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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FL

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Secretary Cord Byrd
Secretary of State
R.A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Secretary Byrd:

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 veto and transmit my objection to Committee Substitute for House Bill 821 (CS/HB 821), enacted during the 126th Session of the Legislature of Florida during the Regular Session of 2024 and entitled:

An act relating to Melbourne-Tillman Water Control District, Brevard County

The Legislature passed CS/HB 821, which increases the maximum stormwater management user fees the Melbourne-Tillman Water Control District may charge. This will likely lead to Brevard County taxpayers paying higher fees. As Florida offers many grant programs (established by my Administration) that support the continued maintenance and construction of Florida's water management infrastructure, the state should not facilitate the imposition of higher fees to this same effect.

For these reasons, I withhold my approval of CS/HB 821 and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron DeSantis".

Ron DeSantis
Governor