

Senate Bill No. 496

An act relating to the Citrus/Hernando Waterways Restoration Council; amending section 1 of ch. 2003-287, Laws of Florida; revising the membership, powers, and duties of the council; revising the membership of the separate county task forces of the council; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsections (2), (3), and (4) of section 1 of chapter 2003-287, Laws of Florida, are amended to read:

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(2) Members of the council shall consist of ~~14~~ 12 voting members with ~~7~~ 6 appointed by the President of the Senate and ~~7~~ 6 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The council shall consist of representatives as follows:

(a) Two A waterfront property owners ~~owner~~ from each county, one of whom must be a property owner from the east side of the county and one of whom must be a property owner from the west side of the county.

(b) An attorney from each county.

(c) A member of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce from each county.

(d) An environmental engineer from each county.

(e) An engineer from each county.

(f) A person from each county with training in biology or another scientific discipline.

(3) The council members from each county are to form two separate county task forces from the council to review and make recommendations on specific waterways. The Hernando County Task Force shall develop plans for the restoration of the waterways in Hernando County ~~Weeki Wachee River and Springs~~. The Citrus County Task Force shall develop plans for the restoration of the waterways in Citrus County ~~Tsala Apopka Chain of Lakes~~.

(4) There shall be a technical advisory group to the council and the two county task forces which shall consist of one representative each from the Southwest Florida Water Management District, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Transportation, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Coastal Rivers Basin Board, the Withlacoochee River Basin Board, the public works department of each county, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers, each of whom shall be appointed by his or her respective agency and each of whom, with the exception

of the representatives from the Withlacoochee River Basin Board and Coastal Rivers Basin Board, shall have had training in biology or another scientific discipline.

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

Approved by the Governor May 30, 2006.

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