

RESOLUTION NO. 94-133

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOMMENDING AND SUPPORTING AMENDING CHAPTER 373.073, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO ALLOW FOR THE ELECTION OF THE NINE-MEMBER GOVERNING BOARD OF THE ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (THE "DISTRICT") BY QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE DISTRICT IN GENERAL ELECTIONS.

WHEREAS, the St. Johns River Water Management District manages all water and related resources within the District as defined in Chapter 373.069(c), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, water supply, flood protection, water quality management, and natural systems management are areas of concern for both local governments and the District; and

WHEREAS, the District has rule-making, regulatory enforcement, and taxing authority over the residents of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the District is composed of nine (9) members who are appointed by the Governor of the State of Florida, according to Chapter 373.073, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners believes that elected, rather than appointed, officials are more responsive to the needs of local governments and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, that it unanimously requests that Senator William Bankhead, Representative Tracy Upchurch, Representative John Thrasher, Representative Joe Arnall, as elected representatives of the citizens of St. Johns County, file the necessary bills in the 1994-95 session of the Florida Legislature to amend Chapter 373.073, F.S., to permit the qualified voters of the District to elect the Governing Board of said District, and that this Resolution forthwith be sent to all members of the St. Johns County Legislative Delegation, all other Florida Counties and to the appropriate State and Regional Agencies.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of July, 1994.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Debra Roberts

Its Chair

ATTEST: CARL "BUD" MARKEL, CLERK

By: Debra Roberts

Deputy Clerk