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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to telecommunications; creating
3 ss. 125.421, 166.047, F.S.; prohibiting a local
4 government from owning a telecommunications
5 company or providing telecommunications
6 services except through a business corporation
7 subject to all applicable taxes and fees;
8 providing an effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Section 125.421, Florida Statutes is
13 created to read:

14 125.421 Telecommunications companies and services.--A
15 county or other entity of local government may not directly or
16 indirectly, alone or in conjunction with others, own, operate,
17 or control a telecommunications company or provide or resell
18 any telecommunications service that is subject to chapter 364,
19 except through a business corporation organized under the laws
20 of this or another state. Such corporation or service is
21 subject to and is not exempt from the imposition, collection,
22 and remittance of all federal, state, and local taxes and fees
23 applicable to other telecommunications companies or services.

24 Section 2. Section 166.047, Florida Statutes, is
25 created to read:

26 166.047 Telecommunications companies and services.--A
27 municipality or other entity of local government may not
28 directly or indirectly, alone or in conjunction with others,
29 own, operate, or control a telecommunications company or
30 provide or resell any telecommunications service that is
31 subject to chapter 364, except through a business corporation

1 organized under the laws of this or another state. Such
2 corporation or service is subject to and is not exempt from
3 the imposition, collection, and remittance of all federal,
4 state, and local taxes and fees applicable to other
5 telecommunications companies or services.

6 Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

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9 SENATE SUMMARY

10 Prohibits a local government from owning a
11 telecommunications company or providing
12 telecommunications services except through a separate
13 business corporation that is subject to all applicable
14 taxes and fees.
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