

Senate Bill No. 2568

An act relating to financial matters; creating s. 215.245, F.S.; authorizing the state and its political subdivisions to enter into indemnification agreements with the Federal Government with respect to water resources development projects; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 215.245, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

215.245 Contracts with Federal Government; indemnification authorized in certain circumstances.—The state and its political subdivisions, which are authorized to enter into cooperative agreements or otherwise contract or participate with the Federal Government in constructing water resources development projects under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Army, are authorized to agree in such contracts or participation agreements to indemnify and hold harmless the United States from damages due to the construction, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, and rehabilitation of the projects and any state or local sponsor project-related betterments, except for damages due to the fault or negligence of the United States or its contractors; however, this section does not obligate the Legislature to provide future appropriations and does not abrogate the provisions of s. 45.062.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 11, 1999.

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