district. 	<p>Section 3. Substantially amends s. 373.536, F.S., as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Changes the water management district fiscal year from October 1 through September 30 to July 1 through June 30 to conform to the state fiscal year. - Maintains current law with respect to budget content and the Governor's involvement in district budget development and analysis. - Eliminates the Governor's authority to approve or disapprove water management districts' budget in whole or in part. - Requires the districts to hold in reserve a minimum of 25 percent of property taxes levied for the following fiscal year. - For Fiscal Year 2012-2013, the bill requires the water management districts to develop and submit, through the Department of Environmental Protection, a legislative budget request following the same process used by state agencies. - Provides that the Governor will include recommendations for water management district budgets as part of his/her budget recommendations to the Legislature. - Provides that the budget for each district shall be the budget approved by the Legislature in the General Appropriations Act, subject to review, approval, or veto by the Governor, and that it may be amended under specified circumstances. - Requires each district to begin posting financial data on its website by September 1, 2011. - On or after July 1, 2012, requires the districts maintain financial data in accordance with financial management codes adopted by the Chief Financial Officer. - Allows districts to expend funds approved by the Legislature until its final budget is adopted by the local governing board. - Specifies certain budgetary controls related to lump sum bonuses, fund transfers, and unanticipated receipt of funds after the adoption of the final budget. - Maintains current law with respect to audits, a five-year capital improvements plan, and a five-year water resource development work program. 	HOUSE	
	<p>Section 4. Amends s. 403.891, F.S., to expand the purpose of the Water Protection and Sustainability Trust Fund to include appropriations of local accounts for water management districts.</p>	HOUSE	
	<p>Sections 5.-8. Provides clarifying and conforming changes to other sections of the bill.</p>	HOUSE	
	<p>Section 9. Provides for a transition period beginning on October 1, 2011, and ending on June 30, 2012. To ensure sufficient funds are available for the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, the bill allows each water management district to adopt a millage rate that is 33.33 percent higher than the millage rate needed to fund the October 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012, fiscal year. Also, the bill limits the amount of ad valorem taxes each district may levy to specified amounts. Finally, the bill provides an appropriation for all prior year incurred obligations as defined in this section and authorizes districts to spend funds prior to the adoption of a final budget.</p>	HOUSE	
<p>Section 3. Provides an effective date of upon becoming a law.</p>	<p>Section 10. Provides an effective date of upon becoming a law.</p>	SAME	