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Amendment No.

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Senator Klein moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 2, between lines 17 and 18,

insert:

Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 125.901, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

125.901 Children's services; independent special district; council; powers, duties, and functions.--

(1) Each county may by ordinance create an independent special district, as defined in ss. 189.403(3) and 200.001(8)(e), to provide funding for children's services throughout the county in accordance with this section. The boundaries of such district shall be coterminous with the boundaries of the county. The county governing body shall obtain approval, by a majority vote of those electors voting on the question, to annually levy ad valorem taxes which shall not exceed the maximum millage rate authorized by this section. Any district created pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be required to levy and fix millage

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1 subject to the provisions of s. 200.065. Once such millage is
2 approved by the electorate, the district shall not be required
3 to seek approval of the electorate in future years to levy the
4 previously approved millage.

5 (a) The governing board of the district shall be a
6 council on children's services, which may also be known as a
7 juvenile welfare board or similar name as established in the
8 ordinance by the county governing body. Such council shall
9 consist of 10 members, including: the superintendent of
10 schools; a local school board member; the district
11 administrator from the appropriate district of the Department
12 of Health and Rehabilitative Services, or his or her designee
13 who is a member of the Senior Management Service or of the
14 Selected Exempt Service; one member of the county governing
15 body or a designated alternate member of the county governing
16 body; and the judge assigned to juvenile cases who shall sit
17 as a voting member of the board, except that said judge shall
18 not vote or participate in the setting of ad valorem taxes
19 under this section. In the event there is more than one judge
20 assigned to juvenile cases in a county, the chief judge shall
21 designate one of said juvenile judges to serve on the board.
22 The remaining five members shall be appointed by the Governor,
23 and shall, to the extent possible, represent the demographic
24 diversity of the population of the county. After soliciting
25 recommendations from the public, the county governing body
26 shall submit to the Governor the names of at least three
27 persons for each vacancy occurring among the five members
28 appointed by the Governor, and the Governor shall appoint
29 members to the council from the candidates nominated by the
30 county governing body. The Governor shall make a selection
31 within a 45-day period or request a new list of candidates.

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1 All members appointed by the Governor shall have been
 2 residents of the county for the previous 24-month period.
 3 Such members shall be appointed for 4-year terms, except that
 4 the length of the terms of the initial appointees shall be
 5 adjusted to stagger the terms. The Governor may remove a
 6 member for cause or upon the written petition of the county
 7 governing body. If any of the members of the council required
 8 to be appointed by the Governor under the provisions of this
 9 subsection shall resign, die, or be removed from office, the
 10 vacancy thereby created shall, as soon as practicable, be
 11 filled by appointment by the Governor, using the same method
 12 as the original appointment, and such appointment to fill a
 13 vacancy shall be for the unexpired term of the person who
 14 resigns, dies, or is removed from office.

15 (b) Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit a county
 16 from exercising such power as is provided by general or
 17 special law to provide children's services or to create a
 18 special district to provide such services.

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20 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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23 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

24 And the title is amended as follows:

25 On page 1, line 7, after the semicolon

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27 insert:

28 amending s. 125.901, F.S.; revising the
 29 membership of governing boards of county
 30 councils on childrens' services to include a
 31 designated alternate member of the county

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