

House Bill No. 1489

An act relating to the Lake County Water Authority, formerly known as the Oklawaha Basin Recreation and Water Conservation and Control Authority, Lake County; amending ch. 29222, Laws of Florida, 1953, as amended; providing conditions for the authority's election of officers; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 4 of chapter 29222, Laws of Florida, 1953, as amended by chapters 57-1484, 59-1466, 63-1507, 65-1787, 69-1209, and 2000-492, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 4. A governing body for the Authority is created, consisting of seven members who are residents of Lake County, which body shall be known and designated as the "Board of Trustees of the Lake County Water Authority," but which shall be referred to as "the board." Five of the members must each reside in a geographic area identical to a county commission district, to be elected by the electors of the county at large. Two of the members will be elected by the electors of the county at large without regard to their residence. On the second Tuesday following the general election in 2000, the term of office of each person serving on the board immediately before that date expires, and the members of the board shall be elected by the electors of Lake County in nonpartisan elections conducted by the supervisor of elections pursuant to section 189.405, Florida Statutes, in accordance with the Florida Election Code, chapters 97 through 106, Florida Statutes, beginning with the general election in 2000, for terms of 4 years beginning on the second Tuesday following the general election. For purposes of staggering terms, the members elected in 2000 from odd-numbered areas and the at-large member receiving the higher number of votes shall be elected to 4-year terms and the members elected from even-numbered areas and the at-large member receiving the lower number of votes shall be elected to 2-year terms. Thereafter, each member shall be elected for a term of 4 years, except that a person may not be elected to more than two consecutive 4-year terms. At the first meeting in December of each year or, during a year in which there is a general election, at a meeting held no later than 30 days after the general election if the meeting and the election of officers have been advertised properly, the board shall select one of their number as Chair and one as Vice Chair of the board. The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Lake County shall act as Secretary and Treasurer of the board without any additional compensation. In the event the provision pertaining to the duties of the Clerk of the Circuit Court is for any reason held to be invalid, the board may select one of its members to serve as its Secretary and Treasurer, or it may appoint a nonmember of the board as its Secretary and Treasurer and such nonmember shall receive compensation commensurate with the responsibilities as determined by the board. The board shall select a nonmember to serve as Executive Director of the Authority, and such nonmember shall receive compensation commensurate with the responsibilities as determined by the board. The board shall require a surety bond of any

person, including the Clerk of the Circuit Court, who shall act as Secretary and Treasurer of the board, in an amount to be fixed by the board, which bond in the case of the appointment of the Clerk of the Circuit Court or a member of the board shall be in addition to the bond furnished by such person as Clerk of the Circuit Court or as a member of the board, and the premium thereon shall be paid by the board as a necessary expense of operation.

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

Approved by the Governor June 26, 2003.

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