

House Bill No. 301

An act relating to the East County Water Control District, Hendry and Lee Counties; amending ch. 2000-423, Laws of Florida; providing for the apportionment of maintenance taxes equitably to all equally benefited properties; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 3 of section 3 of chapter 2000-423, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 3. Maintenance assessments.—Maintenance assessments as provided for under section 298.54, Florida Statutes, shall be apportioned upon the basis of the net assessments of benefits assessed as accruing from original construction and any subsequent improvements, and shall be due and collected pursuant to section 298.54, Florida Statutes, chapter 197, Florida Statutes, and this act. Provided, nothing herein shall prevent the Board of Supervisors from apportioning maintenance taxes for the maintenance of the district facilities equally to all benefited acres if the Board of Supervisors determines that benefits are substantially equal for benefited acreage throughout the District. Said assessments shall be a lien until paid on the property against which assessed and enforceable in like manner as county taxes.

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

Approved by the Governor June 26, 2003.

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