

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2022-C SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Community Affairs

SB 4-C — Independent Special Districts

by Senator Bradley

The bill provides for the dissolution of any independent special district established by a special act prior to the ratification of the Florida Constitution on November 5, 1968, which has not been reestablished, re-ratified, or otherwise reconstituted by special act or general law after such date. The bill provides that dissolution of the affected districts will occur on June 1, 2023, but that such special districts may be reestablished pursuant to the requirements and limitations of ch.189, F.S., on or after that date.

The bill appears to affect the following six independent special districts:

- Bradford County Development Authority (Bradford County)
- Eastpoint Water and Sewer District (Franklin County)
- Hamilton County Development Authority (Hamilton County)
- Marion County Law Library (Marion County)
- Reedy Creek Improvement District (Orange and Osceola Counties)
- Sunshine Water Control District (Broward County)

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2022.

Vote: Senate 23-16; House 70-38

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SB 6-C — Social Media Platforms

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The bill amends the definition of “social media platform” as it pertains to the application of SB 7072, passed by the Legislature during the 2021 Regular Session and signed into law on May 24, 2021.

SB 7072 (2021) addressed some concerns related to social media platforms. Among other things, the bill created s. 501.2041, F.S., which provides that social media platforms must apply uniform standards, notify censored or deplatformed users, allow users to make certain choices, ensure posts by or about candidates for office in Florida are not shadow banned, and ensure that journalistic enterprises are not censored or deplatformed.

The definition of “social media platform” in s. 501.2041, F.S., specifically excludes any information service, system, Internet search engine, or access software provider operated by a company that owns and operates a theme park as defined in s. 509.013, F.S.

The bill removes the theme park exclusion from the definition of social media platform in s. 501.2041, F.S.

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

Vote: Senate 24-15; House 70-38