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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to independent special fire  
control districts; providing requirements for  
the creation, expansion, and merger of  
independent special fire control districts;  
providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Independent special fire control district  
creation, expansion, and merger.--

(1) New independent special fire control districts may  
be created only by the Legislature under section 189.404,  
Florida Statutes.

(2) The boundaries of a district may be modified,  
extended, or enlarged upon approval or ratification by the  
Legislature.

(3) The merger of a district with all or portions of  
other independent special districts or dependent fire control  
districts is effective only upon ratification by the  
Legislature. A district may not, solely by reason of a merger  
with another governmental entity, increase ad valorem taxes on  
property within the original limits of the district beyond the  
maximum established by the district's enabling legislation,  
unless approved by the electors of the district by referendum.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
law.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Provides requirements for the creation, expansion, and  
merger of independent special fire control districts.