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GOVERNOR

July 2, 2013

Secretary Kenneth W. Detzner  
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Dear Secretary Detzner:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, and Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby veto and transmit my objections to House Bill 855, enacted during the 115th Session of the Legislature of Florida, during the Regular Session of 2013, and entitled:

An act relating to South Indian River Water Control District, Palm Beach County...

This bill expands South Indian River Water Control District's current powers in order to allow for the construction of recreational facilities.

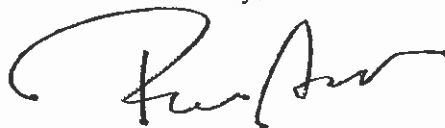
South Indian River Water Control District is an independent special district, governed by chapter 298, Florida Statutes, which was created for the specific purpose of providing drainage and water control services. The authority to construct recreational facilities falls outside of the District's purview, and is traditionally a function of the city or county. The bill's expansion of the District's authority allows multiple local governments to provide the same or similar services, resulting in duplicative taxation and an increased cost of living for families in Palm Beach County.

Expanding the scope of authority of a water control district is not the most appropriate means for residents to receive the desired service and there are other avenues to which residents of the District may pursue. I look forward to working with the local legislative delegation and residents of the District to help facilitate these needs.

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For these reasons, I withhold my approval of House Bill 855 and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott", with a large, sweeping flourish on the left side.

Rick Scott  
Governor