

House Bill No. 799

An act relating to the Barron Water Control District, an independent special district in Glades County and Hendry County, codifying the District's charter pursuant to section 189.429, Florida Statutes; providing legislative intent; amending, codifying, and reenacting the special laws relating to the Barron Water Control District as a single act; declaring the status of the District; providing for the corporate life of the District and the term of office of the supervisors of the District; repealing chapters 84-436 and 2000-416, Laws of Florida; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Pursuant to section 189.429, Florida Statutes, this act constitutes the codification of all special acts relating to the Barron Water Control District. It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this law to provide a single, comprehensive special act charter for the District including all current legislative authority granted to the District by its several legislative enactments and any additional authority granted by this act. It is further the intent of this act to preserve all District authority in addition to any authority contained in chapter 298, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time.

Section 2. Chapters 84-436 and 2000-416, Laws of Florida, relating to the Barron Water Control District, are amended, codified, reenacted, and repealed as herein provided.

Section 3. The charter for the Barron Water Control District is re-created and reenacted to read:

Section 1. Status of Barron Water Control District.—The Barron Water Control District is an independent special district authorized by chapter 298, Florida Statutes, created by the “Order Granting Petition for the Formation of a Water Management [sic] District,” entered on May 8, 1975, by the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, in Case No. 72-197, styled “In Re: Barron Water Management District,” and the modification provided by this codification.

Section 2. Charter of Barron Water Control District.—The Charter of the Barron Water Control District is provided by chapter 298, Florida Statutes, and by this act, and, to the extent it is not inconsistent with this act and chapter 298, Florida Statutes, or to the extent the inconsistency is allowed by this act or chapter 298, Florida Statutes, by the “Order Granting Petition for the Formation of Water Management [sic] District,” entered on May 8, 1975, by the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, in Case No. 72-197, styled “In Re: Barron Water Management District.”

Section 3.a. The Barron Water Control District of Glades and Hendry Counties shall cease to exist at midnight September 30, 2020.

b. The terms of office of the supervisors of the Barron Water Control District shall be changed so as to change to the month of January the time for the annual meeting of the landowners of the Barron Water Control District. In all other respects, the procedures and requirements pertaining to said annual landowners' meeting shall be as prescribed by chapter 298, Florida Statutes.

Section 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared severable.

Section 5. This act shall be construed as a remedial act and shall be liberally construed to promote the purpose for which it is intended.

Section 6. Chapters 84-436 and 2000-416, Laws of Florida, are repealed.

Section 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor May 29, 2001.

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