

Committee Substitute for  
Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 554

An act relating to the interdistrict transfer and use of water; amending s. 373.2295, F.S.; redefining the term “interdistrict transfer and use”; validating and providing continued effect of agreements between water management districts which were entered into before the effective date of the act; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 373.2295, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

373.2295 Interdistrict transfers of groundwater.—

(1) As used in this section, the term “interdistrict transfer and use” means a consumptive water use ~~that which~~ involves the withdrawal of groundwater from a point within one water management district for use outside the boundaries of that district, but does not include a withdrawal and use within the same county. In case of withdrawal of groundwater from a point within one water management district for use outside the boundaries of that district but within the same county, the provisions of subsections (4), (11), and (13) shall apply, and the district considering a permit application for such a consumptive use shall apply the applicable provisions of this chapter, and its rules, to the withdrawal and use.

Section 2. Any agreements between water management districts entered into before the effective date of this act pursuant to section 373.046, Florida Statutes, authorizing the issuance of permits for the interdistrict withdrawal and use of water within a county are validated and shall continue in effect until otherwise rescinded.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 2, 2003.

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