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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to soil and water conservation 3 districts; creating s. 582.195, F.S.; requiring 4 mandatory public meetings for the supervisors of soil 5 and water conservation districts; creating s. 582.295, 6 F.S.; providing for the automatic dissolution of soil 7 and water conservation districts under certain 8 conditions; providing for the transfer of the assets 9 and liabilities of such districts to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; exempting automatic 10 11 dissolutions from specified provisions; dissolving the Baker Soil and Water Conservation District and the 12 Martin Soil and Water Conservation District; 13 transferring the assets and liabilities of such 14 15 districts to the Department of Agriculture and 16 Consumer Services; providing an effective date. 17 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 18 19 20 Section 1. Section 582.195, Florida Statutes, is created 21 to read: 582.195 Mandatory meeting of supervisors.-All five 22 23 supervisors of the governing body of each district must meet at 24 least once per calendar year in a public meeting pursuant to s. 25 286.011.

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Section 2. Section 582.295, Florida Statutes, is created
to read:
582.295 Automatic dissolution of districts
(1) If the governing body of a district fails to meet as
required under s. 582.195, the district shall be automatically
dissolved as of January 1 of the year immediately following the
year in which the governing body failed to meet. All assets and
liabilities of the district shall be transferred to the
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
(2) Sections 189.076, 582.30, 582.31, and 582.32 do not
apply to dissolution of a district under this section.
Section 3. The Department of Economic Opportunity declared
the Baker Soil and Water Conservation District inactive on
August 3, 2020, and the Martin Soil and Water Conservation
District inactive on March 17, 2020, therefore, the districts
are hereby dissolved and all assets and liabilities of the
districts are transferred to the Department of Agriculture and
Consumer Services.
Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.