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2	An act relating to the use and disposition of
3	real and personal property; amending s. 125.35,
4	F.S.; providing an alternative procedure for
5	the sale or disposition of certain property by
б	boards of county commissioners; amending ss.
7	125.568, 166.048, 255.259, 335.167, 373.185,
8	F.S.; redefining the term "Xeriscape";
9	prohibiting certain restrictions on the
10	practice of Xeriscape; amending s. 373.62,
11	F.S.; providing for the operation and
12	maintenance of rain sensor devices; amending s.
13	720.3075, F.S.; prohibiting homeowners'
14	associations from restricting the practice of
15	Xeriscape; amending s. 197.502, F.S.; amending
16	procedures that apply if there are no bidders
17	at a public sale of property against which tax
18	certificates are held; prescribing the period
19	during which interest on the opening bid
20	continues to accrue; amending s. 197.512, F.S.;
21	providing an exception to certain recording
22	duties of the clerk; amending s. 197.542, F.S.;
23	revising procedures relating to the sale at
24	public auction of lands on which an application
25	for tax deed has been obtained; requiring the
26	high bidder to post a nonrefundable cash
27	deposit at the time of the sale; amending s.
28	129.06, F.S.; providing a procedure by which
29	counties may amend a prior year's budget;
30	amending s. 125.0108, F.S.; providing that the
31	tourist impact tax that is authorized to be
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1	levied in an area of critical state concern in							
2	certain counties may be levied throughout the							
3	entire county, subject to referendum approval,							
4	if the area of critical state concern is							
5	greater than 50 percent of the area of the							
б	county; amending s. 125.0104, F.S.; authorizing							
7	certain counties to continue using a tourist							
8	development tax after retirement of applicable							
9	bonds under certain circumstances; creating s.							
10	166.0415, F.S.; allowing municipalities to							
11	adopt certain laws, ordinances, rules, or other							
12	measures for increasing the supply of							
13	affordable housing; creating s. 125.01055,							
14	F.S.; allowing counties to adopt certain laws,							
15	ordinances, rules, or other measures for							
16	increasing the supply of affordable housing;							
17	providing effective dates.							
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19	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:							
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21	Section 1. Section 125.35, Florida Statutes, is							
22	amended to read:							
23	125.35 County authorized to sell real and personal							
24	property and to lease real property							
25	(1)(a) The board of county commissioners is expressly							
26	authorized to sell and convey any real or personal property,							
27	and to lease real property, belonging to the county, whenever							
28	the board determines that it is to the best interest of the							
29	county to do so, to the highest and best bidder for the							
30	particular use the board deems to be the highest and best, for							
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such length of term and such conditions as the governing body 1 may in its discretion determine. 2 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a), 3 4 the Board of County Commissioners is expressly authorized to: 5 Negotiate the lease of an airport or seaport 1. 6 facility; 7 Modify or extend an existing lease of real property 2. 8 for an additional term not to exceed 25 years, where the 9 improved value of the lease has an appraised value in excess of \$20 million; or 10 Lease a professional sports franchise facility 11 3. 12 financed by revenues received pursuant to s. 125.0104 or s. 13 212.20; 14 under such terms and conditions as negotiated by the board. 15 16 (c) No sale of any real property shall be made unless 17 notice thereof is published once a week for at least 2 weeks in some newspaper of general circulation published in the 18 19 county, calling for bids for the purchase of the real estate 20 so advertised to be sold. In the case of a sale, the bid of the highest bidder complying with the terms and conditions set 21 forth in such notice shall be accepted, unless the board of 22 county commissioners rejects all bids because they are too 23 low. The board of county commissioners may require a deposit 24 to be made or a surety bond to be given, in such form or in 25 26 such amount as the board determines, with each bid submitted. (2) When the board of county commissioners finds that 27 a parcel of real property is of insufficient size and shape to 28 be issued a building permit for any type of development to be 29 constructed on the property or when the board of county 30 commissioners finds that the value of a parcel of real 31

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property is \$15,000 or less, as determined by a fee appraiser 1 2 designated by the board or as determined by the county 3 property appraiser, and when, due to the size, shape, 4 location, and value of the parcel, it is determined by the 5 board that the parcel is of use only to one or more adjacent property owners, the board may effect a private sale of the 6 7 parcel. The board may, after sending notice of its intended action to owners of adjacent property by certified mail, 8 9 effect a sale and conveyance of the parcel at private sale without receiving bids or publishing notice; however, if, 10 within 10 working days after receiving such mailed notice, two 11 12 or more owners of adjacent property notify the board of their desire to purchase the parcel, the board shall accept sealed 13 14 bids for the parcel from such property owners and may convey 15 such parcel to the highest bidder or may reject all offers. 16 (3) As an alternative to subsections (1) and (2), the 17 board of county commissioners may by ordinance prescribe disposition standards and procedures to be used by the county 18 19 in selling and conveying any real or personal property and in 20 leasing real property owned by the county. The standards and procedures must provide at a minimum for: 21 (a) Establishment of competition and qualification 22 23 standards upon which disposition will be determined. (b) Reasonable public notice of the intent to consider 24 disposition of county property and the availability of copies 25 of the standards. Reasonableness of the notice is to be 26 27 determined by the efficacy and efficiency of the means of communication used. 28 29 (c) Identification of the form and manner by which an 30 interested person may acquire county property. 31 4

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Types of negotiation procedures applicable to the 1 (d) 2 selection of a person to whom county properties may be 3 disposed. (e) The manner in which interested persons will be 4 5 notified of the board's intent to consider final action at a 6 regular meeting of the board on the disposition of a property 7 and the time and manner for making objections. 8 (f) Adherence in the disposition of real property to 9 the governing comprehensive plan and zoning ordinances. Section 2. Section 125.568, Florida Statutes, is 10 11 amended to read: 125.568 Conservation of water; Xeriscape .--12 (1)(a) The Legislature finds that Xeriscape 13 14 contributes to the conservation of water. In an effort to meet the water needs of this state in a manner that will 15 supply adequate and dependable supplies of water where needed, 16 17 it is the intent of the Legislature that Xeriscape be an 18 essential part of water conservation planning. (b) "Xeriscape" or "Florida friendly landscape"means 19 20 quality landscapes that conserve water and protect the 21 environment and are adaptable to local conditions and which are drought tolerant a landscaping method that maximizes the 22 23 conservation of water by the use of site-appropriate plants and an efficient watering system. The principles of Xeriscape 24 include planning and design, appropriate choice of plants, 25 26 soil analysis which may include the use of solid waste compost, practical use of turf, efficient irrigation, 27 28 appropriate use of mulches, and proper maintenance. 29 (2) By October 1, 1992, The board of county 30 commissioners of each county shall consider enacting ordinances requiring the use of Xeriscape as a water 31 5

conservation measure. If the board determines that Xeriscape 1 would be of significant benefit as a water conservation 2 measure relative to the cost to implement Xeriscape 3 landscaping in its area of jurisdiction, the board shall enact 4 5 a Xeriscape ordinance. Further, the board of county commissioners shall consider promoting Xeriscape as a water 6 7 conservation measure by: using Xeriscape in, around, or near facilities, parks, and other common areas under its 8 9 jurisdiction which are landscaped after the effective date of this act; providing public education on Xeriscape, its uses as 10 a water conservation tool, and its long-term 11 12 cost-effectiveness; and offering incentives to local residents and businesses to implement Xeriscape landscaping. 13 14 (3) A deed restriction or covenant entered after 15 October 1, 2001, or local government ordinance may not 16 prohibit any property owner from implementing Xeriscape or 17 Florida friendly landscape on his or her land. Section 3. Section 166.048, Florida Statutes, is 18 19 amended to read: 20 166.048 Conservation of water; Xeriscape .--(1)(a) The Legislature finds that Xeriscape 21 contributes to the conservation of water. In an effort to 22 meet the water needs of this state in a manner that will 23 supply adequate and dependable supplies of water where needed, 24 it is the intent of the Legislature that Xeriscape be an 25 26 essential part of water conservation planning. "Xeriscape" or "Florida friendly landscape"means 27 (b) quality landscapes that conserve water and protect the 28 29 environment and are adaptable to local conditions and which are drought tolerant a landscaping method that maximizes the 30 conservation of water by the use of site-appropriate plants 31 6 CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

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and an efficient watering system. The principles of Xeriscape 1 2 include planning and design, appropriate choice of plants, soil analysis which may include the use of solid waste 3 4 compost, practical use of turf, efficient irrigation, 5 appropriate use of mulches, and proper maintenance. 6 (2) By October 1, 1992, The governing body of each 7 municipality shall consider enacting ordinances requiring the 8 use of Xeriscape as a water conservation measure. If the 9 governing body determines that Xeriscape would be of significant benefit as a water conservation measure relative 10 to the cost to implement Xeriscape landscaping in its area of 11 12 jurisdiction in the municipality, the board shall enact a Xeriscape ordinance. Further, the governing body shall 13 14 consider promoting Xeriscape as a water conservation measure 15 by: using Xeriscape in, around, or near facilities, parks, 16 and other common areas under its jurisdiction which are 17 landscaped after the effective date of this act; providing public education on Xeriscape, its uses as a water 18 19 conservation tool, and its long-term cost-effectiveness; and offering incentives to local residents and businesses to 20 implement Xeriscape landscaping. 21 (3) A deed restriction or covenant entered after 22 23 October 1, 2001, or local government ordinance may not prohibit any property owner from implementing Xeriscape or 24 25 Florida friendly landscape on his or her land. 26 Section 4. Subsection (4) is added to section 255.259, Florida Statutes, to read: 27 28 255.259 Xeriscape landscaping on public property.--29 (4) A deed restriction or covenant entered after 30 October 1, 2001, or local government ordinance may not 31 7 CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

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prohibit any property owner from implementing Xeriscape or 1 2 Florida friendly landscape on his or her land. 3 Section 5. Section 335.167, Florida Statutes, is 4 amended to read: 335.167 State highway construction and maintenance; 5 6 Xeriscape landscaping in rights-of-way .--7 (1) The department shall use and require the use of 8 Xeriscape practices, as defined in s. 373.185(1), in the 9 construction and maintenance of all new state highways, wayside parks, access roads, welcome stations, and other state 10 highway rights-of-way constructed upon or acquired after June 11 12 30, 1992. The department shall develop a 5-year program for phasing in the use of Xeriscape, including the use of solid 13 14 waste compost, in state highway rights-of-way constructed upon 15 or acquired before July 1, 1992. In accomplishing these tasks, the department shall employ the guidelines set out in 16 17 s. 373.185(2)(a)-(f). 18 (2) A deed restriction or covenant entered after 19 October 1, 2001, or local government ordinance may not 20 prohibit any property owner from implementing Xeriscape or Florida friendly landscape on his or her land. 21 22 Section 6. Section 373.62, Florida Statutes, is 23 amended to read: 373.62 Water conservation; automatic sprinkler 24 systems. -- Any person who purchases and installs an automatic 25 26 lawn sprinkler system after May 1, 1991, shall install, and 27 must maintain and operate, a rain sensor device or switch that which will override the irrigation cycle of the sprinkler 28 29 system when adequate rainfall has occurred. Section 7. Section 373.185, Florida Statutes, is 30 amended to read: 31 8

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373.185 Local Xeriscape ordinances.--1 2 (1) As used in this section, the term: 3 "Local government" means any county or (a) 4 municipality of the state. 5 (b) "Xeriscape" or "Florida friendly landscape"means 6 quality landscapes that conserve water and protect the 7 environment and are adaptable to local conditions and which 8 are drought tolerant a landscaping method that maximizes the 9 conservation of water by the use of site-appropriate plants 10 and an efficient watering system. The principles of Xeriscape include planning and design, appropriate choice of plants, 11 12 soil analysis which may include the use of solid waste compost, efficient irrigation, practical use of turf, 13 14 appropriate use of mulches, and proper maintenance. 15 (2) Each water management district shall design and implement an incentive program to encourage all local 16 17 governments within its district to adopt new ordinances or 18 amend existing ordinances to require Xeriscape landscaping for 19 development permitted after the effective date of the new ordinance or amendment. Each district shall adopt rules 20 governing the implementation of its incentive program and 21 governing the review and approval of local government 22 23 Xeriscape ordinances or amendments which are intended to qualify a local government for the incentive program. 24 Each district shall assist the local governments within its 25 26 jurisdiction by providing a model Xeriscape code and other 27 technical assistance. A local government Xeriscape ordinance or amendment, in order to qualify the local government for a 28 29 district's incentive program, must include, at a minimum: (a) Landscape design, installation, and maintenance 30 31 standards that result in water conservation. Such standards 9

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shall address the use of plant groupings, soil analysis 1 2 including the promotion of the use of solid waste compost, 3 efficient irrigation systems, and other water-conserving 4 practices. 5 (b) Identification of prohibited invasive exotic plant 6 species. 7 (c) Identification of controlled plant species, 8 accompanied by the conditions under which such plants may be 9 used. A provision specifying the maximum percentage of 10 (d) turf and the maximum percentage of impervious surfaces allowed 11 12 in a xeriscaped area and addressing the practical selection and installation of turf. 13 14 (e) Specific standards for land clearing and 15 requirements for the preservation of existing native 16 vegetation. 17 (f) A monitoring program for ordinance implementation 18 and compliance. 19 20 The districts also shall work with local governments to promote, through educational programs and publications, the 21 22 use of Xeriscape practices, including the use of solid waste 23 compost, in existing residential and commercial development. This section may not be construed to limit the authority of 24 the districts to require Xeriscape ordinances or practices as 25 26 a condition of any consumptive use permit. 27 (3) A deed restriction or covenant entered after October 1, 2001, or local government ordinance may not 28 29 prohibit any property owner from implementing Xeriscape or 30 Florida friendly landscape on his or her land. 31 10

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Section 8. Section 720.3075, Florida Statutes, is 1 2 amended to read: 3 720.3075 Prohibited clauses in association 4 documents. --5 (1) It is declared that the public policy of this 6 state prohibits the inclusion or enforcement of certain types 7 of clauses in homeowners' association documents, including declaration of covenants, articles of incorporation, bylaws, 8 9 or any other document of the association which binds members 10 of the association, which either have the effect of or provide that: 11 12 (a) A developer has the unilateral ability and right 13 to make changes to the homeowners' association documents after 14 the transition of homeowners' association control in a 15 community from the developer to the nondeveloper members, as 16 set forth in s. 720.307, has occurred. 17 (b) A homeowners' association is prohibited or restricted from filing a lawsuit against the developer, or the 18 19 homeowners' association is otherwise effectively prohibited or restricted from bringing a lawsuit against the developer. 20 (c) After the transition of homeowners' association 21 22 control in a community from the developer to the nondeveloper 23 members, as set forth in s. 720.307, has occurred, a developer is entitled to cast votes in an amount that exceeds one vote 24 per residential lot. 25 26 27 Such clauses are declared null and void as against the public policy of this state. 28 29 (2) The public policy described in subsection (1) prohibits the inclusion or enforcement of such clauses created 30 31 11 CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

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on or after the effective date of s. 3, chapter 98-261, Laws
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3 (3) Homeowners' association documents, including 4 declarations of covenants, articles of incorporation, or 5 bylaws, may not preclude the display of one United States flag by property owners. However, the flag must be displayed in a 6 7 respectful way and may be subject to reasonable standards for size, placement, and safety, as adopted by the homeowners' 8 9 association, consistent with Title 36 U.S.C. chapter 10 and any local ordinances. 10

11 (4) Homeowners' association documents, including 12 declarations of covenants, articles of incorporation or 13 bylaws, entered after October 1, 2001, may not prohibit any 14 property owner from implementing Xeriscape or Florida friendly 15 landscape, as defined in s. 373.185(1), on his or her land. 16 Section 9. Subsection (7) of section 197.502, Florida

17 Statutes, is amended to read:

18 197.502 Application for obtaining tax deed by holder19 of tax sale certificate; fees.--

20 (7) On county-held certificates for which If there are no bidders at the public sale, the clerk shall enter the land 21 on a list entitled "lands available for taxes" and shall 22 immediately notify the county commission and all other persons 23 holding certificates against the land that the land is 24 available. During the first 90 days after the land is placed 25 26 on the list of lands available for taxes, the county may 27 purchase the land for the opening bid. Thereafter, any person, the county, or any other governmental unit may 28 29 purchase the land from the clerk, without further notice or advertising, for the opening bid, except that when the county 30 or other governmental unit is the purchaser for its own use, 31

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the board of county commissioners may cancel omitted years' 1 taxes, as provided under s. 197.447. Interest on the opening 2 3 bid continues to accrue through the month of sale as 4 prescribed by s. 197.542. 5 Section 10. Subsection (3) of section 197.512, Florida 6 Statutes, is amended to read: 7 197.512 Notice, form of publication for obtaining tax 8 deed by holder .--9 (3) Except when the land is redeemed according to law 10 Upon ultimate disposition of the application for a tax deed, the clerk shall record enter his or her certificate of notice 11 12 and his or her certificate of advertising in the public records of the county with such other relevant documents as 13 14 may be required by the department. Section 11. Section 197.542, Florida Statutes, is 15 amended to read: 16 17 197.542 Sale at public auction.--(1) The lands advertised for sale to the highest 18 19 bidder as a result of an application filed under s. 197.502 shall be sold at public auction by the clerk of the circuit 20 court, or his or her deputy, of the county where the lands are 21 located on the date, at the time, and at the location as set 22 23 forth in the published notice, which shall be during the regular hours the clerk's office is open. At the time and 24 place, the clerk shall read the notice of sale and shall offer 25 26 the lands described in the notice for sale to the highest bidder for cash at public outcry. The amount required to 27 redeem the tax certificate, plus the amounts paid by the 28 29 holder to the clerk of the circuit court in charges for costs of sale, redemption of other tax certificates on the same 30 lands, and all other costs to the applicant for tax deed, plus 31

interest thereon at the rate of 1.5 percent per month for the 1 period running from the month after the date of application 2 for the deed through the month of sale and costs incurred for 3 4 the service of notice provided for in s. 197.522(2), shall be 5 considered the bid of the certificateholder for the property. However, if the land to be sold is assessed on the latest tax 6 7 roll as homestead property, the bid of the certificateholder shall be increased to include an amount equal to one-half of 8 9 the assessed value of the homestead property as required by s. 197.502. If there are no higher bids, the land shall be 10 struck off and sold to the certificateholder, who shall 11 12 forthwith pay to the clerk the documentary stamp tax and 13 recording fees due, and a tax deed shall thereupon be issued 14 and recorded by the clerk. (2) If there are other bids, the certificateholder 15 16 shall have the right to bid as others present may bid, and the 17 property shall be struck off and sold to the highest bidder. The high bidder shall post with the clerk a nonrefundable cash 18 19 deposit of \$200 at the time of the sale, to be applied to the 20 sale price at the time of full payment. Notice of this deposit 21 requirement shall be posted at the auction site, and the clerk may require that bidders show their willingness and ability to 22 23 post the cost deposit. If full payment of the final bid and of documentary stamp tax and recording fees is not made within 24 24 hours, excluding weekends and legal holidays, the clerk shall 25 26 cancel all bids, readvertise the sale as provided in this 27 section, and pay all costs of the sale from the deposit. Any remaining funds must be applied toward the opening bid. The 28 29 clerk may refuse to recognize the bid of any person who has previously bid and refused, for any reason, to honor such bid. 30 31 14

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1	(3)(2) The clerk of the circuit court shall demand							
2	immediate payment of an amount equal to the highest bid plus							
3	applicable documentary stamp taxes and recording fees. If full							
4	payment is not received by the clerk within 24 hours after the							
5	advertised time of the sale, the clerk shall cancel the bids							
6	and readvertise the property for sale. If the sale is canceled							
7	for any reason, the clerk shall immediately readvertise the							
8	sale to be held no later than 30 days <u>after</u> from the date the							
9	sale was canceled. Only one advertisement <u>is</u> <del>shall be</del>							
10	necessary. No further notice <u>is</u> <del>shall be</del> required. The amount							
11	of the statutory (opening) bid shall be increased by the cost							
12	of advertising, additional clerk's fees as provided for in s.							
13	28.24(26), and interest as provided for in subsection (1).							
14	The clerk shall receive full payment prior to the issuance of							
15	the tax deed.							
16	Section 12. Section 129.06, Florida Statutes, is							
17	amended to read:							
18	129.06 Execution and amendment of budget							
19	(1) Upon the final adoption of the budgets as provided							
20	in this chapter, the budgets so adopted shall regulate the							
21	expenditures of the county and each special district included							
22	within the county budget, and the itemized estimates of							
23	expenditures shall have the effect of fixed appropriations and							
24	shall not be amended, altered, or exceeded except as provided							
25	in this chapter.							
26	(a) The modified-accrual basis or accrual basis of							
27	accounting must be followed for all funds in accordance with							
28	generally accepted accounting principles.							
29	(b) The cost of the investments provided in this							
30	chapter, or the receipts from their sale or redemption, must							
31	not be treated as expense or income, but the investments on							
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hand at the beginning or end of each fiscal year must be 1 carried as separate items at cost in the fund balances; 2 3 however, the amounts of profit or loss received on their sale 4 must be treated as income or expense, as the case may be. (2) The board at any time within a fiscal year may 5 6 amend a budget for that year, and may within the first 60 days 7 of a fiscal year amend the budget for the prior fiscal year, 8 as follows: 9 (a) Appropriations for expenditures in any fund may be decreased and other appropriations in the same fund 10 correspondingly increased by motion recorded in the minutes, 11 12 provided that the total of the appropriations of the fund may not be changed. The board of county commissioners, however, 13 14 may establish procedures by which the designated budget 15 officer may authorize certain intradepartmental budget 16 amendments, provided that the total appropriation of the 17 department may not be changed. 18 Appropriations from the reserve for contingencies (b) 19 may be made to increase the appropriation for any particular expense in the same fund, or to create an appropriation in the 20 21 fund for any lawful purpose, but expenditures may not be 22 charged directly to the reserve for contingencies. (c) The reserve for future construction and 23 improvements may be appropriated by resolution of the board 24 for the purposes for which the reserve was made. 25 26 (d) A receipt of a nature from a source not anticipated in the budget and received for a particular 27 28 purpose, including but not limited to grants, donations, 29 gifts, or reimbursement for damages, may, by resolution of the board spread on its minutes, be appropriated and expended for 30 that purpose, in addition to the appropriations and 31 16

expenditures provided for in the budget. Such receipts and 1 2 appropriations must be added to the budget of the proper fund. 3 The resolution may amend the budget to transfer revenue 4 between funds to properly account for unanticipated revenue. 5 (e) Increased receipts for enterprise or proprietary 6 funds received for a particular purpose may, by resolution of 7 the board spread on its minutes, be appropriated and expended 8 for that purpose, in addition to the appropriations and 9 expenditures provided for in the budget. The resolution may amend the budget to transfer revenue between funds to properly 10 account for increased receipts. 11 12 (f) If an amendment to a budget is required for a purpose not specifically authorized in paragraphs (a)-(e), 13 14 unless otherwise prohibited by law, the amendment may be 15 authorized by resolution or ordinance of the board of county commissioners adopted following a public hearing. The public 16 17 hearing must be advertised at least 2 days, but not more than 5 days, before the date of the hearing. The advertisement must 18 19 appear in a newspaper of paid general circulation and must 20 identify the name of the taxing authority, the date, place, and time of the hearing, and the purpose of the hearing. 21 The 22 advertisement must also identify each budgetary fund to be 23 amended, the source of the funds, the use of the funds, and the total amount of each budget. 24 25 (3) Only the following transfers may be made between 26 funds: 27 (a) Transfers to correct errors in handling receipts 28 and disbursements. 29 (b) Budgeted transfers. Transfers to properly account for unanticipated 30 (C) revenue or increased receipts. 31 17 CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

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(4) All unexpended balances of appropriations at the 1 2 end of the fiscal year shall revert to the fund from which the 3 appropriation was made, but reserves for sinking funds and for 4 future construction and improvements may not be diverted to 5 other purposes. 6 (5) Any county constitutional officer whose budget is 7 approved by the board of county commissioners, who has not been reelected to office or is not seeking reelection, shall 8 9 be prohibited from making any budget amendments, transferring funds between itemized appropriations, or expending in a 10 single month more than one-twelfth of any itemized approved 11 12 appropriation, following the date he or she is eliminated as a candidate or October 1, whichever comes later, without 13 14 approval of the board of county commissioners. Section 13. Section 125.0108, Florida Statutes, is 15 amended to read: 16 17 125.0108 Areas of critical state concern; tourist 18 impact tax.--19 (1)(a) Subject to the provisions of this section, any 20 county creating a land authority pursuant to s. 380.0663(1) is authorized to levy by ordinance, in the area or areas within 21 said county designated as an area of critical state concern 22 23 pursuant to chapter 380, a tourist impact tax on the taxable 24 privileges described in paragraph (b); however, if the area or areas of critical state concern are greater than 50 percent of 25 the land area of the county, the tax may be levied throughout 26 27 the entire county.Such tax shall not be effective unless and until land development regulations and a local comprehensive 28 29 plan that meet the requirements of chapter 380 have become effective and such tax is approved by referendum as provided 30 for in subsection (5). 31

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It is declared to be the intent of the Legislature 1 (b) 2 that every person who rents, leases, or lets for consideration any living quarters or accommodations in any hotel, apartment 3 4 hotel, motel, resort motel, apartment, apartment motel, 5 roominghouse, mobile home park, recreational vehicle park, or condominium for a term of 6 months or less, unless such 6 7 establishment is exempt from the tax imposed by s. 212.03, is 8 exercising a taxable privilege on the proceeds therefrom under 9 this section.

10 (c) The governing board of the county may, by passage11 of a resolution by four-fifths vote, repeal such tax.

(d) The tourist impact tax shall be levied at the rate of 1 percent of each dollar and major fraction thereof of the total consideration charged for such taxable privilege. When receipt of consideration is by way of property other than money, the tax shall be levied and imposed on the fair market value of such nonmonetary consideration.

(e) The tourist impact tax shall be in addition to any
other tax imposed pursuant to chapter 212 and in addition to
all other taxes and fees and the consideration for the taxable
privilege.

(f) The tourist impact tax shall be charged by the person receiving the consideration for the taxable privilege, and it shall be collected from the lessee, tenant, or customer at the time of payment of the consideration for such taxable privilege.

(2)(a) The person receiving the consideration for such taxable privilege and the person doing business within such area or areas of critical state concern <u>or within the entire</u> <u>county, as applicable, shall receive, account for, and remit</u> the tourist impact tax to the Department of Revenue at the

time and in the manner provided for persons who collect and 1 remit taxes under chapter 212. The same duties and privileges 2 3 imposed by chapter 212 upon dealers in tangible property, 4 respecting the collection and remission of tax; the making of 5 returns; the keeping of books, records, and accounts; and 6 compliance with the rules of the Department of Revenue in the 7 administration of that chapter shall apply to and be binding upon all persons who are subject to the provisions of this 8 9 section. However, the Department of Revenue may authorize a quarterly return and payment when the tax remitted by the 10 dealer for the preceding quarter did not exceed \$25. 11 12 (b) The Department of Revenue shall keep records showing the amount of taxes collected, which records shall 13

14 also include records disclosing the amount of taxes collected 15 for and from each county in which the tax imposed and 16 authorized by this section is applicable. These records shall 17 be open for inspection during the regular office hours of the 18 Department of Revenue, subject to the provisions of s. 19 213.053.

20 (c) Collections received by the Department of Revenue from the tax, less costs of administration of this section, 21 shall be paid and returned monthly to the county and the land 22 23 authority in accordance with the provisions of subsection (3). (d) The Department of Revenue, under the applicable 24 rules of the Career Service Commission, is authorized to 25 26 employ persons and incur other expenses for which funds are 27 appropriated by the Legislature.

(e) The Department of Revenue is empowered to promulgate such rules and prescribe and publish such forms as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this section.

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The department is authorized to establish audit procedures and
 to assess for delinquent taxes.

3 (f) The estimated tax provisions contained in s.
4 212.11 do not apply to the administration of any tax levied
5 under this section.

6 (3) All tax revenues received pursuant to this
7 section, less administrative costs, shall be distributed as
8 follows:

9 (a) Fifty percent shall be transferred to the land 10 authority to be used to purchase property in the area of 11 critical state concern <u>for from</u> which the revenue is 12 generated. An amount not to exceed 5 percent may be used for 13 administration and other costs incident to such purchases.

(b) Fifty percent shall be distributed to the
governing body of the county where the revenue was generated.
Such proceeds shall be used to offset the loss of ad valorem
taxes due to acquisitions provided for by this act.

18 (4)(a) Any person who is taxable hereunder who fails 19 or refuses to charge and collect from the person paying for 20 the taxable privilege the taxes herein provided, either by 21 himself or herself or through agents or employees, is, in 22 addition to being personally liable for the payment of the 23 tax, guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable 24 as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

(b) No person shall advertise or hold out to the public in any manner, directly or indirectly, that he or she will absorb all or any part of the tax; that he or she will relieve the person paying for the taxable privilege of the payment of all or any part of the tax; or that the tax will not be added to the consideration for the taxable privilege or that, when added, the tax or any part thereof will be refunded

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or refused, either directly or indirectly, by any method
 whatsoever. Any person who willfully violates any provision
 of this paragraph is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second
 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

5 (c) The tax authorized to be levied by this section 6 shall constitute a lien on the property of the business, 7 lessee, customer, or tenant in the same manner as, and shall 8 be collectible as are, liens authorized and imposed in ss. 9 713.67, 713.68, and 713.69.

10 (5) The tourist impact tax authorized by this section shall take effect only upon express approval by a majority 11 12 vote of those qualified electors in the area or areas of 13 critical state concern in the county seeking to levy such tax, 14 voting in a referendum to be held by the governing board of 15 such county in conjunction with a general or special election, in accordance with the provisions of law relating to elections 16 17 currently in force. However, if the area or areas of critical state concern are greater than 50 percent of the land area of 18 19 the county and the tax is to be imposed throughout the entire 20 county, the tax shall take effect only upon express approval of a majority of the qualified electors of the county voting 21 22 in such a referendum.

23 (6) The effective date of the levy and imposition of the tourist impact tax authorized under this section shall be 24 the first day of the second month following approval of the 25 26 ordinance by referendum or the first day of any subsequent month as may be specified in the ordinance. A certified copy 27 of the ordinance shall include the time period and the 28 29 effective date of the tax levy and shall be furnished by the county to the Department of Revenue within 10 days after 30 passing an ordinance levying such tax and again within 10 days 31

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after approval by referendum of such tax. If applicable, the 1 2 county levying the tax shall provide the Department of Revenue 3 with a list of the businesses in the area of critical state 4 concern where the tourist impact tax is levied by zip code or 5 other means of identification. Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 213.053, the Department of Revenue shall assist the 6 7 county in compiling such list of businesses. The tourist impact tax, if not repealed sooner pursuant to paragraph 8 9 (1)(c), shall be repealed 10 years after the date the area of critical state concern designation is removed. 10 Section 14. Subsection (7) of section 125.0104, 11 12 Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 13 125.0104 Tourist development tax; procedure for 14 levying; authorized uses; referendum; enforcement .--(7) AUTOMATIC EXPIRATION ON RETIREMENT OF 15 BONDS.--Anything in this section to the contrary 16 17 notwithstanding, if the plan for tourist development approved by the governing board of the county, as amended from time to 18 19 time pursuant to paragraph (4)(d), includes the acquisition, 20 construction, extension, enlargement, remodeling, repair, or 21 improvement of a publicly owned and operated convention center, sports stadium, sports arena, coliseum, or auditorium, 22 23 or a museum that is publicly owned and operated or owned and operated by a not-for-profit organization, the county 24 25 ordinance levying and imposing the tax shall automatically 26 expire upon the later of: (a) Retirement of all bonds issued by the county for 27 financing the same; or 28 29 (b) The expiration of any agreement by the county for the operation or maintenance, or both, of a publicly owned and 30 operated convention center, sports stadium, sports arena, 31 23 CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

coliseum, auditorium, or museum. However, nothing herein shall 1 preclude that county from amending the ordinance extending the 2 3 tax to the extent that the board of the county determines to 4 be necessary to provide funds with which to operate, maintain, 5 repair, or renew and replace a publicly owned and operated convention center, sports stadium, sports arena, coliseum, 6 7 auditorium, or museum or from enacting an ordinance which shall take effect without referendum approval, unless the 8 9 original referendum required ordinance expiration, pursuant to 10 the provisions of this section reimposing a tourist development tax, upon or following the expiration of the 11 12 previous ordinance. 13 Section 15. Section 166.0415, Florida Statutes, is 14 created to read: 15 166.0415 Affordable housing. -- Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a municipality may adopt and maintain 16 17 in effect any law, ordinance, rule, or other measure that is adopted for the purpose of increasing the supply of affordable 18 19 housing using land use mechanisms such as inclusionary housing 20 ordinances. 21 Section 16. Section 125.01055, Florida Statutes, is created to read: 22 23 125.01055 Affordable housing.--Notwithstanding any 24 other provision of law, a county may adopt and maintain in effect any law, ordinance, rule, or other measure that is 25 26 adopted for the purpose of increasing the supply of affordable 27 housing using land use mechanisms such as inclusionary housing ordinances. 28 29 Section 17. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law and sections 9, 10, and 11 shall take effect October 1, 30 31 24 CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

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