

# The 2013 Florida Statutes

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## Title XXI DRAINAGE

## Chapter 298 DRAINAGE AND WATER CONTROL

298.66 Obstruction of public drainage canals, etc., prohibited; damages; penalties.—

(1) A person may not willfully, or otherwise, obstruct any public canal, drain, ditch or watercourse or damage or destroy any public drainage works constructed in or maintained by any district.

(2) Any person who willfully obstructs any public canal, drain, ditch, or watercourse or damages or destroys any public drainage works constructed in or maintained by any district shall be liable to any person injured thereby for the full amount of the injury occasioned to any land or crops or other property by reason of such misconduct and shall be liable to the district constructing the drainage work for double the cost of removing such obstruction or repairing such damage.

(3) Any person who willfully, or otherwise, obstructs any public canal, drain, ditch, or watercourse, impedes or obstructs the flow of water therein, or damages or destroys any public drainage works constructed in or maintained by any district commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. [775.082](#), s. [775.083](#), or s. [775.084](#).  
History.—s. 5, ch. 6190, 1911; s. 52, ch. 6458, 1913; RGS 5293, 5294; ss. 1-3, ch. 10110, 1925; CGL 1518, 1519, 7413-7415; s. 163, ch. 71-136; s. 28, ch. 79-5; s. 48, ch. 2010-205.