

CHAPTER 2016-55

House Bill No. 525

An act relating to the Small Community Sewer Construction Assistance Act; amending s. 403.1838, F.S.; redefining the term “financially disadvantaged small community” to include counties and special districts; defining the term “special district”; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 403.1838, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

403.1838 Small Community Sewer Construction Assistance Act.—

(2) The department shall use funds specifically appropriated to award grants under this section to assist financially disadvantaged small communities with their needs for adequate sewer facilities. For purposes of this section, the term “financially disadvantaged small community” means a county, municipality, or special district that has a population of 10,000 or fewer, according to the latest decennial census, and a per capita annual income less than the state per capita annual income as determined by the United States Department of Commerce. For purposes of this subsection, the term “special district” has the same meaning as provided in s. 189.012 and includes only those special districts whose public purpose includes water and sewer services, utility systems and services, or wastewater systems and services.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

Approved by the Governor March 10, 2016.

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