

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL: SB 902

SPONSOR: Senators Thomas and Lee

SUBJECT: Citrus Belt and Citrus Commission

DATE: February 2, 2000 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Overcash</u>	<u>Poole</u>	<u>AG</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
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I. Summary:

This bill modifies the boundaries of the three Florida Citrus Districts, based on the total number of boxes of citrus produced from each of the districts.

This bill amends section 601.09, Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

The citrus belt of the state is currently divided into three districts, which are aligned according to total citrus production.

The Florida Department of Citrus is governed by a board known and designated as the “Florida Citrus Commission.” The commission is composed of 12 members, four from each of the three citrus fruit districts. Members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

It is the legislative intent that the commission be redistricted every 5 years, based on the total number of boxes of citrus produced from each of the three districts during the prior 5-year period (s. 601.04, F.S.). Redistricting was last addressed by the 1995 Legislature.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 1. Amends section 601.09, F.S., by redesignating the following counties:

Okeechobee County, Osceola County, and Volusia County (west of the “Indian River” production area) are transferred from Citrus District One to Citrus District Two;

Sarasota County is transferred from Citrus District Two to Citrus District One; and

Broward County and Dade County are transferred from Citrus District Two to Citrus District Three.

Section 2. Provides that this act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

None.

This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.
