



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

June 13, 2007

Mr. Kurt S. Browning
Secretary of State
R.A. Gray Building
500 S. Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Secretary Browning:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of the State 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 my objections to, Council Substitute for House Bill 993, enacted during the 109th Session of the Legislature of Florida, since statehood in 1845, during the Regular Session of 2007 and entitled:

An act relating to Escambia County . . .

House Bill 993 repeals chapters 57-1291 and 2002-379, Laws of Florida relating to the enclosure of clay pits and all depressions of certain depths upon all lands in Escambia County.

Although these provisions were enacted several years ago I'm certain that Escambia County's leaders, with their knowledge of the region's terrain and unique features, had good reason to construct a special act which requires "any clay pits, caves or other depression so located and of such depth that a child might conceivably drown therein" to be enclosed. I'm hesitant to remove any protections for the children of Escambia County and would deeply regret contributing to the unfortunate and avoidable endangerment of any of its citizens.

For the reasons stated above, I am hereby withholding my approval of Council Substitute for House Bill 993 and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

Charlie Crist

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