CHAPTER 2012-254

House Bill No. 1183

An act relating to the East County Water Control District, Lee and Hendry Counties; amending chapter 2000-423, Laws of Florida, as amended; revising the procedure for filling vacancies on the district's board of commissioners; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 4 of section 3 of chapter 2000-423, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 2009-260, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 4. Board of Commissioners; elections; candidate qualifications; powers and duties.—The provisions of chapter 298, Florida Statutes, to the contrary notwithstanding, the following provisions, to the extent of any conflict, shall control the East County Water Control District:

(4) <u>Unless otherwise provided by general law, if a vacancy occurs on the</u> <u>Board of Commissioners before a general election, the Governor shall</u> <u>appoint a successor to serve until the next general election for which</u> <u>candidates may qualify</u> Vacancies on the Board shall be filled pursuant to section 189.405(3)(a), Florida Statutes.

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

Approved by the Governor April 6, 2012.

Filed in Office Secretary of State April 6, 2012.