

THE FLORIDA SENATE  
2012 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED  
**Committee on Community Affairs**

**CS/SB 692 — Local Government**

by Community Affairs Committee and Senator Bennett

This bill amends the Formation of Municipalities Act in ch. 165, F.S., to require an earlier submission of a proposed municipality incorporation feasibility study. The bill also provides a procedure for the municipal conversion of an independent special district upon an elector-initiated and approved referendum. The petition for referendum requires 40 percent of qualified electors and may be commenced if the district meets all of the following criteria:

- was created by special act;
- is designated as a ch. 298, F.S., improvement district or a stewardship district;
- has an elected governing board;
- provides at least four of the following municipal services: water, sewer, solid waste, drainage, roads, transportation, public works, fire and rescue, street lighting, parks and recreation, or library or cultural facilities; and
- no portion of the district is located within a municipality.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

*Vote: Senate 39-0; House 104-13*