

# CHAPTER 2006-70

## House Bill No. 1435

An act relating to the Division of Emergency Management of the Department of Community Affairs; amending s. 20.18, F.S.; providing that the director of the Division of Emergency Management be designated as agency head of the division; providing for appointment of the director by the Governor; providing that the division is a separate budget entity, not subject to control by the department; providing for an agreement between the division and department for certain services; prescribing duties of the division; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 20.18, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

20.18 Department of Community Affairs.—There is created a Department of Community Affairs.

(2) The following units of the Department of Community Affairs are established:

(a) Division of Emergency Management. The division is a separate budget entity and is not subject to control, supervision, or direction by the Department of Community Affairs in any manner, including, but not limited to, personnel, purchasing, transactions involving personal property, and budgetary matters. The division director shall be appointed by the Governor, shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor, and shall be the agency head of the division for all purposes. The division shall enter into a service agreement with the department for professional, technological, and administrative support services. The division shall collaborate and coordinate with the department on nonemergency response matters, including, but not limited to, disaster recovery programs, grant programs, mitigation programs, and emergency matters related to comprehensive plans.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

Approved by the Governor June 1, 2006.

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