

June 18, 2004

Ms. Glenda E. Hood
Secretary of State
Florida Department of State
R.A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Secretary Hood:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby withhold my approval of and transmit to you with my objections, House Bill 921, enacted during the 106th Session of the Legislature of Florida, since Statehood in 1845, convened under the Constitution of 1968, during the Regular Session of 2004, and entitled:

An act relating to the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority...

The bill codifies prior special acts relating to the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority into a single comprehensive act and repeals Chapters 76-441, 77-604, 77-605, 80-546, 83-468, 84-483, 84-484, 86-419, 98-519, 2002-337, 2003-304, and 2003-327, Laws of Florida.

House Bill 921 contains a technical error that inadvertently repeals 2002-337, Laws of Florida, the enacting law of the Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District. Representative Ken Sorenson, the sponsor of the bill, submitted a request for veto of House Bill 921 to my office upon learning of the error in the bill. Repealing the Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District was never the intent of the sponsor.

Given that the intent of House Bill 921 was to simply codify prior special acts of the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority and not to make substantive changes, vetoing the bill as requested by the sponsor will have no adverse impact on the Authority. The codification effort can be accomplished during the next legislative session.

For this reason, I am withholding my approval of House Bill 921, and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

Jeb Bush