



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
GOVERNOR

June 27, 2007

Mr. Kurt S. Browning  
Secretary of State  
R.A. Gray Building  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

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, House Bill 7183, enacted during the 109<sup>th</sup> Session of the Legislature of Florida, since statehood in 1845, during the Regular Session of 2007 and entitled:

An act relating to administrative procedures . . .

This bill amends the Administrative Procedures Act, dramatically changing current Florida law.

I am concerned that the bill substantially rewrites this Act, potentially creating a number of unintended consequences detrimental to the efficient operation of our State government. For example, the bill disallows reliance upon an agency statement during the pendency of a challenge. Such a provision amounts to an injunction against the agency in the absence of any allegation of harm by the challenger and halts enforcement or implementation of laws.

Because I understand and respect the need for government accountability, I encourage the Legislature and the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee, in the spirit of cooperation, to undertake a full, fair, and open dialogue with agencies subject to this Act. To this end, I hereby direct my office and state agencies to work with the Legislature to address any concerns, recommend changes to streamline government, simplify procedures, and better serve the people of Florida.

For the reasons stated above, I withhold my approval of House Bill 7183, and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charlie Crist".

Charlie Crist

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