

## CHAPTER 97-24

### House Bill No. 555

An act relating to water and wastewater systems; amending s. 367.171, F.S.; including Collier, Flagler, and Hernando counties within a list of counties excluded from the provisions of the Water and Wastewater System Regulatory Law; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 367.171, Florida Statutes, 1996 Supplement, is amended to read:

367.171 Effectiveness of this chapter.—

(3) In consideration of the variance of powers, duties, responsibilities, population, and size of municipalities of the several counties and in consideration of the fact that every county varies from every other county and thereby affects the functions, duties, and responsibilities required of its county officers and the scope of responsibilities which each county may, at this time, undertake, the Counties of Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Calhoun, Charlotte, Collier, Dade, Dixie, Escambia, Flagler, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Glades, Hamilton, Hardee, Hendry, Hernando, Hillsborough, Holmes, Indian River, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Manatee, Okaloosa, Okeechobee, Polk, St. Lucie, Santa Rosa, Sarasota, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Wakulla, and Walton are excluded from the provisions of this chapter until such time as the board of county commissioners of any such county, acting pursuant to the provisions of subsection (1), makes this chapter applicable to such county or until the Legislature, by appropriate act, removes one or more of such counties from this exclusion.

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

Became a law without the Governor's approval April 23, 1997.

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