

CHAPTER 2025-8

House Bill No. 575

An act relating to the designation of the Gulf of Mexico; amending ss. 7.03, 7.08, 7.09, 7.11, 7.15, 7.17, 7.19, 7.23, 7.27, 7.29, 7.33, 7.36, 7.38, 7.41, 7.46, 7.51, 7.52, 7.55, 7.56, 7.62, 7.65, 7.66, 125.0104, 161.052, 161.053, 161.088, 161.141, 161.151, 161.161, 161.54, 161.55, 206.9935, 253.03, 253.12, 253.783, 258.09, 258.395, 258.3991, 327.02, 327.60, 331.307, 373.019, 373.069, 375.031, 376.25, 377.242, 377.2431, 379.101, 379.2254, 379.244, 379.248, 380.0555, and 380.24, F.S.; changing the designation of the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 7.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

7.03 Bay County.—The boundary lines of Bay County are as follows: Beginning at the southwest corner of section eighteen in township two, north, range eleven, west; thence west on the section line to the southwest corner of section eighteen in township two, north, range twelve, west; thence south on the range line dividing ranges twelve and thirteen, west, to the Meridian base line; thence west on the base line to the thread of Pine Log Creek in range sixteen, west; thence southwesterly along the thread of said creek into the Choctawhatchee River to the thread of said river; thence southwesterly along the thread of said river to a point where said river intersects the range line dividing ranges seventeen and eighteen, west; thence south on said range line to the Gulf of ~~America~~ Mexico; thence in a southeastwardly direction following the meanderings of said gulf, including the waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, including all islands opposite the shoreline to a point where range line dividing ranges eleven and twelve, west, intersects with said gulf; thence north on said range line to place of beginning.

Section 2. Section 7.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

7.08 Charlotte County.—The boundary lines of Charlotte County are as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of township forty south, range twenty-seven east; thence south on range line dividing ranges twenty-seven and twenty-eight east, to the township line dividing townships forty-two and forty-three south, and Lee County; thence west on said township line to the waters of the Gulf of ~~America~~ Mexico; thence northerly and westerly along said Gulf of ~~America~~ Mexico, including the waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the intersection therewith of the township line dividing townships forty and forty-one south; thence east on said township line to the southeast corner of township forty south, range twenty east; thence north on the range line dividing ranges twenty and twenty-one east to the northwest corner of township forty south, range

twenty-one east; thence east on township line dividing townships thirty-nine and forty south to the place of beginning.

Section 3. Section 7.09, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

7.09 Citrus County.—The boundary lines of Citrus County are as follows: Beginning at a point in the thread or center of the Withlacoochee River on the section line dividing sections twelve and thirteen, township twenty-one south, range twenty east; thence on said line west to the southwest corner of section nine, township twenty-one south, range nineteen east; thence north on said section line to township line dividing townships twenty and twenty-one south; thence west on said township line to the Gulf of America Mexice; thence north along said gulf, including all islands along said gulf coast, and including the waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the most southern outlet of the Withlacoochee River at its mouth, leaving out all the islands in the mouth of said river; thence easterly along the thread of said river to the point of beginning, including all the lands and islands which said river line may enclose.

Section 4. Section 7.11, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

7.11 Collier County.—The boundary lines of Collier County are as follows: Beginning where the north line to township forty-eight south extended westerly intersects the western boundary of the State of Florida in the waters of the Gulf of America Mexice; thence easterly on said township line to the northwest corner of section four of township forty-eight south of range twenty-five east; thence south to the northwest corner of section nine of said township and range; thence east to the eastern boundary line of range twenty-six east; thence north on said range line to the northwest corner of township forty-seven south of range twenty-seven east; thence east on the north line of township forty-seven south to the east line of range twenty-seven east; thence north on said range line to the north line of township forty-six south; thence east on the north line of township forty-six south to the east line of range thirty east; thence south on said range line to the north line of township forty-nine south; thence east on the north line of said township forty-nine south to the east line of range thirty-four east and the west boundary of Broward County; thence south on said range line, concurrent with the west boundary of Broward and Miami-Dade Counties, to the point of intersection with the south line of township fifty-three south; thence west on the south line of said township fifty-three south to where that line extended intersects the western boundary of the State of Florida in the waters of the Gulf of America Mexice; thence northwesterly and along the waters of said Gulf of America Mexice, including the waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the point of beginning.

Section 5. Section 7.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

7.15 Dixie County.—The boundary lines of Dixie County are as follows: Beginning at a point where township line between townships seven and eight south, intersects the Suwannee River, thence southerly down the

thread of the main stream of said Suwannee River to the Gulf of America Mexieo; thence along said Gulf of America Mexieo, including the waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the mouth of the Steinhatchee River; thence northerly along the thread of the said Steinhatchee River to the point where it is intersected by the section line between sections fifteen and sixteen, in township eight, south of range ten east; thence north on said section line and other sections to the township line between townships seven and eight south; thence east on said township line dividing townships seven and eight south, to the point of beginning.

Section 6. Section 7.17, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

7.17 Escambia County.—The County of Escambia comprehends all that part of the State of Florida lying to the west and south of a line beginning at the Alabama line where said line crosses the Escambia River; running thence down the thread of said river to Escambia Bay; thence along said bay to Deer Point, at the intersection of Santa Rosa Sound with said bay; thence up said Santa Rosa Sound to a line parallel to and exactly 1 mile west of the range line dividing ranges twenty-six and twenty-seven west, thence south along such parallel line to the waters of the Gulf of America Mexieo; and the Counties of Escambia and Santa Rosa shall have concurrent jurisdiction of any offenses committed on the waters of Santa Rosa Sound.

Section 7. Section 7.19, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

7.19 Franklin County.—The boundary lines of Franklin County are as follows: Beginning at a point on the Apalachicola River, known as the mouth of Black or Owl Creek; thence northerly up the western bank of said creek to where the same intersects the middle section line of section twenty-six, township five south, range eight west; thence due east on the middle section line to the thread of the Ochlockonee River; thence south and easterly following the thread of said river, and the thread of such channel thereof as may be necessary to include the islands in said river; to a point directly south of the southernmost point of Grass Island; thence along a straight line to the center point of the U.S. 98 (State Road 30) bridge across Ochlockonee Bay; thence east-southeast to a point directly north of the easternmost point of James Island; thence easterly to the boundary line of the State of Florida; thence south and westerly along said boundary line, including the waters of the Gulf of America Mexieo within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the Forbes line, produced southerly; thence following the Forbes line to the Jackson River; thence follow the Jackson River until it joins the Apalachicola River; thence northerly along the Apalachicola River to the mouth of the Brothers River; thence follow the Brothers River until it intersects the stream known as Brickyard Cutoff; thence follow Brickyard Cutoff to the Apalachicola River; thence northerly along the thread of said river to the place of beginning.

Section 8. Section 7.23, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

7.23 Gulf County.—The boundary lines of Gulf County are as follows: Beginning at a point in the Apalachicola River where said river is intersected by the section line between sections twenty-three and twenty-six, township three south, range nine west; thence west on said section line and other section lines across the remainder of ranges nine west and ranges ten and eleven west to the southwest corner of section nineteen, township three south, range eleven west, at the Bay County line; thence south on the range line between ranges eleven and twelve west, concurrent with the eastern boundary of Bay County, to the Gulf of America Mexicø; thence south and easterly through said gulf, including the waters of the Gulf of America Mexicø within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to a point where the Forbes line would intersect said boundary line; thence northeasterly with said line until same crosses the waters of the Apalachicola River; thence northerly up the thread of said river to the place of beginning.

Section 9. Section 7.27, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

7.27 Hernando County.—The boundary lines of Hernando County are as follows: Beginning at a point on the Withlacoochee River where the same is intersected by the section line dividing sections twelve and thirteen, township twenty-one south, range twenty east; thence southeasterly along the thread of said river to the juncture therewith of the Little Withlacoochee River; thence southeasterly along the thread of said Little Withlacoochee River to the head of same; thence east to the range line between ranges twenty-two and twenty-three east; thence south on said range line to the line dividing sections twenty-four and thirteen, township twenty-three south, range twenty-two east; thence west on said section line and other section lines to the line between ranges twenty and twenty-one east; thence south on said range line to the line dividing townships twenty-three and twenty-four south; thence west on said township line to the Gulf of America Mexicø; thence northerly, including the waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the township line dividing townships twenty and twenty-one south; thence east, concurrent with the south boundary line of Citrus County, on said township line to where same is intersected by the section line dividing sections four and five, township twenty-one south, range nineteen east; thence south on said section line and other section lines to the southwest corner of section nine, township twenty-one south, range nineteen east; thence east on the south line of said section nine and other sections to the place of beginning.

Section 10. Section 7.29, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

7.29 Hillsborough County.—The boundary lines of Hillsborough County are as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of section one in township twenty-seven south, range sixteen east; thence east on the north line of township twenty-seven south to the line between ranges twenty-two and twenty-three east; thence south on said range line to the line between townships thirty-two and thirty-three south; thence west on said township line to the south bank of Tampa bay; thence in a direct line to a point midway between Egmont and Passage Keys in the Gulf of America Mexicø; thence

westerly to the boundary of the State of Florida; thence northerly on the boundary of the State of Florida to a point in the Gulf of America Mexicæ due west of the northern shore of Mullet Key; thence due east to a point one hundred yards due west of the northernmost shore of Mullet Key; thence in a line one hundred yards from the shore line around the southern portion of Mullet Key to a point one hundred yards due east of the easternmost shore of Mullet Key; thence due north to a point due east of the northernmost shore of Mullet Key; thence due east to the middle waters of Tampa Bay; thence in a northerly direction through the middle waters of Tampa Bay and Old Tampa Bay to a point where the range line between ranges sixteen and seventeen east strikes said shore; thence north on said range line to the place of beginning.

Section 11. Section 7.33, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

7.33 Jefferson County.—The boundary lines of Jefferson County are as follows: Beginning at the point on the Gulf of America Mexicæ where the line between ranges two and three east strikes said gulf; thence north on said line to the base parallel line; thence in a direction northeast to the point where the sections twenty-one, and twenty-eight and twenty-nine of township one north, range three east, corner; thence north on the section line dividing sections twenty and twenty-one and other sections of township one north, range three east, to township line dividing townships one and two north, range three east; thence east on said township line to the waters of the Miccosukee; thence up Lake Miccosukee to the south boundary of township three north, range three east; thence on said township line to the east line of section thirty-four in said township three north, range three east; thence north on the east line of section thirty-four and other sections in said township and said range to the boundary line between the States of Georgia and Florida; thence east along said boundary line to the northwest corner of lot number one hundred eighty, township three north, range seven east, or the west boundary of Madison County; thence south to the southwest corner of said lot number one hundred eighty; thence east on the south boundary of said lot number one hundred eighty to the northeast corner of section twenty-seven, township three north, range seven east; thence due south to the southeast corner of section ten, township two north, range seven east; thence due west to the southwest corner of the said section ten; thence due south to the southeast corner of section sixteen, township two north, range seven east; thence due west to the southwest corner of said section sixteen; thence due south to the southeast corner of section twenty, township two north, range seven east; thence due west to the southwest corner of section nineteen, township two north, range seven east; thence due south to the southeast corner of section twenty-five, township two north, range six east; thence due west to the southwest corner of section twenty-six, township two north, range six east; thence due south to the southwest corner of section thirty-five, township two north, range six east; thence due west to the thread of the Big Aucilla River; thence southerly along the thread of said river, concurrent with the west boundary of Madison and Taylor Counties, to the mouth of said Big Aucilla River; thence westerly through the waters of the

Gulf of America Mexieo, including the waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the point of beginning.

Section 12. Section 7.36, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

7.36 Lee County.—The boundary lines of Lee County are as follows: Beginning where the north line of township forty-three south, intersects the range line between ranges twenty-seven and twenty-eight east, at the line between Charlotte and Glades Counties; thence west on said township line to the Gulf of America Mexieo; thence southerly along said gulf, including all islands and the waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the north line of township forty-eight south, extended westward; thence east on said township line to the northwest corner of section four, township forty-eight south, range twenty-five east; thence south to the northwest corner of section nine of said township and range; thence east on the north boundary of said section nine and other sections to the eastern boundary of range twenty-six east; thence north on said range line to the northwest corner of township forty-seven south, range twenty-seven east; thence east on the north line of township forty-seven south, to the east line of range twenty-seven east; thence north on said range line to the place of beginning.

Section 13. Section 7.38, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

7.38 Levy County.—The boundary lines of Levy County are as follows: Beginning at the mouth of the most southern outlet of the Big Withlacoochee River, running in an eastwardly direction, including all the islands in the mouth of said river, along the thread of said river to where the range line dividing ranges seventeen and eighteen east intersects said river; thence north on said range line to the township line between townships fourteen and fifteen south; thence east on said township line to the middle line of township fourteen south, range nineteen east; thence north on said middle line to the township line between townships eleven and twelve south; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges seventeen and eighteen east; thence north on said range line to the northeast corner of section thirteen, township eleven south, range seventeen east; thence west on the north line of said section thirteen and other sections to the range line between ranges sixteen and seventeen east; thence north on said range line to the township line between townships ten and eleven south; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges fifteen and sixteen east; thence north on said range line to the northeast corner of section thirty-six, township ten south, range fifteen east; thence west on the north boundary of said section thirty-six to the northwest corner of said section thirty-six, thence north one half mile to the middle line of section twenty-six, township ten south, range fifteen east; thence west on the middle line of said section twenty-six and other sections to the range line between ranges fourteen and fifteen east; thence north to the northeast corner of section twenty-five, township ten south, range fourteen east; thence west on the north line of said section twenty-five and other sections to the thread of the Suwannee River; thence southerly along the thread of the main stream of said river to its

mouth; thence south and easterly along the Gulf of America Mexiceo, including all the islands, keys, and the waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the point of beginning.

Section 14. Section 7.41, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

7.41 Manatee County.—The boundary lines of Manatee County are as follows: Beginning on the south bank of Tampa Bay where the line between townships thirty-two and thirty-three south strikes said bay; thence east on said township line to where same is intersected by the line dividing ranges twenty-two and twenty-three east; thence south on said range line, known as the Washington line, to the southeast corner of township thirty-seven south, range twenty-two east; thence west on the township line between townships thirty-seven and thirty-eight south to the southwest corner of township thirty-seven south, range twenty-one east; thence north on the range line between ranges twenty and twenty-one east to the southeast corner of township thirty-five south, range twenty east; thence west on the township line between townships thirty-five and thirty-six south to the Gulf of America Mexiceo; thence northward along the said gulf, including the waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to a point midway between Egmont and Passage Keys; thence in a direct line to the place of beginning.

Section 15. Section 7.46, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

7.46 Okaloosa County.—The boundary lines of Okaloosa County are as follows: Beginning on the Alabama state line where same is intersected by range line dividing ranges twenty-five and twenty-six west; thence east on said state line to the intersection of said state line with the range line dividing ranges twenty-one and twenty-two west; thence south on said range line to the Gulf of America Mexiceo; thence in a westerly direction following the meanderings of said gulf, including the waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the line dividing ranges twenty-five and twenty-six west; thence north on said range line to the place of beginning; provided that the counties of Escambia, Santa Rosa and Okaloosa shall have concurrent jurisdiction of any offenses committed on the waters of Santa Rosa Sound.

Section 16. Section 7.51, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

7.51 Pasco County.—The boundary lines of Pasco County are as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the section line between sections thirty-three and thirty-four of township twenty-six south, of range twenty-two east, with the township line between townships twenty-six and twenty-seven south, of range twenty-two east; thence north along the section lines to the line dividing sections three and four of said township and to the township line dividing townships twenty-five and twenty-six; thence east on said township line to the range line dividing ranges twenty-two and twenty-three east; thence north on said range line to the line dividing sections twenty-four and thirteen of township twenty-three south, of range twenty-two east;

thence west to the line dividing ranges twenty and twenty-one east; thence south to the line dividing townships twenty-three and twenty-four south; thence west on said line to the Gulf of America Mexicæ; thence southerly along the gulf coast, including islands and the waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the north line of Pinellas County, the township line dividing townships twenty-six and twenty-seven south; thence east on said line to the place of beginning.

Section 17. Section 7.52, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

7.52 Pinellas County.—The boundary lines of Pinellas County are as follows: Beginning at a point where the line dividing townships twenty-six and twenty-seven south if projected in a westerly direction intersects with the western boundary of the jurisdictional waters of the State of Florida in the Gulf of America Mexicæ; thence east on said line to the northeast corner of section one in township twenty-seven south, range sixteen east; thence south to the shore of old Tampa Bay; thence in a southerly direction through the middle waters of old Tampa Bay and Tampa Bay, to a point in Tampa Bay due east of the north shore of Mullet Key; thence due west to a point due north of a point 100 yards due east from the easternmost point of Mullet Key; thence in a line 100 yards from the shoreline around the southern portion of Mullet Key to a point 100 yards west of the northernmost shore of Mullet Key; thence west to a point where such line intersects the western boundary of the jurisdictional waters of the State of Florida in the Gulf of America Mexicæ and northward, including the waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to point of beginning; provided however that nothing herein contained shall now or at any time hereafter in any manner whatsoever repeal, amend, change or disturb in any manner whatsoever the apportionment, allotment, allocation, basis of computation, or other formula wherein and whereby the participation in the gas tax by both counties hereto under and by virtue of ss. 206.41 and 206.47 or any law hereafter enacted, is changed so that Hillsborough County would receive a lesser amount and Pinellas County would receive a greater amount of such gas funds or tax by reason of the change of the boundary line herein authorized.

Section 18. Section 7.55, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

7.55 Santa Rosa County.—The boundary lines of Santa Rosa County are as follows: Beginning at the Alabama line, where said line crosses the Escambia River; thence down the thread of said river to Escambia Bay; thence along said bay to Deer Point, at the intersection of Santa Rosa Sound with said bay; thence up said Santa Rosa Sound to a line parallel to and exactly 1 mile westerly of the line dividing range twenty-six west and range twenty-seven west; thence southerly along said line to the waters of the Gulf of America Mexicæ; thence easterly along the waters of the Gulf of America Mexicæ to a point of intersection with the range line dividing range twenty-five west and range twenty-six west; thence northerly along said range line to the dividing line between the State of Florida and the State of Alabama, thence westerly along said dividing line to the point of beginning; provided

that the Counties of Escambia, Santa Rosa, and Okaloosa shall have concurrent jurisdiction of any offenses committed on the waters of Santa Rosa Sound.

Section 19. Section 7.56, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

7.56 Sarasota County.—The boundary lines of Sarasota County are as follows: Beginning in the Gulf of ~~America Mexicø~~ at a point on a prolongation of the township line between townships thirty-five and thirty-six south; thence east on said prolongation and said line to the southeast corner of township thirty-five south, range twenty east; thence south on the range line between ranges twenty and twenty-one east, to the southwest corner of township thirty-seven south, range twenty-one east; thence east on the township line between townships thirty-seven and thirty-eight south to the southeast corner of township thirty-seven south, range twenty-two east; thence south on the range line between ranges twenty-two and twenty-three east, to the southeast corner of township thirty-nine south, range twenty-two east; thence west on the township line between townships thirty-nine and forty south to the southwest corner of township thirty-nine south, range twenty-one east; thence south on the range line between ranges twenty and twenty-one east to the southeast corner of township forty south, range twenty east; thence west on the township line between townships forty and forty-one south to the Gulf of America Mexicø; thence northerly along the coast of the Gulf of America Mexicø, including the waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the place of beginning.

Section 20. Section 7.62, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

7.62 Taylor County.—The boundary lines of Taylor County are as follows: Beginning in the mouth of the Big Aucilla River; thence northerly, concurrent with the east boundary of Jefferson County, along the thread of said river to where same is intersected by the middle line of township two south, range five east; thence east on said middle township line, concurrent with the south boundary line of Madison County, across ranges six, seven and eight east to the range line between ranges eight and nine east; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships two and three south; thence east on said township line to the range line between ranges nine and ten east; thence south on said range line, concurrent with the west boundary of Lafayette County to the middle line of section seven, township seven south, range ten east; thence east on said middle line to the east line of said section seven; thence due south on the east line of said section seven and other sections to the township line between townships seven and eight south; thence east on said township line to the east line of section four, township eight south, range ten east, or the northwest corner of Dixie County; thence south, concurrent with the west boundary of Dixie County, on the east line of said section four and other sections to where same intersects the thread of the Steinhatchee River; thence southerly along the thread of the said Steinhatchee River to the mouth of said river; thence northerly through the Gulf of America Mexicø, including the waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the place of beginning.

Section 21. Section 7.65, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

7.65 Wakulla County.—The boundary lines of Wakulla County are as follows: Beginning on the range line between ranges two and three east where the same strikes the Gulf of America Mexicø; thence north on said range line to the north boundary of section thirty-six, township two south, range two east; thence due west on the north line of said section thirty-six and other sections to the railroad leading from Tallahassee to St. Marks; thence north along said railroad two sections; thence west on the north line of section twenty, township two south, range one east, and other sections, to the thread of Ochlockonee River; thence southerly and easterly along the thread of said river concurrent with the north and east boundary of Franklin County to a point directly south of the southernmost point of Grass Island; thence along a straight line to the center point of the U.S. 98 (State Road 30) bridge across Ochlockonee Bay; thence east-southeast to a point directly north of the easternmost point of James Island; thence easterly to the boundary line of the State of Florida in the Gulf of America Mexicø; thence north and easterly along said gulf, including the waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the place of beginning.

Section 22. Section 7.66, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

7.66 Walton County.—The boundary lines of Walton County are as follows: Beginning on the Alabama state line where same is intersected by the line dividing centrally range eighteen west; thence south on the section lines to the line dividing townships two and three north, in range eighteen west; thence east to the Choctawhatchee River; thence down the thread of the Choctawhatchee River to a point where said Choctawhatchee River intersects the range line dividing ranges seventeen and eighteen west; thence south on said range line to the Gulf of America Mexicø; thence in a westwardly direction following the meanderings of said gulf, including the waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the range line dividing ranges twenty-one and twenty-two west; thence north on said line to the dividing line between Florida and Alabama; thence easterly along said state line to the place of beginning.

Section 23. Paragraph (c) of subsection (5) of section 125.0104, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

125.0104 Tourist development tax; procedure for levying; authorized uses; referendum; enforcement.—

(5) AUTHORIZED USES OF REVENUE.—

(c) A county located adjacent to the Gulf of America Mexicø or the Atlantic Ocean, except a county that receives revenue from taxes levied pursuant to s. 125.0108, which meets the following criteria may use up to 10 percent of the tax revenue received pursuant to this section to reimburse expenses incurred in providing public safety services, including emergency medical services as defined in s. 401.107(3), and law enforcement services,

which are needed to address impacts related to increased tourism and visitors to an area. However, if taxes collected pursuant to this section are used to reimburse emergency medical services or public safety services for tourism or special events, the governing board of a county or municipality may not use such taxes to supplant the normal operating expenses of an emergency medical services department, a fire department, a sheriff's office, or a police department. To receive reimbursement, the county must:

- 1.a. Generate a minimum of \$10 million in annual proceeds from any tax, or any combination of taxes, authorized to be levied pursuant to this section;
 - b. Have at least three municipalities; and
 - c. Have an estimated population of less than 275,000, according to the most recent population estimate prepared pursuant to s. 186.901, excluding the inmate population; or
2. Be a fiscally constrained county as described in s. 218.67(1).

The board of county commissioners must by majority vote approve reimbursement made pursuant to this paragraph upon receipt of a recommendation from the tourist development council.

Section 24. Subsections (1), (5), and (10) of section 161.052, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

161.052 Coastal construction and excavation; regulation.—

(1) No person, firm, corporation, municipality, county, or other public agency shall excavate or construct any dwelling house, hotel, motel, apartment building, seawall, revetment, or other structure incidental to or related to such structure, including but not limited to such attendant structures or facilities as a patio, swimming pool, or garage, within 50 feet of the line of mean high water at any riparian coastal location fronting the Gulf of ~~America~~ Mexico or Atlantic coast shoreline of the state, exclusive of bays, inlets, rivers, bayous, creeks, passes, and the like. In areas where an erosion control line has been established under the provisions of ss. 161.141-161.211, that line, or the presently existing mean high-water line, whichever is more landward, shall be considered to be the mean high-water line for the purposes of this section.

(5) The setback requirements as defined herein shall not apply to any riparian coastal locations fronting the Atlantic Ocean or Gulf of ~~America~~ Mexico which have vegetation-type nonsandy shores.

(10) A coastal county or municipality fronting on the Gulf of ~~America~~ Mexico or the Atlantic Ocean shall advise the department within 5 days after receipt of any permit application for construction or other activities proposed to be located within 50 feet of the line of mean high water. Within 5 days after receipt of such application, the county or municipality shall notify the applicant of the requirements for state permits.

Section 25. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsections (1) and subsection (14) of section 161.053, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

161.053 Coastal construction and excavation; regulation on county basis.—

(1)(a) The Legislature finds and declares that the beaches in this state and the coastal barrier dunes adjacent to such beaches, by their nature, are subject to frequent and severe fluctuations and represent one of the most valuable natural resources of Florida and that it is in the public interest to preserve and protect them from imprudent construction which can jeopardize the stability of the beach-dune system, accelerate erosion, provide inadequate protection to upland structures, endanger adjacent properties, or interfere with public beach access. In furtherance of these findings, it is the intent of the Legislature to provide that the department establish coastal construction control lines on a county basis along the sand beaches of the state fronting on the Atlantic Ocean, the Gulf of America Mexicø, or the Straits of Florida. Such lines shall be established so as to define that portion of the beach-dune system which is subject to severe fluctuations based on a 100-year storm surge, storm waves, or other predictable weather conditions. However, the department may establish a segment or segments of a coastal construction control line further landward than the impact zone of a 100-year storm surge, provided such segment or segments do not extend beyond the landward toe of the coastal barrier dune structure that intercepts the 100-year storm surge. Such segment or segments shall not be established if adequate dune protection is provided by a state-approved dune management plan. Special siting and design considerations shall be necessary seaward of established coastal construction control lines to ensure the protection of the beach-dune system, proposed or existing structures, and adjacent properties and the preservation of public beach access.

(b) As used in this subsection:

1. When establishing coastal construction control lines as provided in this section, the definition of “sand beach” shall be expanded to include coastal barrier island ends contiguous to the sand beaches of the state fronting on the Atlantic Ocean, the Gulf of America Mexicø, or the Straits of Florida.

2. “Coastal barrier island ends” means those areas on the ends of barrier islands fronting the Atlantic Ocean, the Gulf of America Mexicø, or the Straits of Florida, which are subject to severe fluctuations based on a 100-year storm surge, storm waves, or other predictable weather conditions.

3. “Coastal barrier islands” means geological features which are completely surrounded by marine waters that front upon the open waters of the Atlantic Ocean, the Gulf of America Mexicø, or the Straits of Florida and are composed of quartz sands, clays, limestone, oolites, rock, coral, coquina, sediment, or other material, including spoil disposal, which features lie above the line of mean high water. Mainland areas which were separated

from the mainland by artificial channelization for the purpose of assisting marine commerce shall not be considered coastal barrier islands.

(14) A coastal county or municipality fronting on the Gulf of America Mexico, the Atlantic Ocean, or the Straits of Florida shall advise the department within 5 days after receipt of any permit application for construction or other activities proposed to be located seaward of the line established by the department pursuant to this section. Within 5 days after receipt of such application, the county or municipality shall notify the applicant of the requirements for state permits.

Section 26. Section 161.088, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

161.088 Declaration of public policy respecting beach erosion control and beach restoration and nourishment projects.—Because beach erosion is a serious menace to the economy and general welfare of the people of this state and has advanced to emergency proportions, it is hereby declared to be a necessary governmental responsibility to properly manage and protect Florida beaches fronting on the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of America Mexico, and Straits of Florida from erosion and that the Legislature make provision for beach restoration and nourishment projects, including inlet management projects that cost-effectively provide beach-quality material for adjacent critically eroded beaches. The Legislature declares that such beach restoration and nourishment projects, as approved pursuant to s. 161.161, are in the public interest; must be in an area designated as critically eroded shoreline, or benefit an adjacent critically eroded shoreline; must have a clearly identifiable beach management benefit consistent with the state's beach management plan; and must be designed to reduce potential upland damage or mitigate adverse impacts caused by improved, modified, or altered inlets, coastal armoring, or existing upland development. Given the extent of the problem of critically eroded beaches, it is also declared that beach restoration and nourishment projects shall be funded in a manner that encourages all cost-saving strategies, fosters regional coordination of projects, improves the performance of projects, and provides long-term solutions. The Legislature further declares that nothing herein is intended to reduce or amend the beach protection programs otherwise established in this chapter or to result in local governments altering the coastal management elements of their local government comprehensive plans pursuant to chapter 163.

Section 27. Section 161.141, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

161.141 Property rights of state and private upland owners in beach restoration project areas.—The Legislature declares that it is the public policy of the state to cause to be fixed and determined, pursuant to beach restoration, beach nourishment, and erosion control projects, the boundary line between sovereignty lands of the state bordering on the Atlantic Ocean, the Gulf of America Mexico, or the Straits of Florida, and the bays, lagoons, and other tidal reaches thereof, and the upland properties adjacent thereto; except that such boundary line shall not be fixed for beach restoration

projects that result from inlet or navigation channel maintenance dredging projects unless such projects involve the construction of authorized beach restoration projects. However, prior to construction of such a beach restoration project, the board of trustees must establish the line of mean high water for the area to be restored; and any additions to the upland property landward of the established line of mean high water which result from the restoration project remain the property of the upland owner subject to all governmental regulations and are not to be used to justify increased density or the relocation of the coastal construction control line as may be in effect for such upland property. The resulting additions to upland property are also subject to a public easement for traditional uses of the sandy beach consistent with uses that would have been allowed prior to the need for the restoration project. It is further declared that there is no intention on the part of the state to extend its claims to lands not already held by it or to deprive any upland or submerged land owner of the legitimate and constitutional use and enjoyment of his or her property. If an authorized beach restoration, beach nourishment, and erosion control project cannot reasonably be accomplished without the taking of private property, the taking must be made by the requesting authority by eminent domain proceedings. In any action alleging a taking of all or part of a property or property right as a result of a beach restoration project, in determining whether such taking has occurred or the value of any damage alleged with respect to the owner's remaining upland property adjoining the beach restoration project, the enhancement, if any, in value of the owner's remaining adjoining property of the upland property owner by reason of the beach restoration project shall be considered. If a taking is judicially determined to have occurred as a result of a beach restoration project, the enhancement in value to the owner's remaining adjoining property by reason of the beach restoration project shall be offset against the value of the damage, if any, resulting to such remaining adjoining property of the upland property owner by reason of the beach restoration project, but such enhancement in the value shall not be offset against the value of the property or property right alleged to have been taken. If the enhancement in value shall exceed the value of the damage, if any, to the remaining adjoining property, there shall be no recovery over against the property owner for such excess.

Section 28. Subsection (3) of section 161.151, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

161.151 Definitions; ss. 161.141-161.211.—As used in ss. 161.141-161.211:

(3) "Erosion control line" means the line determined in accordance with the provisions of ss. 161.141-161.211 which represents the landward extent of the claims of the state in its capacity as sovereign titleholder of the submerged bottoms and shores of the Atlantic Ocean, the Gulf of America Mexico, and the bays, lagoons and other tidal reaches thereof on the date of the recording of the survey as authorized in s. 161.181.

Section 29. Subsection (1) of section 161.161, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

161.161 Procedure for approval of projects.—

(1) The department shall develop and maintain a comprehensive long-term beach management plan for the restoration and maintenance of the state's critically eroded beaches fronting the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of America Mexico, and Straits of Florida. In developing and maintaining this plan, the department shall:

(a) Address long-term solutions to the problem of critically eroded beaches in this state.

(b) Evaluate each improved, modified, or altered inlet and determine whether the inlet is a significant cause of beach erosion. With respect to each inlet determined to be a significant cause of beach erosion, the plan shall include the extent to which such inlet causes beach erosion and recommendations to mitigate the erosive impact of the inlet, including, but not limited to, inlet sediment bypassing; improvement of infrastructure to facilitate sand bypassing; modifications to channel dredging, jetty design, and disposal of spoil material; establishment of feeder beaches; and beach restoration and beach nourishment.

(c) Evaluate criteria for beach restoration and beach nourishment projects, including, but not limited to, dune elevation and width and revegetation and stabilization requirements and beach profiles.

(d) Consider the establishment of regional sediment management alternatives for one or more individual beach and inlet sand bypassing projects as an alternative to beach restoration when appropriate and cost-effective, and recommend the location of such regional sediment management alternatives and the source of beach-compatible sand.

(e) Identify causes of shoreline erosion and change, determine erosion rates, and maintain an updated list of critically eroded sandy beaches based on data, analyses, and investigations of shoreline conditions.

(f) Assess impacts of development and coastal protection structures on shoreline change and erosion.

(g) Identify short-term and long-term economic costs and benefits of beaches to the state and individual beach communities.

(h) Study dune and vegetation conditions, identify existing beach projects without dune features or with dunes without adequate elevations, and encourage dune restoration and revegetation to be incorporated as part of storm damage recovery projects or future dune maintenance events.

(i) Identify beach areas used by marine turtles and develop strategies for protection of the turtles and their nests and nesting locations.

(j) Identify alternative management responses to preserve undeveloped beach and dune systems and to restore damaged beach and dune systems. In identifying such management responses, the department shall consider, at a minimum, beach restoration and nourishment, armoring, relocation, dune and vegetation restoration, and acquisition.

(k) Document procedures and policies for preparing poststorm damage assessments and corresponding recovery plans, including repair cost estimates.

(l) Identify and assess appropriate management measures for all of the state's critically eroded sandy beaches.

Section 30. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 161.54, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

161.54 Definitions.—In construing ss. 161.52-161.58:

(1) “Coastal building zone” means the land area from the seasonal high-water line landward to a line 1,500 feet landward from the coastal construction control line as established pursuant to s. 161.053, and, for those coastal areas fronting on the Gulf of America Mexieo, Atlantic Ocean, Florida Bay, or Straits of Florida and not included under s. 161.053, the land area seaward of the most landward velocity zone (V-zone) line as established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and shown on flood insurance rate maps.

(2) “Coastal barrier islands” means geological features which are completely surrounded by marine waters that front upon the open waters of the Gulf of America Mexieo, Atlantic Ocean, Florida Bay, or Straits of Florida and are composed of quartz sands, clays, limestone, oolites, rock, coral, coquina, sediment, or other material, including spoil disposal, which features lie above the line of mean high water. Mainland areas which were separated from the mainland by artificial channelization for the purpose of assisting marine commerce shall not be considered coastal barrier islands.

Section 31. Subsection (4) of section 161.55, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

161.55 Requirements for activities or construction within the coastal building zone.—The following requirements shall apply beginning March 1, 1986, to construction within the coastal building zone and shall be minimum standards for construction in this area:

(4) APPLICATION TO COASTAL BARRIER ISLANDS.—All requirements of this part which are applicable to the coastal building zone shall also apply to coastal barrier islands. The coastal building zone on coastal barrier islands shall be the land area from the seasonal high-water line to a line 5,000 feet landward from the coastal construction control line established pursuant to s. 161.053, or the entire island, whichever is less. For coastal barrier islands on which a coastal construction control line has not been

established pursuant to s. 161.053, the coastal building zone shall be the land area seaward of the most landward velocity zone (V-zone) boundary line fronting upon the Gulf of America Mexieo, Atlantic Ocean, Florida Bay, or Straits of Florida. All land area in the Florida Keys located within Monroe County shall be included in the coastal building zone. The coastal building zone on any coastal barrier island between Sebastian Inlet and Fort Pierce Inlet may be reduced in size upon approval of the Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission, if it determines that the local government with jurisdiction has provided adequate protection for the barrier island. In no case, however, shall the coastal building zone be reduced to an area less than a line 2,500 feet landward of the coastal construction control line. The Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission shall withdraw its approval for a reduced coastal building zone if it determines that 6 months after a local government comprehensive plan is due for submission to the state land planning agency pursuant to s. 163.3167 the local government with jurisdiction has not adopted a coastal management element which is in compliance with s. 163.3178.

Section 32. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 206.9935, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

206.9935 Taxes imposed.—

(1) TAX FOR COASTAL PROTECTION.—

(c)1. Excluding natural gas drilling activities, if offshore oil drilling activity is approved by the United States Department of the Interior for the waters off the coast of this state in the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of America Mexieo, or Straits of Florida, paragraph (b) shall not apply. Instead, the excise tax shall be 2 cents per barrel of pollutant, or equivalent measure as established by the department, produced in or imported into this state, and the proceeds shall be deposited into the Coastal Protection Trust Fund with a cap of \$100 million.

2. If a discharge of catastrophic proportions occurs, the results of which could significantly reduce the balance in the fund, the Secretary of Environmental Protection may, by rule, increase the levy of the excise tax to an amount not to exceed 10 cents per barrel for a period of time sufficient to pay any proven claim against the fund and restore the balance in the fund until it again equals or exceeds \$50 million; except that for any fiscal year immediately following the year in which the fund is equal to or exceeds \$50 million, the excise tax and fund shall be governed by the provisions of subparagraph 1.

Section 33. Paragraph (a) of subsection (10) of section 253.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

253.03 Board of trustees to administer state lands; lands enumerated.

(10) The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund and the state through any of its agencies are hereby prohibited from levying any charge, by whatever name known, or attaching any lien, on any and all materials dredged from state sovereignty tidal lands or submerged bottom lands or on the lands constituting the spoil areas on which such dredged materials are placed, except as otherwise provided for in this subsection, when such materials are dredged by or on behalf of the United States or the local sponsors of active federal navigation projects in the pursuance of the improvement, construction, maintenance, and operation of such projects or by a public body authorized to operate a public port facility (all such parties referred to herein shall hereafter be called “public body”) in pursuance of the improvement, construction, maintenance, and operation of such facility, including any public transfer and terminal facilities, which actions are hereby declared to be for a public purpose. The term “local sponsor” means the local agency designated pursuant to an act of Congress to assume a portion of the navigation project costs and duties. Active federal navigation projects are those congressionally approved projects which are being performed by the United States Army Corps of Engineers or maintained by the local sponsors.

(a) Except for beach nourishment seaward of existing lines of vegetation on privately owned or publicly owned uplands fronting on the waters of the Atlantic Ocean or Gulf of ~~America Mexico~~ and authorized pursuant to the provisions of part I of chapter 161, no materials dredged from state sovereignty tidal or submerged bottom lands by a public body shall be deposited on private lands until:

1. The United States Army Corps of Engineers or the local sponsor has first certified that no public lands are available within a reasonable distance of the dredging site; and

2. The public body has published notice of its intention to utilize certain private lands for the deposit of materials, in a newspaper published and having general circulation in the appropriate county at least three times within a 60-day period prior to the date of the scheduled deposit of any such material, and therein advised the general public of the opportunity to bid on the purchase of such materials for deposit on the purchaser’s designated site, provided any such deposit shall be at no increased cost to the public body. Such notice shall state the terms, location, and conditions for receipt of bids and shall state that the public body shall accept the highest responsible bid. All bids shall be submitted to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund. All moneys obtained from such purchases of materials shall be remitted forthwith to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund. Compliance with this subsection shall vest, without any obligation, full title to the materials in the owner of the land where deposited.

Section 34. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section 253.12, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

253.12 Title to tidal lands vested in state.—

(5)

(b) Neither this subsection nor any other provision of this chapter shall be construed to permit any state agency or county, city, or other political subdivision to construct islands or extend or add to existing lands or islands bordering on or being in the navigable waters as defined herein or drain such waters for a municipal, county, state, or other public purpose unless such agency is the riparian upland owner or holds the consent in writing of the riparian upland owner consenting to such construction or extension or drainage operation. For the purposes of this subsection, “riparian upland owners” shall be defined as those persons owning upland property abutting those portions of the waters to be filled or drained, which are within 1,000 feet outboard of said riparian upland, but not more than one-half the distance to the opposite upland, if any, and within the extensions of the side boundary lines thereof, when said side boundary lines are extended in the direction of the channel along an alignment which would be required to distribute equitably the submerged land between the upland and the channel. However, nothing herein shall be construed to deny or limit any state agency or county, city, or other political subdivision from exercising the right of eminent domain to the extent and for the purposes authorized by law in connection with such construction, extension, or drainage projects; and nothing herein shall be construed to have application in those instances when the board is authorized by law to establish an erosion control line to implement an authorized beach nourishment, replenishment, or erosion-control project, or for the placement of sand dredged from navigation channels on beaches fronting the waters of the Atlantic Ocean or the Gulf of America Mexicø, provided such sand is not placed landward of existing lines of vegetation.

Section 35. Section 253.783, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

253.783 Expenditures for acquisition of land for a canal connecting the waters of the Atlantic Ocean with the Gulf of America Mexicø via the St. Johns River prohibited.—The department shall make no expenditures for the purpose of acquiring land for constructing, operating, or promoting a canal across the peninsula of Florida connecting the waters of the Atlantic Ocean with the waters of the Gulf of America Mexicø via the St. Johns River.

Section 36. Section 258.09, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

258.09 Rauscher Park designated.—There is designated and established as a state park to be known as Rauscher Park, in Escambia County, the lands lying between the Big Lagoon and the Gulf of America Mexicø, now owned by Escambia County, or hereafter acquired by Escambia County, adjacent or contiguous thereto, from private owners or from the United States Government; and the board of county commissioners of Escambia County may execute proper conveyance to the board of commissioners of state institutions covering the property now owned by Escambia County, as

aforsaid, and said board of county commissioners of Escambia County may acquire in the name of the Division of Recreation and Parks of the Department of Environmental Protection any property adjacent or contiguous thereto, from private owners or from the United States Government; and said division may accept in the name of the state the title to any such lands, whether from said Escambia County, or whether same be property acquired from private owners or the United States Government.

Section 37. Section 258.395, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

258.395 Big Bend Seagrasses Aquatic Preserve.—The following described area in Wakulla, Jefferson, Taylor, Dixie, and Levy Counties is hereby designated by the Legislature for inclusion in the aquatic preserve system under the Florida Aquatic Preserve Act of 1975. Such area, to be known as the Big Bend Seagrasses Aquatic Preserve, shall be included in the aquatic preserve system and shall include all the sovereignty submerged lands lying within the following described boundaries: Begin where the northerly mean high water line of Withlacoochee River meets the mean high water line of the Gulf of America Mexiceo, Township 17 South, Range 15 East, Levy County; Thence from the said point of beginning proceed northwesterly along the mean high water line of the coast and its navigable tributaries to the intersection of the westerly mean high water line of St. Marks River with the mean high water line of the Gulf of America Mexiceo, in Township 4 South, Range 1 East, Wakulla County; thence proceed south three marine leagues into the Gulf of America Mexiceo; thence proceed southeasterly along a line three marine leagues from and parallel to the line of mean high water previously described to an intersection with a line projected west from the point of beginning; thence proceed east to the point of beginning. Less and except all those sovereignty submerged lands within 500 feet of any incorporated or unincorporated municipality within the above described lands. Less and except: Begin at the intersection of the southerly projection of the east line of Range line 4 East with the mean high water line of the Gulf of America Mexiceo; thence proceed southwest to a point on the three marine league line; thence proceed southeasterly three marine leagues from and parallel to the mean high water line to a point which is southwest of the intersection of the southerly line of Section 22, Township 6 South, Range 6 East, Taylor County, with the mean high water line of the Gulf of America Mexiceo; thence proceed Northeast to the foresaid point of intersection; thence proceed northwesterly along the mean high water line of the Gulf of America Mexiceo and its tributaries to the point of beginning. Less and except all those local access channels adjacent to Keaton Beach and a proposed navigational channel more particularly described as follows: Begin at State Plane Coordinate; X=2,288,032; Y=298,365: Thence proceed West 11,608 feet; thence proceed south 1,440 feet; thence proceed east 11,608 feet; thence proceed north 1,440 feet to the point of beginning; less and except all those sovereign submerged lands lying northerly and easterly of U.S. Highway 19.

Section 38. Subsection (2) of section 258.3991, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

258.3991 Nature Coast Aquatic Preserve.—

(2) BOUNDARIES.—For purposes of this section, the Nature Coast Aquatic Preserve consists of the state-owned submerged lands lying west of a meandering line following the westernmost shorelines of Citrus, Hernando, and Pasco Counties, excluding artificial waterways, canals, inland rivers, and tributaries. Such state-owned submerged lands include all those lands seaward of the mean high-water line and tidally connected to the Gulf of America Mexicø, lying south of a line extending westerly approximately 4.5 miles along Latitude 28.910000°, Florida West Zone (NAD83) from the mean high-water line of the corresponding shoreline at Fort Island Gulf Beach Park, Latitude 28.910000°, Longitude -82.690000°, and lying westward of a line extending north approximately 1.8 miles from Latitude 28.909402°, Longitude -82.764° to Latitude 28.9355°, Longitude -82.764°, lying southward of a line extending westerly approximately 2.0 miles to Latitude 28.9355°, Longitude -82.798214°, lying westward of a line extending north approximately 4.5 miles to the easternmost point of the southern boundary of the Big Bend Seagrasses Aquatic Preserve at point Latitude 29.001614°, Longitude -82.798921°, and will be continuous with the eastern shoreline of the northern boundary of the Pinellas County Aquatic Preserve, respectively. The boundary of the Nature Coast Aquatic Preserve designated as the shoreline will be the mean high-water line along such shoreline unless otherwise stated and will not supersede the boundaries of currently designated Outstanding Florida Waters, state parks, national wildlife refuges, or aquatic preserves.

Section 39. Subsection (15) of section 327.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

327.02 Definitions.—As used in this chapter and in chapter 328, unless the context clearly requires a different meaning, the term:

(15) “Florida Intracoastal Waterway” means the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, the Georgia state line north of Fernandina to Miami; the Port Canaveral lock and canal to the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway; the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Miami to Key West; the Okeechobee Waterway, Stuart to Fort Myers; the St. Johns River, Jacksonville to Sanford; the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Anclote to Fort Myers; the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Carrabelle to Tampa Bay; Carrabelle to Anclote open bay section, using the Gulf of America Mexicø; the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Carrabelle to the Alabama state line west of Pensacola; and the Apalachicola, Chattahoochee, and Flint Rivers in Florida.

Section 40. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section 327.60, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

327.60 Local regulations; limitations.—

(4)

(c) Upon approval of the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to 33 U.S.C. s. 1322, a county designated as a rural area of opportunity may create a no-discharge zone for freshwater water bodies within the county's jurisdiction to prohibit treated and untreated sewage discharges from floating structures and live-aboard vessels not capable of being used as a means of transportation and from houseboats. Within no-discharge zone boundaries, operators of such floating structures, live-aboard vessels, and houseboats shall retain their sewage on board for discharge at a pumpout facility or for discharge more than 3 miles off the coast in the Atlantic Ocean or more than 9 miles off the coast in the Gulf of ~~America Mexicø~~. Violations of this paragraph are punishable as provided in s. 327.53(6) and (7).

Section 41. Subsection (1) of section 331.307, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

331.307 Development of Cape San Blas facility.—The spaceport facility at Cape San Blas may only be developed in accordance with the recommendations of the Spaceport Florida Feasibility Study upon the following conditions:

(1) Construction at the site shall not cause significant degradation of the water quality or injure aquatic life in St. Joseph Bay or the adjacent water of the Gulf of ~~America Mexicø~~.

Section 42. Subsection (3) of section 373.019, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

373.019 Definitions.—When appearing in this chapter or in any rule, regulation, or order adopted pursuant thereto, the term:

(3) “Coastal waters” means waters of the Atlantic Ocean or the Gulf of ~~America Mexicø~~ within the jurisdiction of the state.

Section 43. Paragraphs (a), (b), (d), and (e) of subsection (2) of section 373.069, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

373.069 Creation of water management districts.—

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other special or general act to the contrary, the boundaries of the respective districts named in subsection (1) shall include the areas within the following boundaries:

(a) Northwest Florida Water Management District.—Begin at the point where the section line between Sections 26 and 27, Township 4 South, Range 3 East intersects the Gulf of ~~America Mexicø~~; thence north along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 2, Township 1 South, Range 3 East; thence east along the Tallahassee Base Line to the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 1 North, Range 4 East; thence north along the range line to the northwest corner of Section 6, Township 1 North, Range 5 East; thence east along the township line to the southeast corner of Section 36,

Township 2 North, Range 5 East; thence north along the range line to the northeast corner of Section 24, Township 2 North, Range 5 East; thence west along the section line to the southwest corner of the east ½ of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 5 East; thence north to the northwest corner of the east ½ of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 5 East; thence east along the section line to the southeast corner of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 5 East; thence north along the range line to the northeast corner of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 East; thence west along the Watson Line to the southwest corner of Lot Number 168; thence north along the line between Lot Numbers 168 and 169, 154 and 155 to the Georgia line; thence westward along the Georgia-Florida line to the intersection of the south boundary of the State of Alabama; thence west along the Alabama-Florida line to the intersection of the northwest corner Alabama-Florida Boundary; thence south along the Alabama-Florida line to the Gulf of America Mexicø; thence east along the Gulf of America Mexicø, including the waters of said Gulf within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the Point of Beginning.

(b) Suwannee River Water Management District.—Begin in the Gulf of America Mexicø on the section line between Sections 29 and 32, Township 15 South, Range 15 East; thence east along the section lines to the southwest corner of Section 27, Township 15 South, Range 17 East; thence north along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 3, Township 15 South, Range 17 East; thence east along the section line to the easterly right-of-way line of State Road No. 337; thence northerly along said easterly right-of-way line of State Road No. 337 to the southerly right-of-way line of State Road No. 24; thence northeasterly along said southerly right-of-way line of State Road No. 24 to the Levy-Alachua county line; thence south along the Levy-Alachua county line, also being the range line between Range 17 and 18 East to the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 11 South, Range 17 East; thence easterly along the Levy-Alachua county line, also being the township line between Townships 11 and 12 South, to the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 11 South, Range 18 East; thence north along the range line to the northwest corner of Section 19, Township 9 South, Range 19 East; thence east along the section line to the southeast corner of Section 13, Township 9 South, Range 19 East; thence north along the range line to the northwest corner of Section 6, Township 9 South, Range 20 East; thence eastward along the township line to the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 8 South, Range 20 East; thence north along the township line to the northwest corner of Section 18, Township 8 South, Range 21 East; thence east along the section line to the northeast corner of Section 15, Township 8 South, Range 21 East; thence south along the section line to the southwest corner of Section 23, Township 8 South, Range 21 East; thence east along the section line to the northeast corner of Section 26, Township 8 South, Range 21 East; thence south along the section line to the southwest corner of the north ½ of Section 25, Township 8 South, Range 21 East; thence east along a line to the northeast corner of the south half of Section 25, Township 8 South, Range 21 East; thence south along the range line to the southwest corner of Section 30, Township 8 South, Range 22 East; thence east along the section line to the northeast corner of Section 32, Township 8 South, Range 22 East; thence

south along the section line to the southwest corner of Section 16, Township 9 South, Range 22 East; thence eastward along the section line to the southeast corner of the west $\frac{1}{8}$ of Section 18, Township 9 South, Range 23 East; thence northward to the northeast corner of the west $\frac{1}{8}$ of Section 18, Township 9 South, Range 23 East; thence west to the southwest corner of Section 7, Township 9 South, Range 23 East; thence northward along the Bradford-Clay County line to the northeast corner of Section 36, Township 8 South, Range 22 East; thence west along the section line to the southwest corner of the east $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 25, Township 8 South, Range 22 East; thence north to the northeast corner of the west $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 24, Township 8 South, Range 22 East; thence west along the section line to the southwest corner of Section 13, Township 8 South, Range 22 East; thence north along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 25, Township 7 South, Range 22 East; thence east along the section line to the southeast corner of Section 24, Township 7 South, Range 22 East; thence north along the Bradford-Clay County line to the intersection of the south boundary of Baker County; thence west along the Baker-Bradford County line to the intersection of the east boundary of Union County; thence west along the Union-Baker County line to the southwest corner of Section 18, Township 4 South, Range 20 East; thence north along the range line to the northeast corner of Section 1, Township 3 South, Range 19 East; thence west along the township line to the intersection of the east boundary of Columbia County; thence north along the Baker-Columbia County line to the intersection of the north boundary line of the State of Florida; thence westward along the Georgia-Florida line to the northwest corner of Lot Number 155; thence south along the line between Lot Number 154 and 155, 168 and 169 to the Watson Line; thence east along the Watson Line to the northeast corner of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 East; thence south along the range line between Ranges 5 and 6 East to the southeast corner of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 5 East; thence west along the section line to the northwest corner of the east $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 5 East; thence south to the southwest corner of the east $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 5 East; thence east along the section line to the northeast corner of Section 24, Township 2 North, Range 5 East; thence south along the range line between Ranges 5 and 6 East to the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 2 North, Range 5 East; thence west along the township line between Townships 1 and 2 North to the northwest corner of Section 6, Township 1 North, Range 5 East; thence south along the range line between Ranges 4 and 5 East to the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 1 North, Range 4 East; thence west along the Tallahassee Base Line to the northwest corner of Section 2, Township 1 South, Range 3 East; thence south along the section line to the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~; thence along the shore of the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~, including the waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the point of the beginning.

(d) Southwest Florida Water Management District.—Begin at the intersection of the north boundary of Lee County with the Gulf of America ~~Mexico~~; thence eastward along the Lee-Charlotte County line to the Southeast corner of Section 33, Township 42 South, Range 24 East; thence

North into Charlotte County, along the section lines to the Northeast corner of Section 4, Township 42 South, Range 24 East; thence East along the township line between Townships 41 and 42 South to the Southeast corner of Section 36, Township 41 South, Range 25 East; thence north along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 6, Township 41 South, Range 26 East; thence east along the section line to the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 40 South, Range 26 East; thence North along the range line between Ranges 26 and 27 to the Northeast corner of Section 1, Township 40 South, Range 26 East, and the Charlotte-Desoto County line; thence east along the Charlotte-Desoto County line to the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 39 South, Range 27 East; thence north along the DeSoto-Highlands County line to the intersection of the South boundary of Hardee County; thence north along the Hardee-Highlands County line to the southwest corner of Township 35 South, Range 28 East; thence east along the north boundary of Township 36 South to the northeast corner of Section 1, Township 36 South, Range 28 East; thence south along the range line to the southeast corner of Section 12, Township 37 South, Range 28 East; thence east along the section line to the northeast corner of Section 15, Township 37 South, Range 29 East; thence south along the section line to the southeast corner of Section 34, Township 37 South, Range 29 East; thence east along the township line to the northeast corner of Section 1, Township 38 South, Range 29 East; thence south along the range line to the southeast corner of Section 1, Township 39 South, Range 29 East; thence east along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 11, Township 39 South, Range 30 East; thence north along the section line to the southwest corner of Section 35, Township 38 South, Range 30 East; thence east along the township line to the southeast corner of the west $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, Township 38 South, Range 30 East; thence north along the $\frac{1}{4}$ -section line of Sections 35, 26, and 23, Township 38 South, Range 30 East to the northeast corner of the west $\frac{1}{4}$ section of Section 23, Township 38 South, Range 30 East; thence west along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 23, Township 38 South, Range 30 East; thence north along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 2, Township 37 South, Range 30 East; thence west along the township line to the southwest corner of Section 34, Township 36 South, Range 30 East; thence north along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 3, Township 36 South, Range 30 East; thence west along the township line to the southwest corner of Section 31, Township 35 South, Range 30 East; thence north along the range line between Ranges 29 and 30 East, through Townships 35, 34, and 33 South, to the northeast corner of Township 33 South, Range 29 East, being on the Highlands-Polk County line; thence west along the Highlands-Polk County line to the southeast corner of Township 32 South, Range 28 East; thence north along the range line between Ranges 28 and 29 East, in Townships 32 and 31 South, to the northeast corner of Section 12 in Township 31 South, Range 28 East; thence east along the section line to the northeast corner of Section 7, Township 31 South, Range 29 East; thence north along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 17, Township 30 South, Range 29 East; thence east along the section line to the northeast corner of the west $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 17, Township 30 South, Range 29 East; thence north along the $\frac{1}{2}$ -section line to

the northeast corner of the west $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 5, Township 30 South, Range 29 East; thence west along the section line to the southwest corner of Section 32, Township 29 South, Range 29 East; thence north along the section line to the northeast corner of Section 19 in Township 29 South, Range 29 East; thence west along the north boundaries of Section 19, Township 29 South, Range 29 East, and Sections 24, 23, 22, 21, and 20, Township 29 South, Range 28 East, to the northwest corner of said Section 20; thence north along the section line to the intersection of said section line with the west shore line of Lake Pierce in Township 29 South, Range 28 East; thence following the west shore of Lake Pierce to its intersection again with the west section line of Section 5, Township 29 South, Range 28 East; thence north along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 5, Township 29 South, Range 28 East; thence east along the township line to the southwest corner of Section 33, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence north along the section line to the northwest corner of the southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of the southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence east along the $\frac{1}{4}$ -section line to the intersection of said $\frac{1}{4}$ -section line with Lake Pierce; thence follow the shore line northeasterly to its intersection with the $\frac{1}{2}$ -section line of Section 28, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence north on the $\frac{1}{2}$ -section line to the northwest corner of the southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence east to the northeast corner of the southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence south along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 28 East; thence east along the section line to the northeast corner of Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 28 East; thence north along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 23, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence west along the section line to the southwest corner of Section 16, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence north along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 16, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence west along the section line to the southwest corner of Section 8, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence north along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 5, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence west along the township line to the intersection of said township line with Lake Marion; thence following the south shore line of Lake Marion to its intersection again with said township line; thence west along the township line to the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 37 South, Range 27 East; thence north along the range line between Ranges 27 and 28 East to the intersection of said range line with Lake Marion; thence following the west shore of Lake Marion to its intersection again with the range line between Ranges 27 and 28 East; thence north along said range line, in Townships 27 and 26 South, to the northeast corner of Township 26 South, Range 27 East, being on the Polk-Osceola County line; thence west along the Polk-Osceola County line to the northwest corner of Township 26 South, Range 27 East; thence north along the section line to the Lake-Polk County line; thence west along the county line to the southwest corner of Section 32, Township 24 South, Range 26 East; thence into Lake County, north along the section lines to the northeast corner of Section 30, Township 24 South, Range 26 East; thence west along the section lines to the northeast corner of Section 28, Township 24 South, Range 25 East; thence north along the

section lines to the northeast corner of Section 16, Township 24 South, Range 25 East; thence west along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 16, Township 24 South, Range 25 East; thence north along the section line to the northeast corner of Section 8, Township 24 South, Range 25 East; thence west along the section lines to the range line between Ranges 24 and 25; thence north along the range line to the northeast corner of Section 1, Township 23 South, Range 24 East, also being on the township line between Townships 22 and 23 South; thence west along the township line to the northwest corner of Section 6, Township 23 South, Range 24 East also being on the Sumter-Lake County line; thence north along the Sumter-Lake County line, also being the range line between Ranges 23 and 24, to the northeast corner of Section 1, Township 18 South, Range 23 East and the Marion County line; thence west, along the Sumter-Marion County line, also being the township line between Townships 17 and 18 South, to the westerly right-of-way line of Interstate Highway 75; thence northerly along the westerly right-of-way line of Interstate Highway 75 to the Alachua-Marion County line, said line also being the township line between Townships 11 and 12 South; thence west along the Alachua-Marion County line to the northwest corner of Section 3, Township 12 South, Range 19 East and the Levy County line; thence westerly along the Levy-Alachua County line, also being the township line between Townships 11 and 12 South, to the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 11 South, Range 17 East; thence north along the Levy-Alachua County line, also being the range line between Ranges 17 and 18 East, to the southerly right-of-way line of State Road No. 24; thence southwesterly along said southerly right-of-way line to the easterly right-of-way line of State Road No. 337; thence southerly, along said easterly right-of-way line of State Road No. 337, to the south line of Section 35, Township 14 South, Range 17 East; thence west along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 3, Township 15 South, Range 17 East; thence south along the section lines to the southwest corner of Section 27, Township 15 South, Range 17 East; thence west to the Gulf of America Mexicæ; thence south along the Gulf of America Mexicæ, including the waters of said gulf within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the point of beginning.

(e) South Florida Water Management District.—Begin at the intersection of the north boundary of Lee County with the Gulf of America Mexicæ; thence easterly along the Lee-Charlotte County line to the southwest corner of Section 34, Township 42 South, Range 24 East; thence northerly along the section lines to the northwest corner of Section 3, Township 42 South, Range 24 East; thence easterly along the Township line between Townships 41 and 42 South to the southwest corner of Section 31, Township 41 South, Range 26 East; thence northerly along the Range line between Ranges 25 and 26 East to the northwest corner of Section 6, Township 41 South, Range 26 East; thence easterly along the Township line between Townships 40 and 41 South to the southwest corner of Section 31, Township 40 South, Range 27 East; thence northerly along the Range line between Ranges 26 and 27 East to the Charlotte-DeSoto County line; thence easterly along the Charlotte-Desoto County line to the west line of Highlands County; thence northerly along the Highlands-Desoto County line and along the Highlands-Hardee County line

to the northwest corner of Township 36 South, Range 28 East; thence east along the north boundary of Township 36 South to the northeast corner of Section 1, Township 36 South, Range 28 East; thence south along the range line to the southeast corner of Section 12, Township 37 South, Range 28 East; thence east along the section line to the northeast corner of Section 15, Township 37 South, Range 29 East; thence south along the section line to the southeast corner of Section 34, Township 37 South, Range 29 East; thence east along the township line to the northeast corner of Section 1, Township 38 South, Range 29 East; thence south along the range line to the southeast corner of Section 1, Township 39 South, Range 29 East; thence east along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 11, Township 39 South, Range 30 East; thence north along the section line to the southwest corner of Section 35, Township 38 South, Range 30 East; thence east along the township line to the southeast corner of the west $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, Township 38 South, Range 30 East; thence north along the $\frac{1}{4}$ -section line of Sections 35, 26, and 23, Township 38 South, Range 30 East to the northeast corner of the west $\frac{1}{4}$ section of Section 23, Township 38 South, Range 30 East; thence west along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 23, Township 38 South, Range 30 East; thence north along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 2, Township 37 South, Range 30 East; thence west along the township line to the southwest corner of Section 34, Township 36 South, Range 30 East; thence north along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 3, Township 36 South, Range 30 East; thence west along the township line to the southwest corner of Section 31, Township 35 South, Range 30 East; thence north along the range line between Ranges 29 and 30 East, through Townships 35, 34, and 33 South, to the northwest corner of Township 33 South, Range 30 East, being on the Highlands-Polk County line; thence west along the Highlands-Polk County line to the southwest corner of Township 32 South, Range 29 East; thence north along the range line between Ranges 28 and 29 East, in Townships 32 and 31 South, to the northwest corner of Section 7 in Township 31 South, Range 29 East; thence east along the section line to the northeast corner of Section 7, Township 31 South, Range 29 East; thence north along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 17, Township 30 South, Range 29 East; thence east along the section line to the northeast corner of the west $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 17, Township 30 South, Range 29 East; thence north along the $\frac{1}{2}$ -section line to the northeast corner of the west $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 5, Township 30 South, Range 29 East; thence west along the section line to the southwest corner of Section 32, Township 29 South, Range 29 East; thence north along the section line to the northeast corner of Section 19 in Township 29 South, Range 29 East; thence west along the south boundaries of Section 18, Township 29 South, Range 29 East and Sections 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 in Township 29 South, Range 28 East, to the southwest corner of said Section 17; thence north along the section line to the intersection of said section line with the west shore line of Lake Pierce in Township 29 South, Range 28 East; thence following the west shore of Lake Pierce to its intersection again with the west section line of Section 5, Township 29 South, Range 28 East; thence north along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 5, Township 29 South, Range 28 East; thence east along the township line to the southwest corner of

Section 33, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence north along the section line to the northwest corner of the southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of the southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence east along the $\frac{1}{4}$ -section line to the intersection of said $\frac{1}{4}$ -section line with Lake Pierce; thence follow the shore line northeasterly to its intersection with the $\frac{1}{2}$ -section line of Section 28, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence north on the $\frac{1}{2}$ -section line to the northwest corner of the southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence east along the $\frac{1}{2}$ -section line to the northeast corner of the southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence south along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 28 East; thence east along the section line to the northeast corner of Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 28 East; thence north along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 23, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence west along the section line to the southwest corner of Section 16, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence north along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 16, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence west along the section line to the southwest corner of Section 8, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence north along the section line to the northwest corner of Section 5, Township 28 South, Range 28 East; thence west along the township line to the intersection of said township line with Lake Marion; thence following the south shore line of Lake Marion to its intersection again with said township line; thence west along the township line to the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 27 South, Range 27 East; thence north along the range line between Ranges 27 and 28 East to the intersection of said range line with Lake Marion; thence following the west shore of Lake Marion to its intersection again with the range line between Ranges 27 and 28 East; thence north along said range line, in Townships 27 and 26 South, to the northwest corner of Township 26 South, Range 28 East, being on the Polk-Osceola County line; thence west along the Polk-Osceola County line to the southwest corner of Township 25 South, Range 27 East; thence northerly along the range line between Ranges 26 and 27 East to the northwest corner of Section 18, Township 23 South, Range 27 East; thence easterly along the section lines to the southwest corner of Section 12, Township 23 South, Range 27 East; thence northerly along the section lines to the northwest corner of Section 1, Township 23 South, Range 27 East; thence easterly along the Township line between Townships 22 and 23 South to the southwest corner of Section 31, Township 22 South, Range 29 East; thence northerly along the Range line between Ranges 28 and 29 East to the northwest corner of Section 30, Township 22 South, Range 29 East; thence easterly along the section lines to the westerly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 441; thence southerly along the westerly right-of-way line to the intersection with the northerly right-of-way line of State Road 528A; thence easterly along the northerly right-of-way line to the intersection with the northerly right-of-way line of State Road 528, also known as the Bee Line Expressway; thence easterly along the northerly right-of-way line of State Road 528 to the intersection with the range line between Township 23 South, Range 31 East and Township 23 South, Range 32 East; thence southerly along the Range line between Ranges 31 and 32 East to the Orange-Osceola County line; thence easterly along said county

line between Townships 24 and 25 South to the northeast corner of Section 5, Township 25 South, Range 32 East; thence southerly along the section lines to the southeast corner of Section 32, Township 25 South, Range 32 East; thence easterly along the Township line between Townships 25 and 26 South to the northeast corner of Section 1, Township 26 South, Range 32 East; thence southerly along the Range line between Ranges 32 and 33 East to the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 27 South, Range 32 East; thence westerly along the township line between Townships 27 and 28 South, to the northeast corner of Section 1, Township 28 South, Range 32 East; thence southerly along the Range line between Ranges 32 and 33 East to the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 29 South, Range 32 East; thence easterly along the Township line between Townships 29 and 30 South to the northeast corner of Section 1, Township 30 South, Range 33 East; thence southerly along the Range line between Ranges 33 and 34 East to the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 30 South, Range 33 East; thence westerly along the Township line between Townships 30 and 31 South to the northeast corner of Section 4, Township 31 South, Range 33 East; thence southerly along the section lines to the Osceola-Okeechobee County line; thence easterly along said county line to the northeast corner of Section 3, Township 33 South, Range 34 East; thence southerly along the section lines to the southeast corner of Section 34, Township 34 South, Range 34 East; thence easterly along the Township line between Townships 34 and 35 South to the southwest corner of Section 36, Township 34 South, Range 35 East; thence northerly along the section lines to the northwest corner of Section 13, Township 34 South, Range 35 East; thence easterly along the section line to the Range line between Ranges 35 and 36 East; thence northerly along said Range line to the northwest corner of Section 18, Township 34 South, Range 36 East; thence easterly along the section lines to the southwest corner of Section 10, Township 34 south, Range 36 East; thence northerly along the section line to the northwest corner of said Section 10; thence easterly along the section lines to the Okeechobee-St. Lucie County line; thence northerly along said county line to the south line of Indian River County; thence easterly along the St. Lucie-Indian River County line to the Atlantic Ocean; thence southerly along the Atlantic Ocean to the Gulf of America Mexicø; thence northerly along the Gulf of America Mexicø, including the waters of said Ocean and of said Gulf and the islands therein within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, to the point of beginning.

Section 44. Subsection (10) of section 375.031, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

375.031 Acquisition of land; procedures.—

(10) The department is empowered and authorized to provide matching funds to counties and municipalities of up to 50 percent of the cost of purchasing, exclusive of condemnation, rights-of-way for access roads or walkways to public beaches contiguous with the Atlantic Ocean or the Gulf of America Mexicø.

Section 45. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 376.25, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

376.25 Gambling vessels; registration; required and prohibited releases.

(2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

(c) “Coastal waters” means waters of the Atlantic Ocean within 3 nautical miles of the coastline of the state and waters of the Gulf of America Mexicø within 9 nautical miles of the coastline of the state.

Section 46. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 377.242, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

377.242 Permits for drilling or exploring and extracting through well holes or by other means.—The department is vested with the power and authority:

(1)(a) To issue permits for the drilling for, exploring for, or production of oil, gas, or other petroleum products which are to be extracted from below the surface of the land, including submerged land, only through the well hole drilled for oil, gas, and other petroleum products.

1. No structure intended for the drilling for, or production of, oil, gas, or other petroleum products may be permitted or constructed on any submerged land within any bay or estuary.

2. No structure intended for the drilling for, or production of, oil, gas, or other petroleum products may be permitted or constructed within 1 mile seaward of the coastline of the state.

3. No structure intended for the drilling for, or production of, oil, gas, or other petroleum products may be permitted or constructed within 1 mile of the seaward boundary of any state, local, or federal park or aquatic or wildlife preserve or on the surface of a freshwater lake, river, or stream.

4. No structure intended for the drilling for, or production of, oil, gas, or other petroleum products may be permitted or constructed within 1 mile inland from the shoreline of the Gulf of America Mexicø, the Atlantic Ocean, or any bay or estuary or within 1 mile of any freshwater lake, river, or stream unless the department is satisfied that the natural resources of such bodies of water and shore areas of the state will be adequately protected in the event of accident or blowout.

5. Without exception, after July 1, 1989, no structure intended for the drilling for, or production of, oil, gas, or other petroleum products may be permitted or constructed south of 26°00'00" north latitude off Florida's west coast and south of 27°00'00" north latitude off Florida's east coast, within the boundaries of Florida's territorial seas as defined in 43 U.S.C. s. 1301. After July 31, 1990, no structure intended for the drilling for, or production of, oil, gas, or other petroleum products may be permitted or constructed north of

26°00'00" north latitude off Florida's west coast to the western boundary of the state bordering Alabama as set forth in s. 1, Art. II of the State Constitution, or located north of 27°00'00" north latitude off Florida's east coast to the northern boundary of the state bordering Georgia as set forth in s. 1, Art. II of the State Constitution, within the boundaries of Florida's territorial seas as defined in 43 U.S.C. s. 1301.

Each permit shall contain an agreement by the permitholder that the permitholder will not prevent inspection by division personnel at any time. The provisions of this section prohibiting permits for drilling or exploring for oil in coastal waters do not apply to any leases entered into before June 7, 1991.

Section 47. Subsection (5) of section 377.2431, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

377.2431 Conditions for granting permits for natural gas storage facilities.—

(5) A permit may not be issued for a natural gas storage facility that includes a natural gas storage reservoir located beneath an underground source of drinking water unless the applicant demonstrates that the injection, storage, or recovery of natural gas will not cause or allow natural gas to migrate into the underground source of drinking water; in any offshore location in the Gulf of America Mexico, the Straits of Florida, or the Atlantic Ocean; or in any solution-mined cavern within a salt formation.

Section 48. Subsection (2) of section 379.101, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

379.101 Definitions.—In construing these statutes, where the context does not clearly indicate otherwise, the word, phrase, or term:

(2) "Beaches" and "shores" shall mean the coastal and intracoastal shoreline of this state bordering upon the waters of the Atlantic Ocean, the Gulf of America Mexico, the Straits of Florida, and any part thereof, and any other bodies of water under the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, between the mean high-water line and as far seaward as may be necessary to effectively carry out the purposes of this act.

Section 49. Subsection (1) of section 379.2254, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

379.2254 Gulf States Marine Fisheries Compact; implementing legislation.—

(1) FORM.—The Governor of this state is hereby authorized and directed to execute the compact on behalf of the State of Florida with any one or more of the States of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, and with such other state as may enter into a compact, legal joining therein in the form substantially as follows:

GULF STATES MARINE FISHERIES
COMPACT

The contracting states solemnly agree:

ARTICLE I

Whereas the gulf coast states have the proprietary interest in and jurisdiction over fisheries in the waters within their respective boundaries, it is the purpose of this compact to promote the better utilization of the fisheries, marine, shell and anadromous, of the seaboard of the Gulf of America Mexico, by the development of a joint program for the promotion and protection of such fisheries and the prevention of the physical waste of the fisheries from any cause.

ARTICLE II

This compact shall become operative immediately as to those states ratifying it whenever any two or more of the States of Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas have ratified it and the Congress has given its consent subject to article I, s. 10 of the Constitution of the United States. Any state contiguous to any of the aforementioned states or riparian upon waters which flow into waters under the jurisdiction of any of the aforementioned states and which are frequented by anadromous fish or marine species may become a party hereto as hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE III

Each state joining herein shall appoint three representatives to a commission hereby constituted and designated as the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission. One shall be the head of the administrative agency of such state charged with the conservation of the fishery resources to which this compact pertains or, if there be more than one officer or agency, the official of that state named by the governor thereof. The second shall be a member of the legislature of such state designated by such legislature or in the absence of such designation, such legislator shall be designated by the governor thereof, provided that if it is constitutionally impossible to appoint a legislator as a commissioner from such state, the second member shall be appointed in such manner as may be established by law. The third shall be a citizen who shall have a knowledge of and interest in the marine fisheries, to be appointed by the governor. This commission shall be a body corporate with the powers and duties set forth herein.

ARTICLE IV

The duty of the said commission shall be to make inquiry and ascertain from time to time such methods, practices, circumstances and conditions as may be disclosed for bringing about the conservation and the prevention of the depletion and physical waste of the fisheries, marine, shell and anadromous, of the gulf coast. The commission shall have power to recommend the coordination of the exercise of the police powers of the several states within their respective jurisdiction to promote the preservation of these fisheries and their protection against overfishing, waste, depletion or any abuse whatsoever and to assure a continuing yield from the fishery resources of the aforementioned states.

To that end the commission shall draft and recommend to the governors and the legislatures of the various signatory states, legislation dealing with the conservation of the marine, shell and anadromous fisheries of the gulf seaboard. The commission shall from time to time present to the governor of each compacting state its recommendations relating to enactments to be presented to the legislature of the state in furthering the interest and purposes of this compact.

The commission shall consult with and advise the pertinent administrative agencies in the states party hereto with regard to problems connected with the fisheries and recommend the adoption of such regulations as it deems advisable.

The commission shall have power to recommend to the states party hereto the stocking of the waters of such states with fish and fish eggs or joint stocking by some or all of the states party hereto and when two or more states shall jointly stock waters the commission shall act as the coordinating agency for such stocking.

ARTICLE V

The commission shall elect from its number a chair and vice chair and shall appoint and at its pleasure remove or discharge such officers and employees as may be required to carry the provisions of this compact into effect and shall fix and determine their duties, qualifications and compensation. Said commission shall adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of its business. It may establish and maintain one or more offices for the transaction of its business and may meet at any time or place but must meet at least once a year.

ARTICLE VI

No action shall be taken by the commission in regard to its general affairs except by the affirmative vote of a majority of the whole number of compacting states. No recommendation shall be made by the commission in regard to any species of fish except by the affirmative vote of a majority of the compacting states which have an interest in such species. The commission shall define which shall be an interest.

ARTICLE VII

The Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior of the Government of the United States shall act as the primary research agency of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission cooperating with the research agencies in each state for that purpose. Representatives of the said fish and wildlife service shall attend the meetings of the commission. An advisory committee to be representative of the commercial salt water fishers and the salt water anglers and such other interests of each state as the commissioners deem advisable may be established by the commissioners from each state for the purpose of advising those commissioners upon such recommendations as it may desire to make.

ARTICLE VIII

When any state other than those named specifically in article II of this compact shall become a party hereto for the purpose of conserving its anadromous fish or marine species in accordance with the provisions of article II, the participation of such state in the action of the commission shall be limited to such species of fish.

ARTICLE IX

Nothing in this compact shall be construed to limit the powers or the proprietary interest of any signatory state or to repeal or prevent the enactment of any legislation or the enforcement of any requirement by a signatory state imposing additional conditions and restrictions to conserve its fisheries.

ARTICLE X

It is agreed that any two or more states party hereto may further amend this compact by acts of their respective legislatures subject to approval of Congress as provided in article I, s. 10, of the Constitution of the United

States, to designate the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission as a joint regulating authority for the joint regulation of specific fisheries affecting only such states as shall be compact, and at their joint expense. The representatives of such states shall constitute a separate section of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission for the exercise of the additional powers so granted but the creation of such section shall not be deemed to deprive the states so compacting of any of their privileges or powers in the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission as constituted under the other articles of this compact.

ARTICLE XI

Continued absence of representation or of any representative on the commission from any state party hereto shall be brought to the attention of the governor thereof.

ARTICLE XII

The operating expenses of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission shall be borne by the states party hereto. Such initial appropriations as are set forth below shall be made available yearly until modified as hereinafter provided:

Florida.....	\$3,500
Alabama.....	1,000
Mississippi.....	1,000
Louisiana.....	5,000
Texas.....	2,500
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Total.....	\$13,000

The proration and total cost per annum of \$13,000, above-mentioned, is estimated only, for initial operations, and may be changed when found necessary by the commission and approved by the legislatures of the respective states. Each state party hereto agrees to provide in the manner most acceptable to it, the travel costs and necessary expenses of its commissioners and other representatives to and from meetings of the commission or its duly constituted sections or committees.

ARTICLE XIII

This compact shall continue in force and remain binding upon each compacting state until renounced by act of the legislature of such state, in such form as it may choose; provided that such renunciation shall not become effective until 6 months after the effective date of the action taken by the legislature. Notice of such renunciation shall be given to the other states party hereto by the secretary of state of the compacting state so renouncing upon passage of the act.

Section 50. Subsection (1) of section 379.244, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

379.244 Crustacea, marine animals, fish; regulations; general provisions.—

(1) OWNERSHIP OF FISH, SPONGES, ETC.—All fish, shellfish, sponges, oysters, clams, and crustacea found within the rivers, creeks, canals, lakes, bayous, lagoons, bays, sounds, inlets, and other bodies of water within the jurisdiction of the state, and within the Gulf of America Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean within the jurisdiction of the state, excluding all privately owned enclosed fish ponds not exceeding 150 acres, are the property of the state and may be taken and used by its citizens and persons not citizens, subject to the reservations and restrictions imposed by these statutes. No water bottoms owned by the state shall ever be sold, transferred, dedicated, or otherwise conveyed without reserving in the people the absolute right to fish thereon, except as otherwise provided in these statutes.

Section 51. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 379.248, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

379.248 Sponges; regulation.—

(3) TAKING, POSSESSING COMMERCIAL; SIZE.—

(a) No person may take, by any means or method, from the waters of the Gulf of America Mexico, the straits of this state or the other waters within the territorial limits of this state, any commercial sponges, measuring, when wet, less than 5 inches in their maximum diameter.

Section 52. Subsection (3) of section 380.0555, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

380.0555 Apalachicola Bay Area; protection and designation as area of critical state concern.—

(3) DESIGNATION.—Franklin County, as described in s. 7.19, less all federally owned lands, less all lands lying east of the line formed by the eastern boundary of State Road 319 running from the Ochlockonee River to

the intersection of State Road 319 and State Road 98 and thence due south to the Gulf of America Mexieo, and less any lands removed under subsection (4), is hereby designated an area of critical state concern on June 18, 1985. State road, for the purpose of this section, shall be defined as in s. 334.03. For the purposes of this act, this area shall be known as the Apalachicola Bay Area.

Section 53. Section 380.24, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

380.24 Local government participation.—Units of local government abutting the Gulf of America Mexieo or the Atlantic Ocean, or which include or are contiguous to waters of the state where marine species of vegetation listed by rule as ratified in s. 373.4211 constitute the dominant plant community, shall develop a coastal zone protection element pursuant to s. 163.3177. Such units of local government shall be eligible to receive technical assistance from the state in preparing coastal zone protection elements and shall be the only units of local government eligible to apply to the department for available financial assistance. Local government participation in the coastal management program authorized by this act shall be voluntary. All permitting and enforcement of dredged-material management and other related activities subject to permit under the provisions of chapters 161 and 253 and part IV of chapter 373 for deepwater ports identified in s. 403.021(9)(b) shall be done through the department consistent with the provisions of s. 403.021(9).

Section 54. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor April 14, 2025.

Filed in Office Secretary of State April 14, 2025.