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DeDoofus Punked by Disney¹

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Like [Icarus](#), Ron DeSantis flies too close to the sun. He runs Florida like his personal fiefdom, lashing out at anyone who criticizes him. Picking a fight with Disney may be his Waterloo, however.

Enraged by Disney's opposition to his homophobic "Don't Say Gay" bill, DeSantis tried to retaliate by directing his minions to pass a bill stripping Disney of its self-governing status, effective June 2023.

But that would have burdened taxpayers with over \$1 billion in debt taken on by Disney as well as funding the police and fire departments and other services previously provided by Disney.

So DeSantis wiped the egg off his face and directed his minions to pass a law reversing the dissolution, renaming the district, and giving him the right to appoint its board. Disney said nothing as DeSantis began bumptiously proclaiming that "a new sheriff is in town." They said nothing when he appointed a new board. That's because they had already disarmed DeSantis and his deputies.

The day before DeSantis named his board, the Disney-appointed board passed an agreement that gave Disney control over operations in the district for decades. DeSantis was too busy celebrating his victory in the culture wars to pay attention to the public notices of the meeting.

This means that DeSantis's board, including the former pastor who claims tap water can make people gay, has little power. But DeDoofus is not through embarrassing himself or wasting taxpayer money. He's hired four law firms (to the tune of up to \$795 an hour) to scrutinize the agreement.

He's warned Disney, "you ain't seen nothing yet," like some tough guy in a comic strip, But he's just the hick who's about to be humiliated again.

¹ [The Delray Democrat](#), April 2023 Breaking, page 1.