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1	brackets; amending s. 202.17, F.S.; specifying
2	that registration as a dealer of communications
3	services does not constitute registration for
4	purposes of placing and maintaining
5	communications facilities in municipal or
6	county rights-of-way; removing the registration
7	fee for such dealers; revising provisions
8	relating to resale certificates; amending s.
9	202.18, F.S.; revising provisions relating to
10	distribution of a portion of the proceeds of
11	the tax on direct-to-home satellite service and
12	to distribution of local communications
13	services taxes and adjustment of such
14	distribution; amending s. 202.19, F.S.;
15	revising provisions which authorize imposition
16	of local communications services taxes and
17	provide for use of revenues and certain
18	credits; specifying the maximum rates of such
19	taxes; providing the initial method for
20	determining the sales price of private
21	communications services for local
22	communications services taxes and for the
23	discretionary sales surtax under s. 212.055,
24	F.S., that is imposed as a local communications
25	services tax, and providing a revised method
26	effective January 1, 2004; relieving service
27	providers of certain liabilities; revising
28	requirements relating to the direct-pay permit
29	required to qualify for the limitation on local
30	communications services taxes on interstate
31	communications services; providing for
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1	application of local communications services
2	taxes to mobile communications services;
3	amending s. 202.20, F.S.; specifying the local
4	communications services tax conversion rates;
5	revising requirements with respect to
б	adjustment by a local government of its tax
7	rate when tax revenues are less than received
8	from replaced revenue sources; requiring
9	adjustment of the tax rate if revenues received
10	for a specified period exceed a specified
11	threshold; authorizing local governments to
12	increase the tax rate established by the
13	Revenue Estimating Conference and approved by
14	the Legislature to the maximum tax rate so
15	established and approved; amending s. 202.21,
16	F.S.; conforming provisions; amending s.
17	202.22, F.S., relating to determination of
18	local tax situs for a local communications
19	services tax; revising requirements relating to
20	use of enhanced zip codes; revising
21	requirements relating to certification or
22	recertification of a database by the
23	department; specifying effect when certain
24	applications for certification are not approved
25	or denied within the required time period;
26	revising provisions relating to a dealer's duty
27	to update a database and to the amount of
28	dealer's credit allowed when an alternative
29	method of assigning service addresses is used;
30	amending s. 202.23, F.S.; providing
31	requirements for refunds when excess

1	communications services tax has been paid;
2	creating s. 202.231, F.S.; providing
3	requirements for provision of information by
4	the department to local taxing jurisdictions;
5	amending s. 202.24, F.S., relating to
6	limitations on local taxes and fees imposed on
7	dealers of communications services; deleting
8	provisions relating to legislative review;
9	repealing s. 202.26(3)(i), F.S., which provides
10	for adoption of rules by the department with
11	respect to collection of information no longer
12	required; amending s. 202.27, F.S.; deleting
13	provisions which allow certain dealers making
14	sales in more than one location to file a
15	single return; amending s. 202.28, F.S.;
16	including persons collecting the gross receipts
17	tax in provisions relating to the dealer's
18	credit; amending s. 202.37, F.S.; providing
19	requirements for audits conducted with respect
20	to local communications services taxes;
21	providing that certain persons or entities may
22	provide evidence to the department regarding
23	failure to report taxable sales and providing
24	authority of the department with respect
25	thereto; creating s. 202.38, F.S.; providing
26	for credits or refunds under ch. 202, F.S., for
27	certain bad debts or adjustments with respect
28	to taxes under ch. 212, F.S., or ch. 166, F.S.,
29	billed prior to October 1, 2001, and no longer
30	subject to tax; creating s. 202.381, F.S.;
31	providing requirements with respect to

1	implementation of ch. 202, F.S., and ch.
2	2000-260, Laws of Florida, and transition from
3	the previous tax structure; amending s. 203.01,
4	F.S.; specifying the rate of the gross receipts
5	tax on communications services; amending s.
6	212.031, F.S.; conforming provisions; amending
7	s. 212.054, F.S.; clarifying that a
8	discretionary sales surtax applies to
9	transactions taxed under ch. 202, F.S.;
10	amending s. 212.20, F.S.; removing provisions
11	relating to deposit of certain proceeds under
12	ch. 212, F.S., in the Mail Order Sales Tax
13	Clearing Trust Fund; amending ss. 11.45,
14	218.65, and 288.1169, F.S.; correcting
15	references; amending s. 212.202, F.S.; renaming
16	the Mail Order Sales Tax Clearing Trust Fund as
17	the Communications Services Tax Clearing Trust
18	Fund; amending s. 337.401, F.S.; revising dates
19	for notice of election by municipalities and
20	counties regarding imposition of permit fees to
21	the department; providing that a municipality
22	or county that elects not to impose permit fees
23	on communications services providers may
24	increase its local tax rate by resolution;
25	requiring notice to the department; prescribing
26	regulations governing the amounts that may be
27	imposed by municipalities and counties against
28	certain persons or entities in connection with
29	the placement or maintenance of communications
30	facilities in municipal or county roads or
31	rights-of-way; repealing s. 337.401(3)(f) and

1	(g), F.S., relating to the authority of
2	municipalities and counties to request in-kind
3	requirements from cable service providers and
4	to negotiate cable service franchises, and
5	revising and relocating such provisions under
6	that section; providing relationship of
7	provisions relating to regulation of placement
8	or maintenance of communications facilities in
9	public roads or rights-of-way by counties or
10	municipalities to zoning or land use authority;
11	providing status of registration under such
12	provisions; authorizing municipalities and
13	counties to change their election regarding
14	imposition of permit fees and providing for
15	adjustment of tax rates; providing notice
16	requirements; revising definitions; specifying
17	continued application of s. 166.234, F.S.,
18	relating to administration and rights and
19	remedies, to municipal public service taxes on
20	telecommunications services imposed prior to
21	October 1, 2001; providing for payment of
22	franchise fees by cable or telecommunications
23	service providers with respect to services
24	provided prior to October 1, 2001; providing
25	for severability; repealing s. 52 of ch.
26	2000-260, Laws of Florida, which provides for a
27	legislative study during the 2001 session;
28	repealing s. 58(1) of ch. 2000-260, Laws of
29	Florida, which provides for the June 30, 2001,
30	repeal of those administrative sections of ch.
31	202, F.S., which have taken effect; repealing
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1	s. 58(2) of ch. 2000-260, Laws of Florida,
2	which provides for the June 30, 2001, repeal of
3	the following provisions prior to their October
4	1, 2001, effective date: the remainder of ch.
5	202, F.S., which provides for the taxation of
б	the sale of communications services; other
7	statutory amendments which provide related
8	administrative provisions; provisions which
9	remove levy of the municipal public service tax
10	on telecommunication services; provisions which
11	provide for a gross receipts tax on
12	communications services to be applied pursuant
13	to ch. 202, F.S.; provisions which remove the
14	imposition of tax under ch. 212, F.S., on
15	telecommunication service; provisions relating
16	to the authority of counties and municipalities
17	to regulate the placement of telecommunications
18	facilities in roads and rights-of-way and to
19	impose permit fees and franchise fees; and
20	provisions relating to the application of
21	amendments made by ch. 2000-260, Laws of
22	Florida; repealing s. 59 of ch. 2000-260, Laws
23	of Florida, which, effective June 30, 2001,
24	amends s. 337.401, F.S., relating to the
25	authority of counties and municipalities to
26	regulate the placement of telecommunications
27	facilities in roads and rights-of-way and to
28	impose permit fees and franchise fees, to
29	remove amendments made by ch. 2000-260, Laws of
30	Florida, which took effect January 1, 2001;
31	providing effective dates.

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First Engrossed (ntc)

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 1 2 3 Section 1. Section 202.105, Florida Statutes, is 4 created to read: 5 202.105 Declaration of legislative findings and 6 intent.--7 (1) It is declared to be a specific legislative 8 finding that the creation of this chapter fulfills important 9 state interests by reforming the tax laws to provide a fair, efficient, and uniform method for taxing communications 10 services sold in this state. This chapter is essential to the 11 12 continued economic vitality of this increasingly important 13 industry because it restructures state and local taxes and 14 fees to account for the impact of federal legislation, 15 industry deregulation, and the convergence of service 16 offerings that is now taking place among providers. This 17 chapter promotes the increased competition that accompanies deregulation by embracing a competitively neutral tax policy 18 19 that will free consumers to choose a provider based on 20 tax-neutral considerations. This chapter further spurs new 21 competition by simplifying an extremely complicated state and local tax and fee system. Simplification will lower the cost 22 of collecting taxes and fees, increase service availability, 23 and place downward pressure on price. New found 24 25 administrative efficiency is demonstrated by a reduction in 26 the number of returns that a provider must file each month. 27 By restructuring separate taxes and fees into a 28 revenue-neutral communications services tax centrally 29 administered by the department, this chapter will ensure that the growth of the industry is unimpaired by excessive 30 31 governmental regulation. The tax imposed pursuant to this 8

chapter is a replacement for taxes and fees previously imposed 1 2 and is not a new tax. The taxes imposed and administered 3 pursuant to this chapter are of general application and are imposed in a uniform, consistent, and nondiscriminatory 4 5 manner. 6 (2) It is declared to be a specific legislative 7 finding that this chapter will not reduce the authority that 8 municipalities or counties had to raise revenue in the 9 aggregate, as such authority existed on February 1, 1989. 10 Section 2. Subsections (2), (14), and (16) of section 202.11, Florida Statutes, are amended, subsection (18) is 11 12 added to that section, and, effective August 1, 2002, 13 subsections (8) and (15) are amended and subsections (19), 14 (20), (21), (22), (23), (24), and (25) are added to that section, to read: 15 202.11 Definitions.--As used in this chapter: 16 17 (2)"Cable service" means the transmission of video, audio, or other programming service to purchasers, and the 18 19 purchaser interaction, if any, required for the selection or 20 use of any such programming service, regardless of whether the programming is transmitted over facilities owned or operated 21 22 by the cable service provider or over facilities owned or 23 operated by one or more other dealers of communications services. The term includes point-to-point and 24 point-to-multipoint distribution services by which programming 25 26 is transmitted or broadcast by microwave or other equipment 27 directly to the purchaser's premises, but does not include direct-to-home satellite service. The term includes basic, 28 29 extended, premium, pay-per-view, digital, and music services. "Mobile communications service" means commercial 30 (8) 31 mobile radio service, as defined in 47 C.F.R. s. 20.3 as in 9

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effect on June 1, 1999 any one-way or two-way radio 1 communications service, whether identified by the dealer as 2 local, toll, long distance, or otherwise, and which is carried 3 4 between mobile stations or receivers and land stations, or by 5 mobile stations communicating among themselves, and includes, but is not limited to, cellular communications services, 6 7 personal communications services, paging services, specialized mobile radio services, and any other form of mobile one-way or 8 9 two-way communications service. The term does not include air-ground radiotelephone service as defined in 47 C.F.R. s. 10 22.99 as in effect on June 1, 1999. 11 (14) "Sales price" means the total amount charged in 12 money or other consideration by a dealer for the sale of the 13 14 right or privilege of using communications services in this 15 state, including any property or other services that are part of the sale. The sales price of communications services shall 16 17 not be reduced by any separately identified components of the charge that constitute expenses of the dealer, including, but 18 19 not limited to, sales taxes on goods or services purchased by 20 the dealer, property taxes, taxes measured by net income, and universal-service fund fees. 21 (a) The sales price of communications services shall 22 23 also include, whether or not separately stated, charges for 24 any of the following: 25 1. Separately identified components of the charge or 26 expenses of the dealer, including, but not limited to, sales 27 taxes on goods or services purchased by the dealer, property 28 taxes, taxes measured by net income, and federal 29 universal-service fund fees. 1.2. The connection, movement, change, or termination 30 of communications services. 31 10

2.3. The detailed billing of communications services. 1 2 3.4. The sale of directory listings in connection with 3 a communications service. 4 4.5. Central office and custom calling features. 5 5.6. Voice mail and other messaging service. 6.7. Directory assistance. б 7 7. The service of sending or receiving a document 8 commonly referred to as a facsimile or "fax," except when 9 performed during the course of providing professional or advertising services. 10 The sales price of communications services does 11 (b) 12 not include charges for any of the following: 1. Any excise tax, sales tax, or similar tax levied by 13 14 the United States or any state or local government on the 15 purchase, sale, use, or consumption of any communications 16 service, including, but not limited to, any tax imposed under 17 this chapter or chapter 203 which is permitted or required to be added to the sales price of such service, if the tax is 18 19 stated separately. 2. Any fee or assessment levied by the United States 20 or any state or local government, including, but not limited 21 to, regulatory fees and emergency telephone surcharges, which 22 23 is required to be added to the price of such service if the fee or assessment is separately stated. 24 3. Communications services Local telephone service 25 26 paid for by inserting coins into coin-operated communications 27 devices available to the public. 4. The sale or recharge of a prepaid calling 28 29 arrangement. 30 31 11 CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

The provision of air-to-ground communications 1 5. 2 services, defined as a radio service provided to purchasers 3 while on board an aircraft. 4 6. A dealer's internal use of communications services 5 in connection with its business of providing communications 6 services. 7 7. Charges for property or other services that are not 8 part of the sale of communications services, if such charges 9 are stated separately from the charges for communications services. 10 (15) "Service address" means: 11 12 (a)(b) Except as otherwise provided in this section In the case of all other communications services, the location of 13 14 the communications equipment from which communications 15 services originate or at which communications services are received by the customer. If the location of such equipment 16 17 cannot be determined as part of the billing process, as in the 18 case of mobile communications services, paging systems, 19 maritime systems, third-number and calling-card calls, and 20 similar services, the term means the location determined by the dealer based on the customer's telephone number, the 21 22 customer's mailing address to which bills are sent by the 23 dealer, or another street address provided by the customer. However, such address must be within the licensed service area 24 of the dealer. In the case of a communications service paid 25 26 through a credit or payment mechanism that does not relate to 27 a service address, such as a bank, travel, debit, or credit card, the service address is the address of the central 28 29 office, as determined by the area code and the first three digits of the seven-digit originating telephone number. 30 31 12

(b) (a) In the case of cable services and 1 2 direct-to-home satellite services, the location where the customer receives the services in this state. 3 4 (c) In the case of mobile communications services, the 5 customer's place of primary use. 6 (16) "Substitute communications system" means any 7 telephone system, or other system capable of providing 8 communications services, which a person purchases, installs, 9 rents, or leases for his or her own use to provide himself or 10 herself with services used as a substitute for any switched service or dedicated facility by which communications services 11 12 provided by a dealer of communications services provides a 13 communication path. 14 (18) "Private communications service" means a 15 communications service that entitles the subscriber or user to exclusive or priority use of a communications channel or group 16 17 of channels between or among channel termination points, regardless of the manner in which such channel or channels are 18 19 connected, and includes switching capacity, extension lines, 20 stations, and any other associated services which are provided 21 in connection with the use of such channel or channels. (19)(a) "Customer" means: 22 23 The person or entity that contracts with the home 1. service provider for mobile communications services; or 24 25 2. If the end user of mobile communications services is not the contracting party, the end user of the mobile 26 communications service. This subparagraph only applies for the 27 28 purpose of determining the place of primary use. 29 (b) "Customer" does not include: 1. A reseller of mobile communications services; or 30 31 13

1 2. A serving carrier under an agreement to serve the 2 customer outside the home service provider's licensed service 3 area. 4 (20) "Enhanced zip code" means a United States postal zip code of 9 or more digits. 5 6 (21) "Home service provider" means the 7 facilities-based carrier or reseller with which the customer 8 contracts for the provision of mobile communications services. 9 (22) "Licensed service area" means the geographic area 10 in which the home service provider is authorized by law or contract to provide mobile communications service to the 11 12 customer. 13 (23) "Place of primary use" means the street address 14 representative of where the customer's use of the mobile 15 communications service primarily occurs, which must be: 16 The residential street address or the primary (a) 17 business street address of the customer; and (b) Within the licensed service area of the home 18 19 service provider. 20 (24)(a) "Reseller" means a provider who purchases communications services from another communications service 21 provider and then resells, uses as a component part of, or 22 integrates the purchased services into a mobile communications 23 24 service. (b) "Reseller" does not include a serving carrier with 25 26 which a home service provider arranges for the services to its 27 customers outside the home service provider's licensed service 28 area. 29 (25) "Serving carrier" means a facilities-based 30 carrier providing mobile communications service to a customer 31 14 CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

outside a home service provider's or reseller's licensed 1 2 service area. 3 Section 3. Effective with respect to bills issued by 4 communications services providers on or after October 1, 2001, 5 subsections (1) and (3) of section 202.12, Florida Statutes, 6 are amended and paragraph (d) is added to subsection (1), and, 7 effective with respect to bills issued by communications 8 services providers after August 1, 2002, paragraph (e) is 9 added to subsection (1), to read: 202.12 Sales of communications services.--The 10 Legislature finds that every person who engages in the 11 12 business of selling communications services at retail in this state is exercising a taxable privilege. It is the intent of 13 14 the Legislature that the tax imposed by chapter 203 be 15 administered as provided in this chapter. (1) For the exercise of such privilege, a tax is 16 17 levied on each taxable transaction, and the tax is due and 18 payable as follows: 19 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, 20 at a the rate of 6.8 percent calculated pursuant to s. 30, 21 chapter 2000-260, Laws of Florida, applied to the sales price of the communications service, except for direct-to-home 22 23 satellite service, which: 1. Originates and terminates in this state, or 24 2. Originates or terminates in this state and is 25 26 charged to a service address in this state, 27 28 when sold at retail, computed on each taxable sale for the 29 purpose of remitting the tax due. The gross receipts tax imposed by chapter 203 shall be collected on the same taxable 30 transactions and remitted with the tax imposed by this 31 15 CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

paragraph. If no tax is imposed by this paragraph by reason of 1 s. 202.125(1), the tax imposed by chapter 203 shall 2 3 nevertheless be collected and remitted in the manner and at the time prescribed for tax collections and remittances under 4 5 this chapter. (b) At the rate set forth in paragraph (a) on the 6 7 actual cost of operating a substitute communications system, 8 to be paid in accordance with s. 202.15. This paragraph does 9 not apply to the use by any dealer of his or her own communications system to conduct a business of providing 10 communications services or any communications system operated 11 12 by a county, a municipality, the state, or any political subdivision of the state. The gross receipts tax imposed by 13 14 chapter 203 shall be applied to the same costs, and remitted 15 with the tax imposed by this paragraph. 16 (c) At the a rate of 10.8 percent to be computed by 17 the Revenue Estimating Conference and approved by the Legislature on the retail sales price of any direct-to-home 18 19 satellite service received in this state. The rate computed by 20 the Revenue Estimating Conference shall be the sum of: 21 The rate set forth in paragraph (a); and 1. 22 2. The weighted average, based on the aggregate 23 population in the respective taxing jurisdictions, of the rate 24 computed under s. 202.20(2)(a)1. for municipalities and 25 charter counties and the rate computed under such subparagraph 26 for all other counties. 27 28 The proceeds of the tax imposed under this paragraph shall be 29 accounted for and distributed in accordance with s. 202.18(2). 30 The gross receipts tax imposed by chapter 203 shall be 31 16 CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

collected on the same taxable transactions and remitted with 1 2 the tax imposed by this paragraph. 3 (d) At the rate set forth in paragraph (a) on the 4 sales price of private communications services provided within 5 this state. In determining the sales price of private 6 communications services subject to tax, the communications 7 service provider shall be entitled to use any method that 8 reasonably allocates the total charges among the states in 9 which channel termination points are located. An allocation method is deemed to be reasonable for purposes of this 10 paragraph if the communications service provider regularly 11 12 used such method for Florida tax purposes prior to December 31, 2000. If a communications service provider uses a 13 14 reasonable allocation method, such provider shall be held 15 harmless from any liability for additional tax, interest, or 16 penalty based on a different allocation method. The gross 17 receipts tax imposed by chapter 203 shall be collected on the same taxable transactions and remitted with the tax imposed by 18 19 this paragraph. 20 (e) At the rate set forth in paragraph (a) applied to the sales price of all mobile communications services deemed 21 to be provided to a customer by a home service provider 22 23 pursuant to s. 117(a) of the Mobile Telecommunications 24 Sourcing Act, Pub. L. No. 106-252, if such customer's service address is located within this state. 25 26 (2) A dealer of taxable communications services shall 27 bill, collect, and remit the taxes on communications services 28 imposed pursuant to chapter 203 and this section at a combined 29 rate that is the sum of the rate of tax on communications services prescribed in chapter 203 and the applicable rate of 30 tax prescribed in this section. Each dealer subject to the tax 31 17

provided in paragraph (1)(b) shall also remit the taxes 1 imposed pursuant to chapter 203 and this section on a combined 2 basis. However, a dealer shall, in reporting each remittance 3 4 to the department, identify the portion thereof which consists 5 of taxes remitted pursuant to chapter 203. Return forms 6 prescribed by the department shall facilitate such reporting. 7 (3) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the 8 combined amount of taxes imposed under this section and s. 203.01(1)(a)2. shall not exceed \$100,000 per calendar year on 9 charges to any person for interstate communications services 10 that originate outside this state and terminate within this 11 12 state. This subsection applies only to holders of a direct-pay permit issued under this subsection. A refund may 13 14 not be given for taxes paid before receiving a direct-pay 15 permit. Upon application, the department may issue one $\frac{1}{2}$ direct-pay permit to the purchaser of communications services 16 17 authorizing such purchaser to pay the Florida communications services tax on such services directly to the department if 18 19 the majority of such services used by such person are for communications originating outside of this state and 20 terminating in this state. Only one direct-pay permit shall be 21 issued to a person. Such direct-pay permit shall identify the 22 23 taxes and service addresses to which it applies. Any dealer of communications services furnishing communications services 24 to the holder of a valid direct-pay permit is relieved of the 25 26 obligation to collect and remit the taxes imposed under this section and s. 203.01(1)(a)2. on such services. Tax payments 27 and returns pursuant to a direct-pay permit shall be monthly. 28 29 As used in this subsection, "person" means a single legal entity and does not mean a group or combination of affiliated 30 31 18

entities or entities controlled by one person or group of 1 2 persons. 3 Section 4. Effective January 1, 2004, paragraph (d) of 4 subsection (1) of section 202.12, Florida Statutes, as created 5 by this act, is amended to read: 6 202.12 Sales of communications services.--The 7 Legislature finds that every person who engages in the business of selling communications services at retail in this 8 9 state is exercising a taxable privilege. It is the intent of the Legislature that the tax imposed by chapter 203 be 10 administered as provided in this chapter. 11 12 (1) For the exercise of such privilege, a tax is levied on each taxable transaction, and the tax is due and 13 payable as follows: 14 15 (d) At the rate set forth in paragraph (a) on the sales price of private communications services provided within 16 17 this state, which shall be determined in accordance with the 18 following provisions:-19 1. Any charge with respect to a channel termination 20 point located within this state; 21 2. Any charge for the use of a channel between two 22 channel termination points located in this state; and 3. Where channel termination points are located both 23 24 within and outside of this state: 25 a. If any segment between two such channel termination 26 points is separately billed, 50 percent of such charge; and 27 b. If any segment of the circuit is not separately billed, an amount equal to the total charge for such circuit 28 29 multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number 30 of channel termination points within this state and the denominator of which is the total number of channel 31 19

termination points of the circuit. In determining the sales 1 price of private communications services subject to tax, the 2 3 communications service provider shall be entitled to use any 4 method that reasonably allocates the total charges among the 5 states in which channel termination points are located. An allocation method is deemed to be reasonable for purposes of 6 this paragraph if the communications service provider 7 regularly used such method for Florida tax purposes prior to 8 9 December 31, 2000. If a communications service provider uses a reasonable allocation method, such provider shall be held 10 harmless from any liability for additional tax, interest, or 11 12 penalty based on a different allocation method. 13 14 The gross receipts tax imposed by chapter 203 shall be 15 collected on the same taxable transactions and remitted with the tax imposed by this paragraph. 16 Section 5. Effective with respect to bills issued by 17 communications services providers after August 1, 2002, 18 19 section 202.155, Florida Statutes, is created to read: 20 202.155 Special rules for mobile communications services.--21 22 (1) A home service provider shall be responsible for 23 obtaining and maintaining the customer's place of primary use. 24 Subject to subsections (2) and (3), if the home service 25 provider's reliance on information provided by its customer is 26 in good faith: 27 (a) The home service provider shall be entitled to rely on the applicable residential or business street address 28 29 supplied by such customer. (b) The home service provider shall be held harmless 30 31 from liability for any additional taxes imposed by or pursuant 20

to this chapter or chapter 203 which are based on a different 1 2 determination of such customer's place of primary use. 3 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3), a home 4 service provider shall be allowed to treat the address used 5 for tax purposes for any customer under a service contract in 6 effect on August 1, 2002, as that customer's place of primary 7 use for the remaining term of such service contract or 8 agreement, excluding any extension or renewal of such service 9 contract or agreement. (3)(a) The department shall provide notice to the 10 customer of its intent to redetermine the customer's place of 11 12 primary use. If a final order is entered ruling that the 13 address used by a home service provider as a customer's place 14 of primary use does not meet the definition of "place of 15 primary use" provided by s. 202.11, the department shall notify the home service provider of the proper address to be 16 17 used as such customer's place of primary use. The home service provider shall begin using the correct address within 120 18 19 days. 20 (b) The department shall provide notice to the home service provider of its intent to redetermine the assignment 21 of a taxing jurisdiction by a home service provider under s. 22 23 202.22. If a final order is entered ruling that the jurisdiction assigned by the home service provider is 24 incorrect, the department shall notify the home service 25 provider of the proper jurisdictional assignment. The home 26 27 service provider shall begin using the correct jurisdictional 28 assignment within 120 days. 29 (4)(a) If a mobile communications service is not subject to the taxes administered pursuant to this chapter, 30 31 and if the sales price of such service is aggregated with and 21

not separately stated from the sales price of services subject 1 to tax, then the nontaxable mobile communications service 2 shall be treated as being subject to tax unless the home 3 service provider can reasonably identify the sales price of 4 5 the service not subject to tax from its books and records kept 6 in the regular course of business. 7 (b) If a mobile communications service is not subject 8 to the taxes administered pursuant to this chapter, a customer may not rely upon the nontaxability of such service unless the 9 10 customer's home service provider separately states the sales price of such nontaxable services or the home service provider 11 12 elects, after receiving a written request from the customer in the form required by the provider, to provide verifiable data 13 14 based upon the home service provider's books and records that 15 are kept in the regular course of business that reasonably identifies the sales price of such nontaxable service. 16 17 Section 6. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection (3) of section 202.16, Florida Statutes, are 18 19 amended to read: 20 202.16 Payment. -- The taxes imposed or administered under this chapter and chapter 203 shall be collected from all 21 dealers of taxable communications services on the sale at 22 retail in this state of communications services taxable under 23 this chapter and chapter 203. The full amount of the taxes on 24 a credit sale, installment sale, or sale made on any kind of 25 26 deferred payment plan is due at the moment of the transaction in the same manner as a cash sale. 27 (1)(a) Except as otherwise provided in ss. 28 29 202.12(1)(b) and 202.15, the taxes collected under this chapter and chapter 203, including any penalties or interest 30 attributable to the nonpayment of such taxes or for 31 2.2 CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

noncompliance with this chapter or chapter 203, shall be paid 1 by the purchaser of the communications service and shall be 2 3 collected from such person by the dealer of communications 4 services. 5 (3) Notwithstanding the rate of tax on the sale of 6 communications services imposed pursuant to this chapter and 7 chapter 203, the department shall make available in an electronic format or otherwise prescribe by rule the tax 8 9 amounts and brackets applicable to each taxable sale such that the tax collected results in a tax rate no less than the tax 10 rate imposed pursuant to this chapter and chapter 203. 11 12 Section 7. Subsections (1), (2), (4), and (6) of 13 section 202.17, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 14 202.17 Registration.--15 (1) Each person seeking to engage in business as a dealer of communications services must file with the 16 17 department an application for a certificate of registration. 18 Registration under this section does not constitute 19 registration with a municipality or county for the purpose of 20 placing and maintaining communications facilities in municipal 21 or county rights-of-way, as described in s. 337.401. 22 (2) A person may not engage in the business of 23 providing communications services without first obtaining a certificate of registration. The failure or refusal to submit 24 an application by any person required to register, as required 25 26 by this section, is a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. Any person 27 who fails or refuses to register shall pay an initial 28 29 registration fee of \$100 in lieu of the \$5 registration fee prescribed under subsection (4). However, this fee increase 30 31 23

may be waived by the department if the failure is due to 1 2 reasonable cause. 3 (4) Each application required by paragraph (3)(a) must 4 be accompanied by a registration fee of \$5, to be deposited in 5 the General Revenue Fund, and must set forth: (a) The name under which the person will transact б 7 business within this state. 8 (b) The street address of his or her principal office 9 or place of business within this state and of the location where records are available for inspection. 10 (c) The name and complete residence address of the 11 12 owner or the names and residence addresses of the partners, if the applicant is a partnership, or of the principal officers, 13 14 if the applicant is a corporation or association. If the 15 applicant is a corporation organized under the laws of another state, territory, or country, he or she must also file with 16 the application a certified copy of the certificate or license 17 issued by the Department of State showing that the corporation 18 19 is authorized to transact business in this state. (d) Any other data required by the department. 20 (6) In addition to the certificate of registration, 21 22 the department shall provide to each newly registered dealer 23 an initial annual resale certificate that is valid for the remainder of the period of issuance remaining portion of the 24 year. The department shall provide to each active dealer, 25 26 except persons registered pursuant to s. 202.15, an annual resale certificate. As used in this section, "active dealer" 27 means a person who is registered with the department and who 28 29 is required to file a return at least once during each 30 applicable reporting period. 31 24

Section 8. Subsection (2) and paragraphs (a) and (c) 1 2 of subsection (3) of section 202.18, Florida Statutes, are 3 amended to read: 4 202.18 Allocation and disposition of tax 5 proceeds.--The proceeds of the communications services taxes 6 remitted under this chapter shall be treated as follows: 7 (2) The proceeds of the taxes remitted under s. 8 202.12(1)(c) shall be divided as follows: 9 (a) The portion of such proceeds which constitutes gross receipts taxes, imposed at the rate prescribed in 10 chapter 203, shall be deposited as provided by law and in 11 12 accordance with s. 9, Art. XII of the State Constitution. 13 (b) Sixty-three percent The portion of the remainder 14 such proceeds which is derived from the rate component 15 specified in s. 202.12(1)(c)1.shall be allocated to the state 16 and distributed pursuant to s. 212.20(6), except that the 17 proceeds allocated pursuant to s. 212.20(6)(d)3. shall be prorated to the participating counties in the same proportion 18 19 as that month's collection of the taxes and fees imposed 20 pursuant to chapter 212 and paragraph (1)(b). 21 (c)1. During each calendar year, the remaining portion of such proceeds shall be transferred to the Local Government 22 23 Half-cent Sales Tax Clearing Trust Fund and shall be allocated in the same proportion as the allocation of total receipts of 24 25 the half-cent sales tax under s. 218.61 and the emergency 26 distribution under s. 218.65 in the prior state fiscal year. However, during calendar year 2001, state fiscal year 27 28 2000-2001 proportions shall be used. 29 The proportion of the proceeds allocated based on 2. 30 the emergency distribution under s. 218.65 shall be 31 distributed pursuant to s. 218.65. 25

1	3. In each calendar year, the proportion of the
2	proceeds allocated based on the half-cent sales tax under s.
3	218.61 shall be allocated to each county in the same
4	proportion as the county's percentage of total sales tax
5	allocation for the prior state fiscal year and distributed
6	pursuant to s. 218.62, except that for calendar year 2001,
7	state fiscal year 2000-2001 proportions shall be used. The
8	remaining portion of such proceeds shall be allocated to the
9	municipalities and counties in proportion to the allocation of
10	receipts from the half-cent sales tax under s. 218.61 and the
11	emergency distribution of such tax under s. 218.65.
12	4. The department shall distribute the appropriate
13	amount to each municipality and county each month at the same
14	time that local communications services taxes are distributed
15	pursuant to subsection (3).
16	(3)(a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the
17	proceeds of each local communications services tax levied by a
18	municipality or county pursuant to s. 202.19(1) or s.
19	202.20(1), less the department's costs of administration,
20	shall be transferred to the Local Communications Services Tax
21	Clearing Trust Fund and held there to be distributed to such
22	municipality or county. However, the proceeds of any
23	communications services tax imposed pursuant to s. 202.19(5)
24	shall be deposited and disbursed in accordance with ss.
25	212.054 and 212.055. For purposes of this section, the
26	proceeds of any tax levied by a municipality, county, or
27	school board under s. 202.19(1) or s. 202.20(1)are all funds
28	collected and received by the department pursuant to a
29	specific levy authorized by such <u>sections</u> section, including
30	any interest and penalties attributable to the tax levy.
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1	(c)1. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph,
2	proceeds of the taxes levied pursuant to s. 202.19, less
3	amounts deducted for costs of administration in accordance
4	with paragraph (b), shall be distributed monthly to the
5	appropriate jurisdictions. The proceeds of taxes imposed
6	pursuant to s. 202.19(5) shall be distributed in the same
7	manner as discretionary surtaxes are distributed, in
8	accordance with ss. 212.054 and 212.055.
9	2. The department shall make any adjustments to the
10	distributions pursuant to this paragraph which are necessary
11	to reflect the proper amounts due to individual jurisdictions.
12	In the event that the department adjusts amounts due to
13	reflect a correction in the situsing of a customer, such
14	adjustment shall be limited to the amount of tax actually
15	collected from such customer by the dealer of communication
16	services.
17	Section 9. Effective with respect to communications
18	services reflected on bills dated on or after October 1, 2001,
19	section 202.19, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
20	202.19 Authorization to impose local communications
21	services tax
22	(1) The governing authority of each county and
23	municipality may, by ordinance, levy a discretionary
24	communications services tax.
25	(2)(a) Charter counties and municipalities may levy
26	the tax authorized by subsection (1) at a rate of up to 5.1
27	percent for municipalities and charter counties that have not
28	chosen to levy permit fees, and at a rate of up to 4.98
29	percent for municipalities and charter counties that have
30	chosen to levy permit fees.
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(b) Noncharter counties may levy the tax authorized by 1 2 subsection (1) at a rate of up to 1.6 percent. 3 (c) The maximum rates authorized by paragraphs (a) and 4 (b) do not include the add-ons of up to 0.12 percent for 5 municipalities and charter counties or of up to 0.24 percent 6 for noncharter counties authorized pursuant to s. 337.401, nor 7 do they supersede conversion or emergency rates authorized by 8 s. 202.20 which are in excess of these maximum rates. The rate of such tax shall be as follows: 9 (a) For municipalities and charter counties, the rate 10 shall be up to the maximum rate determined for municipalities 11 and charter counties in accordance with s. 202.20(2). 12 (b) For all other counties, the rate shall be up to 13 14 the maximum rate determined for other counties in accordance with s. 202.20(2). 15 16 17 The rate imposed by any municipality or county shall be 18 expressed in increments of one-tenth of a percent and rounded 19 up to the nearest one-tenth percent. 20 (3)(a) The maximum rates established under subsection 21 (2) reflect the rates for communications services taxes imposed under this chapter which are necessary for each 22 23 municipality or county to raise the maximum amount of revenues which it was authorized to raise prior to July 1, 2000, 24 through the imposition of taxes, charges, and fees, but that 25 26 it is prohibited from imposing under s. 202.24, other than the discretionary surtax authorized under s. 212.055. It is the 27 legislative intent that the maximum rates for charter counties 28 29 be calculated by treating them as having had the same authority as municipalities to impose franchise fees on 30 recurring local telecommunication service revenues prior to 31 2.8

1	July 1, 2000. However, the Legislature recognizes that the
2	authority of charter counties to impose such fees is in
3	dispute, and the treatment provided in this section is not an
4	expression of legislative intent that charter counties
5	actually do or do not possess such authority.
6	(a) (b) The tax authorized under this section includes
7	any fee or other consideration to which the municipality or
8	county is otherwise entitled for granting permission to
9	dealers of communications services, including, but not limited
10	to, or providers of cable television services, as authorized
11	in 47 U.S.C. s. 542, to use or occupy its roads or
12	rights-of-way for the placement, construction, and maintenance
13	of poles, wires, and other fixtures used in the provision of
14	communications services.
15	(b) (c) This subsection does not supersede or impair
16	the right, if any, of a municipality or county to require the
17	payment of consideration or to require the payment of
18	regulatory fees or assessments by persons using or occupying
19	its roads or rights-of-way in a capacity other than that of a
20	dealer of communications services.
21	(4)(a)1. Except as otherwise provided in this section,
22	the tax imposed by any municipality shall be on all
23	communications services subject to tax under s. 202.12 which:
24	<u>a.</u> 1. Originate or terminate in this state; and
25	b.2. Are charged to a service address in the
26	municipality.
27	2. With respect to private communications services,
28	the tax shall be on the sales price of such services provided
29	within the municipality. In determining the sales price of
30	private communications services subject to tax, the
31	communications service provider shall be entitled to use any
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method that reasonably allocates the total charges among the 1 state and local taxing jurisdictions in which channel 2 3 termination points are located. An allocation method is deemed 4 to be reasonable for purposes of this subparagraph if the communications service provider regularly used such method for 5 Florida tax purposes prior to December 31, 2000. If a б 7 communications service provider uses a reasonable allocation method, such provider shall be held harmless from any 8 9 liability for additional tax, interest, or penalty based on a different allocation method. 10 (b)1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, 11 12 the tax imposed by any county under subsection (1) shall be on 13 all communications services subject to tax under s. 202.12 14 which: 15 a.1. Originate or terminate in this state; and 16 b.2. Are charged to a service address in the 17 unincorporated area of the county. 2. With respect to private communications services, 18 19 the tax shall be on the sales price of such services provided 20 within the unincorporated area of the county. In determining the amount of charges for private communications services 21 subject to tax, the communications service provider shall be 22 23 entitled to use any method that reasonably allocates the total 24 charges among the state and local taxing jurisdictions in which channel termination points are located. An allocation 25 26 method is deemed to be reasonable for purposes of this 27 subparagraph if the communications service provider regularly used such method for Florida tax purposes prior to December 28 29 31, 2000. If a communications service provider uses a reasonable allocation method, such provider shall be held 30 31 30

harmless from any liability for additional tax, interest, or 1 2 penalty based on a different allocation method. 3 (5) In addition to the communications services taxes 4 authorized by subsection (1), a discretionary sales surtax 5 that a county or school board has levied under s. 212.055 is 6 imposed as a local communications services tax under this 7 section, and the rate shall be determined in accordance with 8 s. 202.20(3)(5). 9 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, 10 each such tax rate shall be applied, in addition to the other tax rates applied under this chapter, to communications 11 12 services subject to tax under s. 202.12 which: 13 1.(a) Originate or terminate in this state; and 2.(b) Are charged to a service address in the county. 14 15 (b) With respect to private communications services, 16 the tax shall be on the sales price of such services provided 17 within the county. In determining the sales price of private communications services subject to tax, the communications 18 service provider shall be entitled to use any method that 19 20 reasonably allocates the total charges among the state and local taxing jurisdictions in which channel termination points 21 are located. An allocation method is deemed to be reasonable 22 23 for purposes of this paragraph if the communications service provider regularly used such method for Florida tax purposes 24 prior to December 31, 2000. If a communications service 25 26 provider uses a reasonable allocation method, such provider 27 shall be held harmless from any liability for additional tax, interest, or penalty based on a different allocation method. 28 29 (6) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a tax imposed under this section does not apply to 30 any direct-to-home satellite service. 31 31

1 (7) Any tax imposed by a municipality, school board, 2 or county under this section also applies to the actual cost 3 of operating a substitute communications system, to be paid in 4 accordance with s. 202.15. This subsection does not apply to 5 the use by any provider of its own communications system to conduct a business of providing communications services or to 6 7 the use of any communications system operated by a county, a municipality, the state, or any political subdivision of the 8 9 state.

10 (8) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a tax imposed under this section shall not exceed \$25,000 per 11 12 calendar year on communications services charges billed to a service address located in a municipality or county imposing a 13 14 local communications services tax for interstate communications services that originate outside this state and 15 terminate within this state. This subsection applies only to 16 17 holders of a direct-pay permit issued under s. 202.12(3) this subsection. A person who does not qualify for a direct-pay 18 19 permit under s. 202.12(3) does not qualify for a direct-pay 20 permit under this subsection. A refund may not be given for 21 taxes paid before receiving a direct-pay permit. Upon application, the department shall identify the service 22 addresses qualifying for the limitation provided by this 23 subsection on the direct-pay permit issued under s. 202.12(3) 24 and authorize may issue a direct-pay permit to the purchaser 25 26 of communications services authorizing such purchaser to pay 27 the local communications tax on such interstate services directly to the department if the application indicates that 28 29 the majority of such services used by such person and billed to a service address are for communications originating 30 outside of this state and terminating in this state. The 31

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direct-pay permit shall also indicate the counties or 1 2 municipalities to which it applies. Any dealer of 3 communications services furnishing communications services to 4 the holder of a valid direct-pay permit is relieved of the 5 obligation to collect and remit the tax on such services. Tax 6 payments and returns pursuant to a direct-pay permit shall be 7 monthly. As used in this subsection, "person" means a single legal entity and does not mean a group or combination of 8 9 affiliated entities or entities controlled by one person or 10 group of persons. 11 (9) A municipality or county that imposes a tax under 12 subsection (1) may use The revenues raised by any such tax 13 imposed under subsection (1) or s. 202.20(1) may be used by a 14 municipality or county for any public purpose, including, but 15 not limited to, pledging such revenues for the repayment of current or future bonded indebtedness. Revenues raised by a 16 17 tax imposed under subsection (5) shall be used for the same purposes as the underlying discretionary sales surtax imposed 18 19 by the county or school board under s. 212.055. 20 (10) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the exemption set forth in s. 202.125(1) shall not 21 22 apply to a tax imposed by a municipality, school board, or 23 county pursuant to subsection (4) or subsection (5). (11) To the extent that a provider of communications 24 services is required to pay to a local taxing jurisdiction a 25 26 tax, charge, or other fee under any franchise agreement or 27 ordinance with respect to the services or revenues that are also subject to the tax imposed by this section, such provider 28 29 is entitled to a credit against the amount payable to the state pursuant to this section in the amount of such tax, 30 charge, or fee with respect to such services or revenues. The 31 33

amount of such credit shall be deducted from the amount that 1 2 such local taxing jurisdiction is entitled to receive under s. 3 202.18(3).4 Section 10. Effective January 1, 2004, subsections (4) 5 and (5) of section 202.19, Florida Statutes, as amended by 6 this act, are amended to read: 7 202.19 Authorization to impose local communications 8 services tax.--9 (4)(a)1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the tax imposed by any municipality shall be on all 10 communications services subject to tax under s. 202.12 which: 11 12 a. Originate or terminate in this state; and 13 b. Are charged to a service address in the 14 municipality. With respect to private communications services, 15 2. 16 the tax shall be on the sales price of such services provided 17 within the municipality, which shall be determined in 18 accordance with the following provisions:-19 a. Any charge with respect to a channel termination 20 point located within such municipality; 21 b. Any charge for the use of a channel between two channel termination points located in such municipality; and 22 23 c. Where channel termination points are located both 24 within and outside of the municipality: (I) If any segment between two such channel 25 26 termination points is separately billed, 50 percent of such 27 charge; and (II) If any segment of the circuit is not separately 28 29 billed, an amount equal to the total charge for such circuit multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number 30 31 of channel termination points within such municipality and the 34

denominator of which is the total number of channel 1 termination points of the circuit. In determining the sales 2 3 price of private communications services subject to tax, the communications service provider shall be entitled to use any 4 5 method that reasonably allocates the total charges among the state and local taxing jurisdictions in which channel 6 7 termination points are located. An allocation method is deemed to be reasonable for purposes of this subparagraph if the 8 9 communications service provider regularly used such method for 10 Florida tax purposes prior to December 31, 2000. If a communications service provider uses a reasonable allocation 11 12 method, such provider shall be held harmless from any 13 liability for additional tax, interest, or penalty based on a 14 different allocation method. (b)1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, 15 the tax imposed by any county under subsection (1) shall be on 16 17 all communications services subject to tax under s. 202.12 which: 18 19 a. Originate or terminate in this state; and Are charged to a service address in the 20 b. unincorporated area of the county. 21 22 2. With respect to private communications services, 23 the tax shall be on the sales price of such services provided within the unincorporated area of the county, which shall be 24 determined in accordance with the following provisions:-25 26 a. Any charge with respect to a channel termination 27 point located within the unincorporated area of such county; 28 b. Any charge for the use of a channel between two 29 channel termination points located in the unincorporated area of such county; and 30 31 35

1	c. Where channel termination points are located both
2	within and outside of the unincorporated area of such county:
3	(I) If any segment between two such channel
4	termination points is separately billed, 50 percent of such
5	charge; and
6	(II) If any segment of the circuit is not separately
7	billed, an amount equal to the total charge for such circuit
8	multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number
9	of channel termination points within the unincorporated area
10	of such county and the denominator of which is the total
11	number of channel termination points of the circuit. In
12	determining the amount of charges for private communications
13	services subject to tax, the communications service provider
14	shall be entitled to use any method that reasonably allocates
15	the total charges among the state and local taxing
16	jurisdictions in which channel termination points are located.
17	An allocation method is deemed to be reasonable for purposes
18	of this subparagraph if the communications service provider
19	regularly used such method for Florida tax purposes prior to
20	December 31, 2000. If a communications service provider uses a
21	reasonable allocation method, such provider shall be held
22	harmless from any liability for additional tax, interest, or
23	penalty based on a different allocation method.
24	(5) In addition to the communications services taxes
25	authorized by subsection (1), a discretionary sales surtax
26	that a county or school board has levied under s. 212.055 is
27	imposed as a local communications services tax under this
28	section, and the rate shall be determined in accordance with
29	s. 202.20(3).
30	(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection,
31	each such tax rate shall be applied, in addition to the other
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tax rates applied under this chapter, to communications 1 services subject to tax under s. 202.12 which: 2 3 1. Originate or terminate in this state; and 4 2. Are charged to a service address in the county. 5 (b) With respect to private communications services, 6 the tax shall be on the sales price of such services provided 7 within the county, which shall be determined in accordance with the following provisions: -8 9 1. Any charge with respect to a channel termination 10 point located within such county; 2. Any charge for the use of a channel between two 11 12 channel termination points located in such county; and 13 3. Where channel termination points are located both 14 within and outside of such county: 15 a. If any segment between two such channel termination points is separately billed, 50 percent of such charge; and 16 17 b. If any segment of the circuit is not separately billed, an amount equal to the total charge for such circuit 18 19 multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number 20 of channel termination points within such county and the denominator of which is the total number of channel 21 22 termination points of the circuit. In determining the sales 23 price of private communications services subject to tax, the communications service provider shall be entitled to use any 24 method that reasonably allocates the total charges among the 25 26 state and local taxing jurisdictions in which channel 27 termination points are located. An allocation method is deemed to be reasonable for purposes of this paragraph if the 28 29 communications service provider regularly used such method for Florida tax purposes prior to December 31, 2000. If a 30 communications service provider uses a reasonable allocation 31 37

method, such provider shall be held harmless from any 1 liability for additional tax, interest, or penalty based on a 2 3 different allocation method. 4 Section 11. Effective with respect to bills issued by 5 communications services providers after August 1, 2002, subsection (12) is added to section 202.19, Florida Statutes, 6 7 to read: 202.19 Authorization to impose local communications 8 9 services tax.--(12) Notwithstanding any other provision of this 10 section, with respect to mobile communications services, the 11 12 rate of a local communications services tax levied under this section shall be applied to the sales price of all mobile 13 14 communications services deemed to be provided to a customer by a home service provider pursuant to s. 117(a) of the Mobile 15 Telecommunications Sourcing Act, Pub. L. No. 106-252, if such 16 17 customer's service address is located within the municipality levying the tax or within the unincorporated area of the 18 19 county levying the tax, as the case may be. 20 Section 12. Effective with respect to communications services reflected on bills dated on or after October 1, 2001, 21 section 202.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 22 23 202.20 Local communications services tax conversion 24 rates.--(1)(a) For the period of October 1, 2001, through 25 26 September 30, 2002, there are hereby levied the following 27 local communications services tax conversion rates on taxable sales as authorized by s. 202.19. The conversion rates take 28 29 effect without any action required by the local government. The conversion rates for local governments that have not 30 chosen to levy permit fees do not include the add-ons of up to 31 38

1	0.12 percent for municipalities and charter counties or of up				
2	to 0.24 percent for noncharter counties authorized pursuant to				
3	s. 337.401.				
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5	Jurisdiction	County	Conversion	Conversion	
6			rates for	rates for	
7			local	local	
8			governments	governments	
9			that have NOT	that have	
10			chosen to	chosen to	
11			levy	levy	
12			permit fees	<u>permit fees</u>	
13					
14	ALACHUA	Alachua	5.00%	4.88%	
15	Alachua	Alachua	4.10%	3.98%	
16	Archer	Alachua	3.30%	3.18%	
17	Gainesville	Alachua	5.30%	5.18%	
18	Hawthorne	Alachua	2.00%	1.88%	
19	<u>High Springs</u>	Alachua	2.80%	2.68%	
20	LaCrosse	Alachua	3.60%	3.48%	
21	<u>Micanopy</u>	Alachua	2.70%	2.58%	
22	Newberry	Alachua	4.60%	4.48%	
23	<u>Waldo</u>	Alachua	1.40%	1.28%	
24	BAKER	Baker	0.50%	0.50%	
25	<u>Glen Saint</u>				
26	Mary	Baker	5.70%	5.58%	
27	Macclenny	Baker	6.40%	6.28%	
28	BAY	Bay	0.00%	0.00%	
29	<u>Callaway</u>	Bay	5.50%	5.38%	
30	<u>Cedar Grove</u>	Bay	5.20%	5.08%	
31	Lynn Haven	Bay	5.30%	5.18%	
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1	<u>Mexico Beach</u>	Bay	3.20%	3.08%
2	Panama City	Bay	5.30%	5.18%
3	<u>Panama City</u>			
4	Beach	Bay	3.80%	3.68%
5	Parker	Bay	5.10%	4.98%
б	Springfield	Bay	4.40%	4.28%
7	BRADFORD	Bradford	0.50%	0.50%
8	Brooker	Bradford	3.20%	3.08%
9	Hampton	Bradford	2.40%	2.28%
10	Lawtey	Bradford	1.20%	1.08%
11	Starke	Bradford	3.80%	3.08%
12	BREVARD	Brevard	1.40%	1.18%
13	Cape			
14	Canaveral	Brevard	4.90%	4.78%
15	Cocoa	Brevard	4.30%	4.18%
16	<u>Cocoa Beach</u>	Brevard	5.50%	5.38%
17	Indiatlantic	Brevard	6.70%	6.58%
18	Indian			
19	Harbour Beach	Brevard	4.30%	4.18%
20	Malabar	Brevard	5.30%	5.18%
21	Melbourne	Brevard	5.40%	5.28%
22	Melbourne			
23	Beach	Brevard	5.20%	5.08%
24	Melbourne			
25	Village	Brevard	4.50%	4.38%
26	Palm Bay	Brevard	5.40%	5.28%
27	Palm Shores	Brevard	5.20%	5.08%
28	Rockledge	Brevard	4.40%	4.28%
29	Satellite			
30	Beach	Brevard	1.80%	1.68%
31	<u>Titusville</u>	Brevard	5.70%	5.58%
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1	West			
2	Melbourne	Brevard	5.80%	5.68%
3	BROWARD	Broward	5.20%	5.08%
4	Coconut Creek	Broward	5.10%	4.98%
5	Cooper City	Broward	5.20%	5.08%
6	Coral Springs	Broward	5.40%	5.28%
7	Dania	Broward	5.60%	5.48%
8	Davie	Broward	5.60%	5.48%
9	Deerfield			
10	Beach	Broward	1.50%	1.38%
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12	Lauderdale	Broward	5.50%	5.38%
13	Hallandale	Broward	5.20%	5.08%
14	Hillsboro			
15	Beach	Broward	1.30%	1.18%
16	Hollywood	Broward	5.20%	5.08%
17	Lauderdale-			
18	by-the-Sea	Broward	5.30%	5.18%
19	Lauderdale			
20	Lakes	Broward	5.60%	5.48%
21	Lauderhill	Broward	5.50%	5.38%
22	Lazy Lake			
23	Village	Broward	0.60%	0.48%
24	Lighthouse			
25	Point	Broward	6.60%	6.48%
26	Margate	Broward	5.60%	5.48%
27	Miramar	Broward	5.40%	5.28%
28	North	- 1	4 100	2 000
29	Lauderdale	Broward	4.10%	3.98%
30	<u>Oakland Park</u>	<u>Broward</u>	5.70%	5.58%
31	Parkland	Broward	1.40%	1.28%
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1	Pembroke Park	Broward	5.00%	4.88%
2	Pembroke			
3	Pines	Broward	5.70%	5.58%
4	Plantation	Broward	5.00%	4.88%
5	Pompano Beach	Broward	4.90%	4.78%
6	<u>Sea Ranch</u>			
7	Lakes	Broward	1.60%	1.48%
8	Southwest			
9	Ranches	Broward	4.90%	4.78%
10	Sunrise	Broward	5.00%	4.88%
11	Tamarac	Broward	2.50%	1.78%
12	Weston	Broward	5.50%	5.38%
13	<u>Wilton Manors</u>	Broward	5.90%	5.78%
14	CALHOUN	Calhoun	0.00%	0.00%
15	Altha	Calhoun	4.30%	4.18%
16	Blountstown	Calhoun	1.40%	1.28%
17	CHARLOTTE	Charlotte	2.00%	1.88%
18	<u>Punta Gorda</u>	Charlotte	5.40%	5.28%
19	CITRUS	Citrus	2.10%	2.10%
20	Crystal River	Citrus	5.60%	5.48%
21	Inverness	Citrus	5.60%	5.48%
22	CLAY	Clay	6.30%	6.18%
23	Green Cove			
24	Springs	Clay	4.00%	3.88%
25	Keystone			
26	Heights	Clay	2.30%	2.18%
27	<u>Orange Park</u>	Clay	0.80%	0.68%
28	Penney Farms	Clay	2.00%	1.88%
29	COLLIER	Collier	2.30%	2.30%
30	Everglades	Collier	4.20%	3.88%
31	Marco Island	Collier	2.50%	1.98%
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1	Naples	Collier	3.60%	3.48%
2	COLUMBIA	Columbia	1.40%	1.40%
3	Ft. White	Columbia	0.70%	0.58%
4	Lake City	Columbia	4.70%	4.58%
5	DESOTO	DeSoto	2.20%	2.20%
6	Arcadia	DeSoto	4.00%	3.88%
7	DIXIE	Dixie	<u>4.00%</u> 0.10%	0.10%
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	<u>Cross City</u>	Dixie	2.70%	2.58%
9	Horseshoe	D ¹		
10	Beach	Dixie	6.70%	6.58%
11	DUVAL/Jax	Duval	4.80%	4.68%
12	Atlantic	_		
13	Beach	Duval	6.40%	6.28%
14	Baldwin	Duval	6.60%	6.48%
15	Jacksonville			
16	Beach	Duval	5.00%	4.78%
17	Neptune Beach	Duval	4.30%	4.18%
18	ESCAMBIA	Escambia	1.70%	1.70%
19	Century	Escambia	2.30%	2.18%
20	Pensacola	Escambia	5.50%	5.38%
21	FLAGLER	Flagler	0.70%	0.70%
22	Beverly Beach	Flagler	2.00%	1.88%
23	Bunnell	Flagler	2.70%	2.58%
24	Flagler Beach	Flagler &		
25	V	olusia	5.40%	5.28%
26	Marineland	Flagler &		
27	S	t. Johns	0.40%	0.28%
28	Palm Coast	Flagler	1.40%	1.28%
29	FRANKLIN	Franklin	0.90%	0.90%
30	Apalachicola	Franklin	3.90%	3.78%
31	Carrabelle	Franklin	6.20%	6.08%
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1	GADSDEN	Gadsden	0.30%	0.30%
2	Chattahoochee	Gadsden	1.10%	0.98%
3	Greensboro	Gadsden	0.00%	0.00%
4	Gretna	Gadsden	4.20%	4.08%
5	Havana	Gadsden	0.80%	0.68%
6	Midway	Gadsden	4.00%	3.88%
7	Quincy	Gadsden	1.20%	1.08%
8	GILCHRIST	Gilchrist	0.00%	0.00%
9	Bell	Gilchrist	4.80%	4.68%
10	Fanning	Gilchrist &		
11	Springs	Levy	6.00%	5.88%
12	Trenton	Gilchrist	4.20%	4.08%
13	GLADES	Glades	0.50%	0.50%
14	Moore Haven	Glades	1.30%	1.18%
15	GULF	Gulf	0.40%	0.40%
16	Port St. Joe	Gulf	3.90%	3.78%
17	Wewahitchka	Gulf	3.90%	3.78%
18	HAMILTON	Hamilton	0.30%	0.30%
19	Jasper	Hamilton	5.20%	4.98%
20	Jennings	Hamilton	1.60%	1.48%
21	White Springs	Hamilton	5.40%	5.28%
22	HARDEE	Hardee	1.20%	1.20%
23	Bowling Green	Hardee	3.40%	3.28%
24	Wauchula	Hardee	5.40%	5.28%
25	Zolfo Springs	Hardee	2.40%	2.28%
26	HENDRY	Hendry	0.70%	0.70%
27	Clewiston	Hendry	3.50%	3.38%
28	La Belle	Hendry	4.40%	4.28%
29	HERNANDO	Hernando	1.50%	1.50%
30	Brooksville	Hernando	1.00%	0.88%
31	Weeki Wachee	Hernando	0.10%	0.00%
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1	HIGHLANDS	Highlands	1.20%	1.20%
2	Avon Park	Highlands	4.70%	4.58%
3	Lake Placid	Highlands	1.00%	0.88%
4	Sebring	Highlands	1.20%	0.88%
5	HILLSBOROUGH	Hillsborough	2.20%	2.08%
б	<u>Plant City</u>	Hillsborough	6.10%	5.98%
7	Tampa	Hillsborough	5.50%	5.28%
8	Temple			
9	Terrace	Hillsborough	5.80%	5.68%
10	HOLMES	Holmes	0.20%	0.20%
11	Bonifay	Holmes	6.20%	6.08%
12	Esto	Holmes	0.90%	0.78%
13	Noma	Holmes	0.20%	0.08%
14	Ponce de Leon	Holmes	2.90%	2.78%
15	Westville	Holmes	1.00%	0.88%
16	INDIAN RIVER	Indian River	1.50%	1.50%
17	Fellsmere	Indian River	4.40%	4.28%
18	<u>Indian River</u>			
19	Shores	Indian River	3.00%	2.88%
20	<u>Orchid</u>	Indian River	2.30%	2.18%
21	<u>Sebastian</u>	Indian River	3.50%	3.38%
22	<u>Vero Beach</u>	Indian River	5.40%	5.28%
23	JACKSON	Jackson	0.20%	0.20%
24	Alford	Jackson	0.30%	0.18%
25	Bascom	Jackson	1.30%	1.18%
26	Campbellton	Jackson	0.30%	0.18%
27	Cottondale	Jackson	4.70%	4.58%
28	Graceville	Jackson	4.80%	4.68%
29	Grand Ridge	Jackson	0.80%	0.68%
30	Greenwood	Jackson	0.40%	0.28%
31	Jacob City	Jackson	0.00%	0.00%
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1	Malone	Jackson	0.50%	0.38%
2	Marianna	Jackson	4.30%	4.18%
3	Sneads	Jackson	3.60%	3.48%
4	JEFFERSON	Jefferson	1.00%	1.00%
5	Monticello	Jefferson	4.90%	4.78%
6	LAFAYETTE	Lafayette	0.00%	0.00%
7	Mayo	Lafayette	2.10%	1.98%
8	LAKE	Lake	1.90%	1.90%
9	Astatula	Lake	4.80%	4.68%
10	Clermont	Lake	5.00%	4.88%
11	Eustis	Lake	5.50%	5.38%
12	Fruitland			
13	Park	Lake	5.10%	4.98%
14	Groveland	Lake	5.30%	5.18%
15	Howey-in-			
16	the-Hills	Lake	3.60%	3.48%
17	Lady Lake	Lake	1.50%	1.38%
18	Leesburg	Lake	1.40%	1.28%
19	Mascotte	Lake	4.20%	4.08%
20	Minneola	Lake	3.50%	3.38%
21	Montverde	Lake	1.90%	1.78%
22	Mount Dora	Lake	1.70%	1.28%
23	Tavares	Lake	5.60%	5.48%
24	Umatilla	Lake	3.40%	3.28%
25	LEE	Lee	2.20%	2.08%
26	<u>Bonita</u>			
27	Springs	Lee	1.90%	1.78%
28	<u>Cape Coral</u>	Lee	1.60%	1.48%
29	Ft. Myers	Lee	5.10%	4.98%
30	Ft. Myers			
31	Beach	Lee	2.30%	2.18%
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1	Sanibel	Lee	2.50%	2.38%
2	LEON	Leon	1.10%	1.10%
3	Tallahassee	Leon	4.70%	4.58%
4	LEVY	Levy	0.00%	0.00%
5	Bronson	Levy	2.80%	2.68%
6	Cedar Key	Levy	2.30%	2.18%
7	Chiefland	Levy	2.90%	2.78%
8	Inglis	Levy	3.80%	3.68%
9	<u>Otter Creek</u>	Levy	0.70%	0.58%
10	Williston	Levy	1.80%	1.68%
11	Yankeetown	Levy	6.00%	5.88%
12	LIBERTY	Liberty	0.60%	0.60%
13	Bristol	Liberty	3.10%	2.98%
14	MADISON	Madison	0.40%	0.40%
15	Greenville	Madison	2.30%	2.18%
16	Lee	Madison	0.50%	0.38%
17	Madison	Madison	5.30%	4.88%
18	MANATEE	Manatee	0.80%	0.80%
19	<u>Anna Maria</u>	Manatee	1.50%	1.38%
20	Bradenton	Manatee	6.10%	5.98%
21	Bradenton			
22	Beach	Manatee	6.00%	5.88%
23	Holmes Beach	Manatee	3.80%	3.68%
24	Palmetto	Manatee	5.80%	5.68%
25	Longboat Key	Manatee &	<u>c</u>	
26		Sarasota	3.50%	3.38%
27	MARION	Marion	0.00%	0.00%
28	Belleview	Marion	1.00%	0.88%
29	Dunnellon	Marion	4.80%	4.68%
30	McIntosh	Marion	1.40%	1.28%
31	<u>Ocala</u>	Marion	5.20%	5.08%
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1	Reddick	Marion	1.40%	1.28%	
2	MARTIN	Martin	1.50%	1.50%	
3	Jupiter				
4	Island	Martin	0.70%	0.58%	
5	<u>Ocean Breeze</u>				
6	Park	Martin	2.40%	2.28%	
7	Sewalls Point	Martin	2.40%	2.28%	
8	<u>Stuart</u>	Martin	5.20%	5.08%	
9	MIAMI-DADE	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	5.00%	4.78%	
10	Aventura	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	5.60%	5.48%	
11	<u>Bal Harbour</u>	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	5.40%	5.28%	
12	<u>Bay Harbor</u>				
13	Islands	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	5.20%	5.08%	
14	<u>Biscayne Park</u>	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	4.70%	4.58%	
15	<u>Coral Gables</u>	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	4.40%	4.28%	
16	<u>El Portal</u>	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	6.00%	5.88%	
17	<u>Florida City</u>	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	5.80%	5.68%	
18	<u>Golden Beach</u>	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	2.10%	1.98%	
19	Hialeah	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	5.40%	5.28%	
20	Hialeah				
21	Gardens	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	5.60%	5.48%	
22	Homestead	Miami-Dade	5.70%	5.58%	
23	Indian Creek				
24	Village	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	0.80%	0.68%	
25	Islandia	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	0.00%	0.00%	
26	<u>Key Biscayne</u>	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	5.00%	4.88%	
27	Medley	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	6.70%	6.58%	
28	<u>Miami</u>	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	5.10%	4.98%	
29	<u>Miami Beach</u>	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	5.10%	4.98%	
30	<u>Miami Shores</u>	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	6.10%	5.98%	
31	<u>Miami Springs</u>	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	3.20%	3.08%	
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1	North Day	Miami Dada	E 20%	E 10%
	North Bay	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	5.30%	<u>5.18%</u>
2	North Miami	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	5.20%	5.08%
3	<u>North Miami</u>			
4	Beach	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	5.40%	5.28%
5	<u>Opa-Locka</u>	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	4.00%	3.88%
6	<u>Pinecrest</u>	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	5.90%	5.78%
7	<u>South Miami</u>	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	5.20%	5.08%
8	Sunny Isles			
9	Beach	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	5.50%	5.38%
10	Surfside	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	5.20%	5.08%
11	Sweetwater	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	5.00%	4.88%
12	<u>Virginia</u>			
13	Gardens	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	0.40%	0.28%
14	<u>West Miami</u>	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	4.80%	4.68%
15	MONROE	Monroe	1.50%	<u>1.50%</u>
16	Islamorada	Monroe	0.40%	0.00%
17	Key Colony			
18	Beach	Monroe	2.60%	2.48%
19	<u>Key West</u>	Monroe	1.60%	1.48%
20	Layton	Monroe	0.00%	0.00%
21	Marathon	Monroe	2.10%	1.68%
22	NASSAU	Nassau	0.80%	0.80%
23	<u>Callahan</u>	Nassau	4.90%	4.78%
24	<u>Fernandina</u>			
25	Beach	Nassau	5.40%	5.28%
26	Hilliard	Nassau	3.40%	3.28%
27	OKALOOSA	Okaloosa	0.70%	0.70%
28	Cinco Bayou	Okaloosa	5.40%	5.28%
29	Crestview	Okaloosa	3.70%	3.58%
30	Destin	Okaloosa	2.10%	1.98%
31	Ft. Walton			
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1	Beach	Okaloosa	5.90%	5.78%
2	Laurel Hill	Okaloosa	3.00%	2.88%
3	Mary Esther	Okaloosa	5.30%	5.18%
4	Niceville	Okaloosa	6.00%	5.88%
5	Shalimar	Okaloosa	5.40%	5.28%
6	Valparaiso	Okaloosa	4.10%	3.98%
7	OKEECHOBEE	Okeechobee	0.90%	0.90%
8	Okeechobee	Okeechobee	4.80%	4.68%
9	ORANGE	Orange	5.20%	4.98%
10	Apopka	Orange	6.50%	6.38%
11	Bay Lake	Orange	0.00%	0.00%
12	Belle Isle	Orange	1.80%	1.68%
13	Eatonville	Orange	4.70%	4.58%
14	Edgewood	Orange	1.00%	0.88%
15	Lake Buena			
16	Vista	Orange	0.00%	0.00%
17	Maitland	Orange	5.60%	5.38%
18	<u>Oakland</u>	Orange	5.40%	5.28%
19	Ocoee	Orange	5.00%	4.68%
20	<u>Orlando</u>	Orange	4.40%	4.28%
21	<u>Windermere</u>	Orange	4.70%	4.58%
22	<u>Winter Garden</u>	Orange	4.70%	4.58%
23	<u>Winter Park</u>	Orange	6.10%	5.98%
24	OSCEOLA	Osceola	5.50%	5.28%
25	<u>Kissimmee</u>	Osceola	4.80%	4.68%
26	St. Cloud	Osceola	5.50%	5.38%
27	PALM BEACH	Palm Beach	5.00%	4.88%
28	Atlantis	Palm Beach	1.20%	1.08%
29	Belle Glade	Palm Beach	5.40%	5.28%
30	<u>Boca Raton</u>	Palm Beach	5.70%	5.58%
31	Boynton Beach	Palm Beach	5.20%	5.08%
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1	Briny Breezes	Palm Beach	3.20%	0.28%
2	Cloud Lake	Palm Beach	2.40%	2.28%
3	Delray Beach	Palm Beach	4.70%	4.58%
4	Glen Ridge	Palm Beach	1.60%	1.48%
5	Golf Village	Palm Beach	0.60%	0.48%
6	Golfview	Palm Beach	0.70%	0.58%
7	Greenacres			
8	City	Palm Beach	5.80%	5.68%
9	Gulf Stream	Palm Beach	1.10%	0.98%
10	Haverhill	Palm Beach	1.60%	1.28%
11	Highland			
12	Beach	Palm Beach	4.40%	4.28%
13	Hypoluxo	Palm Beach	6.30%	6.18%
14	Juno Beach	Palm Beach	5.10%	4.98%
15	Jupiter	Palm Beach	4.30%	4.18%
16	Jupiter			
17	Inlet Colony	Palm Beach	2.10%	1.98%
18	Lake Clarke			
19	Shores	Palm Beach	1.60%	1.48%
20	Lake Park	Palm Beach	5.60%	5.48%
21	Lake Worth	Palm Beach	5.20%	5.08%
22	Lantana	Palm Beach	5.80%	5.68%
23	Manalapan	Palm Beach	1.80%	1.68%
24	Mangonia Park	Palm Beach	5.90%	5.78%
25	North Palm			
26	Beach	Palm Beach	5.50%	5.28%
27	<u>Ocean Ridge</u>	Palm Beach	1.10%	0.98%
28	Pahokee	Palm Beach	4.60%	4.48%
29	Palm Beach	Palm Beach	4.90%	4.78%
30	Palm Beach			
31	Gardens	Palm Beach	1.20%	1.08%
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1	Palm Beach			
2	Shores	Palm Beach	5.80%	5.68%
3	Palm Springs	Palm Beach	5.60%	5.48%
4	Riviera Beach	Palm Beach	4.80%	4.68%
5	Royal Palm			
б	Beach	Palm Beach	5.30%	5.18%
7	South Bay	Palm Beach	5.50%	5.38%
8	South Palm			
9	Beach	Palm Beach	6.00%	5.88%
10	Tequesta			
11	Village	Palm Beach	4.40%	4.28%
12	Wellington	Palm Beach	5.50%	5.38%
13	West Palm			
14	Beach	Palm Beach	5.70%	5.58%
15	PASCO	Pasco	1.60%	1.60%
16	Dade City	Pasco	5.30%	5.18%
17	New Port			
18	<u>Richey</u>	Pasco	5.90%	5.78%
19	Port Richey	Pasco	1.00%	0.88%
20	<u>Saint Leo</u>	Pasco	1.10%	0.98%
21	<u>San Antonio</u>	Pasco	0.80%	0.68%
22	Zephyrhills	Pasco	5.90%	5.78%
23	PINELLAS	Pinellas	2.00%	1.88%
24	Belleair	Pinellas	1.80%	1.68%
25	Belleair			
26	Beach	Pinellas	6.50%	6.38%
27	Belleair			
28	Bluffs	Pinellas	2.10%	1.98%
29	Belleair			
30	Shore	Pinellas	2.60%	2.48%
31	<u>Clearwater</u>	Pinellas	5.40%	5.28%
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1	Dunedin	Pinellas	5.60%	5.48%
2	Gulfport	Pinellas	6.50%	6.38%
3	Indian Rocks			
4	Beach	Pinellas	2.50%	2.38%
5	Indian Shores	Pinellas	2.80%	2.68%
6	Kenneth City	Pinellas	1.40%	1.28%
7	Largo	Pinellas	6.00%	5.88%
8	Madeira Beach	Pinellas	6.00%	5.88%
9	North			
10	Redington			
11	Beach	Pinellas	1.80%	1.68%
12	<u>Oldsmar</u>	Pinellas	6.10%	5.98%
13	<u>Pinellas Park</u>	<u>Pinellas</u>	5.90%	5.78%
14	Redington			
15	Beach	Pinellas	5.90%	5.78%
16	<u>Redington</u>			
17	Shores	Pinellas	1.20%	1.08%
18	<u>Safety Harbor</u>	Pinellas	6.90%	6.38%
19	<u>St. Pete</u>			
20	Beach	Pinellas	6.10%	5.98%
21	<u>St.</u>			
22	Petersburg	Pinellas	6.00%	5.88%
23	Seminole	Pinellas	5.50%	5.38%
24	South			
25	Pasadena	Pinellas	6.10%	5.98%
26	Tarpon			
27	Springs	Pinellas	6.10%	5.98%
28	Treasure			
29	Island	Pinellas	2.40%	2.28%
30	POLK	Polk	2.90%	2.78%
31	Auburndale	Polk	4.60%	4.48%
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1	Bartow	Polk	6.50%	5.68%
2	Davenport	Polk	3.70%	3.58%
3	Dundee	Polk	6.00%	5.88%
4	Eagle Lake	Polk	5.80%	5.68%
5	Ft. Meade	Polk	5.60%	4.98%
6	Frostproof	Polk	5.70%	5.58%
7	<u>Haines City</u>	Polk	5.50%	5.38%
8	Highland Park	Polk	0.00%	0.00%
9	Hillcrest			
10	Heights	Polk	1.10%	0.98%
11	Lake Alfred	Polk	4.80%	4.68%
12	Lake Hamilton	Polk	3.90%	3.78%
13	Lake Wales	Polk	4.80%	4.68%
14	Lakeland	Polk	5.60%	5.48%
15	Mulberry	Polk	3.40%	3.28%
16	<u>Polk City</u>	Polk	3.00%	2.88%
17	<u>Winter Haven</u>	Polk	6.70%	6.58%
18	PUTNAM	Putnam	1.30%	1.30%
19	<u>Crescent City</u>	Putnam	4.70%	4.58%
20	Interlachen	Putnam	1.80%	1.68%
21	Palatka	Putnam	5.40%	5.28%
22	Pomona Park	Putnam	3.10%	2.98%
23	<u>Welaka</u>	Putnam	2.70%	2.58%
24	SANTA ROSA	Santa Rosa	1.70%	1.70%
25	<u>Gulf Breeze</u>	Santa Rosa	1.10%	0.98%
26	Jay	Santa Rosa	1.40%	1.28%
27	Milton	Santa Rosa	6.20%	6.08%
28	SARASOTA	Sarasota	5.10%	4.98%
29	North Port	Sarasota	6.10%	5.98%
30	Sarasota	Sarasota	5.60%	5.48%
31	Venice	Sarasota	5.40%	5.28%
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1	SEMINOLE	Seminole	3.20%	2.98%
2	Altamonte			
3	Springs	Seminole	5.20%	5.08%
4	Casselberry	Seminole	5.70%	5.58%
5	Lake Mary	Seminole	4.40%	4.28%
6	Longwood	Seminole	5.80%	5.68%
7	<u>Oviedo</u>	Seminole	4.70%	4.58%
8	Sanford	Seminole	5.00%	4.88%
9	<u>Winter</u>			
10	Springs	Seminole	6.20%	6.08%
11	ST. JOHNS	<u>St. Johns</u>	1.30%	1.30%
12	Hastings	<u>St. Johns</u>	1.60%	1.48%
13	St. Augustine	<u>St. Johns</u>	4.80%	4.68%
14	St. Augustine			
15	Beach	<u>St. Johns</u>	4.90%	4.78%
16	ST. LUCIE	<u>St. Lucie</u>	1.20%	1.20%
17	<u>Ft. Pierce</u>	<u>St. Lucie</u>	4.90%	4.78%
18	Port St.			
19	Lucie	<u>St. Lucie</u>	1.60%	1.48%
20	<u>St. Lucie</u>			
21	Village	<u>St. Lucie</u>	1.80%	1.68%
22	SUMTER	Sumter	0.80%	0.80%
23	Bushnell	Sumter	5.40%	5.28%
24	<u>Center Hill</u>	Sumter	4.70%	4.58%
25	Coleman	Sumter	4.20%	4.08%
26	Webster	Sumter	3.30%	3.18%
27	Wildwood	Sumter	3.90%	3.78%
28	SUWANNEE	Suwannee	0.50%	0.50%
29	Branford	Suwannee	4.90%	4.78%
30	Live Oak	Suwannee	6.00%	5.88%
31	TAYLOR	Taylor	1.20%	1.20%
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1	Perry	Taylor	5.90%	5.78%
2	UNION	Union	0.40%	0.40%
3	Lake Butler	Union	2.50%	2.38%
4	Raiford	Union	0.00%	0.00%
5	<u>Worthington</u>			
6	Springs	Union	0.00%	0.00%
7	VOLUSIA	Volusia	4.20%	4.08%
8	Daytona Beach	Volusia	5.00%	4.88%
9	Daytona Beach			
10	Shores	Volusia	5.50%	5.38%
11	DeBary	Volusia	4.70%	4.58%
12	DeLand	Volusia	4.60%	4.48%
13	Deltona	Volusia	6.60%	6.48%
14	Edgewater	Volusia	5.20%	5.08%
15	Holly Hill	Volusia	4.50%	4.38%
16	Lake Helen	Volusia	2.20%	2.08%
17	New Smyrna			
18	Beach	Volusia	4.40%	4.28%
19	<u>Oak Hill</u>	Volusia	3.80%	3.68%
20	Orange City	Volusia	4.90%	4.78%
21	Ormond Beach	Volusia	5.30%	5.18%
22	Pierson	Volusia	1.20%	1.08%
23	Ponce Inlet	Volusia	5.70%	5.58%
24	Port Orange	Volusia	5.10%	4.98%
25	<u>South Daytona</u>	Volusia	6.10%	5.98%
26	WAKULLA	Wakulla	0.90%	0.90%
27	<u>St. Marks</u>	Wakulla	0.00%	0.00%
28	Sopchoppy	Wakulla	1.30%	1.18%
29	WALTON	Walton	0.70%	0.70%
30	DeFuniak			
31	Springs	Walton	6.00%	5.88%
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1	Enconort	Walter	1 10%	1 20%	
_	Freeport	<u>Walton</u>	1.40%	1.28%	
2	Paxton	Walton	2.80%	2.68%	
3	WASHINGTON	Washington	0.30%	0.30%	
4	Caryville	Washington	1.00%	0.88%	
5	<u>Chipley</u>	Washington	5.70%	5.58%	
6	Ebro	Washington	0.60%	0.48%	
7	Vernon	Washington	5.80%	5.68%	
8	Wausau	Washington	1.90%	1.78%	
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10	The conversion	n rate displayed	in the rows wit	h the name of the	
11	<u>county</u> in capi	talized letters	assigns the con	version rate for	
12	the unincorpor	ated area. This	paragraph is re	pealed October 1,	
13	2002.				
14	(b) Beginning October 1, 2002, there are hereby levied				
15	the following local communications services tax conversion				
16	5 rates on taxable sales as authorized by s. 202.19. The				
17	conversion rates take effect without any action required by				
18					
19	governments that have not chosen to levy permit fees do not				
20	include the ad	ld-ons of up to	0.12 percent for	municipalities	
21			to 0.24 percent		
22		prized pursuant			
23		<u> </u>			
24	Jurisdiction	County	Conversion	Conversion	
25			rates for loca	l rates for local	
26			governments		
27			that have NOT		
28				chosen to levy	
29			permit fees	permit fees	
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31	ALACHUA	Alachua	4.70%	4.58%	
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COD	CODING. Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions				

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1	Alachua	Alachua	3.80%	3.58%
2	Archer	Alachua	3.10%	2.98%
3	Gainesville	Alachua	4.90%	4.78%
4	Hawthorne	Alachua	1.90%	1.78%
5	<u>High Springs</u>	Alachua	2.60%	2.48%
6	LaCrosse	Alachua	3.30%	3.18%
7	<u>Micanopy</u>	Alachua	2.50%	2.38%
8	Newberry	Alachua	4.20%	4.08%
9	<u>Waldo</u>	Alachua	1.30%	1.18%
10	BAKER	Baker	0.40%	0.40%
11	<u>Glen Saint</u>			
12	Mary	Baker	5.30%	5.18%
13	Macclenny	Baker	5.90%	5.78%
14	BAY	Bay	0.00%	0.00%
15	<u>Callaway</u>	Bay	5.10%	4.98%
16	<u>Cedar Grove</u>	Bay	4.80%	4.68%
17	Lynn Haven	Bay	4.90%	4.78%
18	<u>Mexico Beach</u>	Bay	3.00%	2.88%
19	<u>Panama City</u>	Bay	4.90%	4.78%
20	<u>Panama City</u>			
21	Beach	Bay	3.50%	3.38%
22	Parker	Bay	4.80%	4.68%
23	Springfield	Bay	4.00%	3.88%
24	BRADFORD	Bradford	0.50%	0.50%
25	Brooker	Bradford	3.00%	2.88%
26	Hampton	Bradford	2.20%	2.08%
27	Lawtey	Bradford	1.10%	0.98%
28	Starke	Bradford	3.50%	2.88%
29	BREVARD	Brevard	1.30%	1.08%
30	Cape			
31	Canaveral	Brevard	4.50%	4.38%
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1	Cocoa	Brevard	3.90%	3.78%
2	<u>Cocoa Beach</u>	Brevard	5.10%	4.98%
3	<u>Indiatlantic</u>	Brevard	6.20%	6.08%
4	Indian			
5	Harbour Beach	Brevard	4.00%	3.88%
б	Malabar	Brevard	4.90%	4.78%
7	Melbourne	Brevard	4.90%	4.78%
8	Melbourne			
9	Beach	Brevard	4.80%	4.68%
10	Melbourne			
11	Village	Brevard	4.10%	3.98%
12	Palm Bay	Brevard	5.00%	4.88%
13	Palm Shores	Brevard	4.80%	4.68%
14	Rockledge	Brevard	4.10%	3.98%
15	Satellite			
16	Beach	Brevard	1.70%	1.58%
17	Titusville	Brevard	5.30%	5.18%
18	West			
19	Melbourne	Brevard	5.40%	5.28%
20	BROWARD	Broward	4.80%	4.68%
21	Coconut Creek	Broward	4.70%	4.58%
22	Cooper City	Broward	4.80%	4.68%
23	Coral Springs	Broward	5.00%	4.88%
24	Dania	Broward	5.20%	5.08%
25	Davie	Broward	5.20%	5.08%
26	Deerfield			
27	Beach	Broward	1.40%	1.28%
28	<u>Ft.</u>			
29	Lauderdale	Broward	5.10%	4.98%
30	Hallandale	Broward	4.80%	4.68%
31	Hillsboro			
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1	Beach	Broward	1.20%	1.08%
2	Hollywood	Broward	4.80%	4.68%
3	Lauderdale-			
4	by-the-Sea	Broward	4.90%	4.78%
5	Lauderdale			
6	Lakes	Broward	5.20%	5.08%
7	Lauderhill	Broward	5.10%	4.98%
8	Lazy Lake			
9	Village	Broward	0.60%	0.48%
10	Lighthouse			
11	Point	Broward	6.10%	5.98%
12	Margate	Broward	5.20%	5.08%
13	Miramar	Broward	5.00%	4.88%
14	North			
15	Lauderdale	Broward	3.80%	3.68%
16	Oakland Park	Broward	5.30%	5.18%
17	Parkland	Broward	1.30%	1.18%
18	Pembroke Park	Broward	4.60%	4.48%
19	Pembroke			
20	Pines	Broward	5.30%	5.18%
21	<u>Plantation</u>	Broward	4.60%	4.48%
22	Pompano Beach	Broward	4.50%	4.38%
23	Sea Ranch			
24	Lakes	Broward	1.50%	1.38%
25	Southwest			
26	Ranches	Broward	4.50%	4.38%
27	Sunrise	Broward	4.60%	4.48%
28	Tamarac	Broward	2.30%	1.58%
29	Weston	Broward	5.00%	4.88%
30	Wilton Manors	Broward	5.50%	5.38%
31	CALHOUN	Calhoun	0.00%	0.00%
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1	Altha	Calhoun	4.00%	3.88%
2	Blountstown	Calhoun	1.30%	1.18%
3	CHARLOTTE	Charlotte	1.80%	1.68%
4	Punta Gorda	Charlotte	5.00%	4.88%
5	CITRUS	Citrus	2.00%	2.00%
б	Crystal River	Citrus	5.10%	4.98%
7	Inverness	Citrus	5.20%	5.08%
8	CLAY	Clay	5.80%	5.68%
9	Green Cove			
10	Springs	Clay	3.70%	3.58%
11	Keystone			
12	Heights	Clay	2.10%	1.98%
13	<u>Orange Park</u>	Clay	0.80%	0.68%
14	Penney Farms	Clay	1.90%	1.78%
15	COLLIER	<u>Collier</u>	2.10%	2.10%
16	Everglades	<u>Collier</u>	3.90%	3.58%
17	Marco Island	<u>Collier</u>	2.30%	1.78%
18	Naples	<u>Collier</u>	3.30%	3.18%
19	COLUMBIA	<u>Columbia</u>	1.30%	1.30%
20	<u>Ft. White</u>	<u>Columbia</u>	0.60%	0.48%
21	Lake City	<u>Columbia</u>	4.40%	4.28%
22	DESOTO	Desoto	2.10%	2.10%
23	Arcadia	Desoto	3.70%	3.58%
24	DIXIE	Dixie	0.10%	0.10%
25	<u>Cross City</u>	Dixie	2.50%	2.38%
26	Horseshoe			
27	Beach	Dixie	6.20%	6.08%
28	DUVAL/Jax	Duval	4.50%	4.38%
29	Atlantic			
30	Beach	Duval	5.90%	5.78%
31	Baldwin	Duval	6.10%	5.98%
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1	Jacksonville			
2	Beach	Duval	4.60%	4.38%
3	Neptune Beach	Duval	4.00%	3.88%
4	ESCAMBIA	Escambia	1.60%	1.60%
5	Century	Escambia	2.10%	1.98%
б	Pensacola	Escambia	5.10%	4.88%
7	FLAGLER	Flagler	0.60%	0.60%
8	Beverly Beach	Flagler	1.80%	1.68%
9	Bunnell	Flagler	2.50%	2.38%
10	Flagler	Flagler &		
11	Beach	Volusia	4.90%	4.78%
12	Marineland	Flagler &		
13	S	t. Johns	0.40%	0.28%
14	Palm Coast	Flagler	1.30%	1.18%
15	FRANKLIN	Franklin	0.90%	0.90%
16	Apalachicola	Franklin	3.60%	3.48%
17	Carrabelle	Franklin	5.70%	5.58%
18	GADSDEN	Gadsden	0.20%	0.20%
19	<u>Chattahoochee</u>	Gadsden	1.00%	0.88%
20	Greensboro	Gadsden	0.00%	0.00%
21	Gretna	Gadsden	3.90%	3.78%
22	Havana	Gadsden	0.80%	0.68%
23	Midway	Gadsden	3.70%	3.58%
24	Quincy	Gadsden	1.10%	0.98%
25	GILCHRIST	Gilchrist	0.00%	0.00%
26	Bell	Gilchrist	4.50%	4.38%
27	Fanning	<u>Gilchrist &</u>		
28	Springs	Levy	5.50%	5.38%
29	Trenton	Gilchrist	3.90%	3.78%
30	GLADES	Glades	0.50%	0.50%
31	Moore Haven	Glades	1.20%	1.08%
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1	GULF	Gulf	0.30%	0.30%
2	Port St. Joe	Gulf	3.60%	3.48%
3	Wewahitchka	Gulf	3.60%	3.48%
4	HAMILTON	Hamilton	0.30%	0.30%
5	Jasper	Hamilton	4.80%	4.58%
б	Jennings	Hamilton	1.50%	1.38%
7	White Springs	Hamilton	5.00%	4.88%
8	HARDEE	Hardee	1.10%	1.10%
9	Bowling Green	Hardee	3.20%	3.08%
10	Wauchula	Hardee	5.00%	4.88%
11	Zolfo Springs	Hardee	2.20%	2.08%
12	HENDRY	Hendry	0.70%	0.70%
13	Clewiston	Hendry	3.20%	3.08%
14	<u>La Belle</u>	Hendry	4.10%	3.98%
15	HERNANDO	Hernando	1.40%	1.40%
16	Brooksville	Hernando	0.90%	0.78%
17	<u>Weeki Wachee</u>	Hernando	0.10%	0.00%
18	HIGHLANDS	Highlands	1.10%	1.10%
19	<u>Avon Park</u>	Highlands	4.40%	4.28%
20	Lake Placid	Highlands	0.90%	0.78%
21	Sebring	Highlands	1.10%	0.78%
22	HILLSBOROUGH	Hillsborough	2.10%	1.98%
23	<u>Plant City</u>	Hillsborough	5.60%	5.48%
24	Tampa	Hillsborough	5.00%	4.88%
25	Temple			
26	Terrace	Hillsborough	5.40%	5.28%
27	HOLMES	Holmes	0.20%	0.20%
28	Bonifay	Holmes	5.70%	5.58%
29	Esto	Holmes	0.80%	0.68%
30	Noma	Holmes	0.10%	0.00%
31	<u>Ponce de Leon</u>	Holmes	2.70%	2.58%
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1	Westville	Holmes	0.90%	0.78%
2	INDIAN RIVER	Indian River	1.40%	1.40%
3	Fellsmere	Indian River	4.10%	3.98%
4	Indian River			
5	Shores	Indian River	2.80%	2.68%
6	Orchid	Indian River	2.10%	1.98%
7	Sebastian	Indian River	3.30%	3.18%
8	Vero Beach	Indian River	5.00%	4.88%
9	JACKSON	Jackson	0.20%	0.20%
10	Alford	Jackson	0.30%	0.18%
11	Bascom	Jackson	1.20%	1.08%
12	Campbellton	Jackson	0.30%	0.18%
13	Cottondale	Jackson	4.30%	4.18%
14	Graceville	Jackson	4.40%	4.28%
15	Grand Ridge	Jackson	0.80%	0.68%
16	Greenwood	Jackson	0.40%	0.28%
17	Jacob City	Jackson	0.00%	0.00%
18	Malone	Jackson	0.50%	0.38%
19	Marianna	Jackson	4.00%	3.88%
20	Sneads	Jackson	3.30%	3.18%
21	JEFFERSON	Jefferson	0.90%	0.90%
22	Monticello	Jefferson	4.50%	4.38%
23	LAFAYETTE	Lafayette	0.00%	0.00%
24	Mayo	Lafayette	2.00%	1.88%
25	LAKE	Lake	1.70%	1.70%
26	Astatula	Lake	4.40%	4.28%
27	Clermont	Lake	4.70%	4.58%
28	Eustis	Lake	5.10%	4.98%
29	Fruitland			
30	Park	Lake	4.70%	4.58%
31	Groveland	Lake	4.90%	4.78%
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2	Hills	Lake	3.30%	3.18%
3	Lady Lake	Lake	1.40%	1.28%
4	Leesburg	Lake	1.30%	1.18%
5	Mascotte	Lake	3.90%	3.78%
6	Minneola	Lake	3.20%	3.08%
7	Montverde	Lake	1.80%	1.68%
8	Mount Dora	Lake	1.50%	1.18%
9	Tavares	Lake	5.20%	5.08%
10	Umatilla	Lake	3.10%	2.98%
11	LEE	Lee	2.00%	1.88%
12	Bonita			
13	Springs	Lee	1.70%	1.58%
14	<u>Cape Coral</u>	Lee	1.50%	1.38%
15	<u>Ft. Myers</u>	Lee	4.70%	4.58%
16	<u>Ft. Myers</u>			
17	Beach	Lee	2.20%	2.08%
18	<u>Sanibel</u>	Lee	2.30%	2.18%
19	LEON	Leon	1.00%	1.00%
20	<u>Tallahassee</u>	Leon	4.40%	4.28%
21	LEVY	Levy	0.00%	0.00%
22	Bronson	Levy	2.50%	2.38%
23	<u>Cedar Key</u>	Levy	2.10%	1.98%
24	<u>Chiefland</u>	Levy	2.70%	2.58%
25	Inglis	Levy	3.50%	3.38%
26	<u>Otter Creek</u>	Levy	0.70%	0.58%
20		Levy	1.60%	1.48%
27	Williston	ШСУУ		1.100
	<u>Williston</u> Yankeetown	Levy	5.60%	5.48%
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27 28	Yankeetown	Levy	5.60%	5.48%
27 28 29	Yankeetown LIBERTY	<u>Levy</u> Liberty	<u>5.60%</u> 0.60%	<u>5.48%</u> 0.60%

1	Greenville	Madison	2.10%	1.98%
2	Lee	Madison	0.50%	0.38%
3	Madison	Madison	4.90%	4.48%
4	MANATEE	Manatee	0.70%	0.70%
5	Anna Maria	Manatee	1.40%	1.28%
6	Bradenton	Manatee	5.60%	5.48%
7	Bradenton			
8	Beach	Manatee	5.60%	5.48%
9	Holmes Beach	Manatee	3.50%	3.38%
10	Palmetto	Manatee	5.30%	5.18%
11	Longboat Key	Manatee &		
12	S	arasota	3.20%	3.08%
13	MARION	Marion	0.00%	0.00%
14	Bellview	Marion	0.90%	0.78%
15	Dunnellon	Marion	4.50%	4.38%
16	McIntosh	Marion	1.30%	1.18%
17	Ocala	Marion	4.80%	4.68%
18	Reddick	Marion	1.30%	1.18%
19	MARTIN	Martin	1.30%	1.30%
20	Jupiter			
21	Island	Martin	0.60%	0.48%
22	<u>Ocean Breeze</u>			
23	Park	Martin	2.20%	2.08%
24	Sewalls Point	Martin	2.30%	2.18%
25	Stuart	Martin	4.80%	4.68%
26	MIAMI-DADE	Miami-Dade	4.70%	4.48%
27	Aventura	Miami-Dade	5.20%	5.08%
28	Bal Harbour	Miami-Dade	4.90%	4.78
29	Bay Harbor			
30	Islands	Miami-Dade	4.80%	4.68%
31	<u>Biscayne Park</u>	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	4.40%	4.28%
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1	Coral Gables	Miami-Dade	4.10%	3.98%
2	El Portal	Miami-Dade	5.60%	5.48%
3	Florida City	Miami-Dade	5.30%	5.18%
4	Golden Beach	Miami-Dade	2.00%	1.88%
5	Hialeah	Miami-Dade	5.00%	4.88%
6	Hialeah			
7	Gardens	Miami-Dade	5.10%	4.98%
8	Homestead	Miami-Dade	5.30%	5.18%
9	Indian Creek			
10	Village	Miami-Dade	0.70%	0.58%
11	Islandia	Miami-Dade	0.00%	0.00%
12	Key Biscayne	Miami-Dade	4.60%	4.48%
13	Medley	Miami-Dade	6.10%	5.98%
14	Miami	Miami-Dade	4.70%	4.58%
15	<u>Miami Beach</u>	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	4.70%	4.58%
16	<u>Miami Shores</u>	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	5.60%	5.48%
17	<u>Miami Springs</u>	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	3.00%	2.88%
18	North Bay	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	4.90%	4.78%
19	<u>North Miami</u>	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	4.80%	4.68%
20	<u>North Miami</u>			
21	Beach	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	5.00%	4.88%
22	<u> Opa-Locka</u>	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	3.70%	3.58%
23	<u>Pinecrest</u>	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	5.40%	5.28%
24	<u>South Miami</u>	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	4.80%	4.68%
25	Sunny Isles			
26	Beach	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	5.00%	4.88%
27	Surfside	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	4.80%	4.68%
28	Sweetwater	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	4.60%	4.48%
29	Virginia			
30	Gardens	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	0.40%	0.28%
31	<u>West Miami</u>	<u>Miami-Dade</u>	4.40%	4.28%
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1	MONROE	Monroe	1.40%	1.40%
2	Islamorada	Monroe	0.40%	0.00%
3	Key Colony			
4	Beach	Monroe	2.40%	2.28%
5	Key West	Monroe	1.50%	1.38%
б	Layton	Monroe	0.00%	0.00%
7	Marathon	Monroe	1.90%	1.58%
8	NASSAU	Nassau	0.70%	0.70%
9	Callahan	Nassau	4.50%	4.38%
10	Fernandina			
11	Beach	Nassau	5.00%	4.88%
12	Hilliard	Nassau	3.20%	3.08%
13	OKALOOSA	Okaloosa	0.60%	0.60%
14	<u>Cinco Bayou</u>	<u>Okaloosa</u>	5.00%	4.88%
15	Crestview	<u>Okaloosa</u>	3.50%	3.38%
16	Destin	<u>Okaloosa</u>	1.90%	1.78%
17	Ft. Walton			
18	Beach	<u>Okaloosa</u>	5.50%	5.38%
19	Laurel Hill	<u>Okaloosa</u>	2.80%	2.68%
20	Mary Esther	Okaloosa	4.90%	4.78%
21	Niceville	Okaloosa	5.50%	5.38%
22	Shalimar	Okaloosa	5.00%	4.88%
23	Valparaiso	<u>Okaloosa</u>	3.80%	3.68%
24	OKEECHOBEE	Okeechobee	0.80%	0.80%
25	<u>Okeechobee</u>	Okeechobee	4.50%	4.38%
26	ORANGE	Orange	4.80%	4.58%
27	Apopka	Orange	6.00%	5.88%
28	<u>Bay Lake</u>	Orange	0.00%	0.00%
29	<u>Belle Isle</u>	Orange	1.60%	1.48%
30	Eatonville	Orange	4.30%	4.18%
31	Edgewood	Orange	1.00%	0.88%
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1	Lake Buena			
2	Vista	Orange	0.00%	0.00%
3	Maitland	Orange	5.10%	4.98%
4	Oakland	Orange	5.00%	4.78%
5	Ocoee	Orange	4.60%	4.28%
6	<u>Orlando</u>	Orange	4.10%	3.88%
7	Windermere	Orange	4.30%	4.18%
8	Winter Garden	Orange	4.30%	4.18%
9	Winter Park	Orange	5.60%	5.48%
10	OSCEOLA	Osceola	5.00%	4.88%
11	Kissimmee	Osceola	4.50%	4.38%
12	St. Cloud	Osceola	5.10%	4.98%
13	PALM BEACH	Palm Beach	4.60%	4.48%
14	Atlantis	Palm Beach	1.10%	0.98%
15	<u>Belle Glade</u>	Palm Beach	5.00%	4.88%
16	<u>Boca Raton</u>	Palm Beach	5.30%	5.08%
17	Boynton Beach	Palm Beach	4.80%	4.68%
18	Briny Breezes	Palm Beach	3.00%	0.28%
19	<u>Cloud Lake</u>	Palm Beach	2.20%	2.08%
20	Delray Beach	Palm Beach	4.40%	4.28%
21	<u>Glen Ridge</u>	Palm Beach	1.50%	1.38%
22	Golf Village	Palm Beach	0.60%	0.48%
23	Golfview	Palm Beach	0.60%	0.48%
24	Greenacres			
25	City	Palm Beach	5.30%	5.18%
26	Gulf Stream	Palm Beach	1.00%	0.88%
27	Haverhill	Palm Beach	1.40%	1.18%
28	Highland			
29	Beach	Palm Beach	4.00%	3.88%
30	Hypoluxo	Palm Beach	5.80%	5.68%
31	Juno Beach	Palm Beach	4.70%	4.58%
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1	Jupiter	Palm Beach	4.00%	3.88%
2	Jupiter Inlet			
3	Colony	Palm Beach	1.90%	1.78%
4	Lake Clarke			
5	Shores	Palm Beach	1.50%	1.38%
б	Lake Park	Palm Beach	5.20%	5.08%
7	Lake Worth	Palm Beach	4.80%	4.68%
8	Lantana	Palm Beach	5.30%	5.18%
9	Manalapan	Palm Beach	1.60%	1.48%
10	Mangonia Park	Palm Beach	5.50%	5.38%
11	North Palm			
12	Beach	Palm Beach	5.10%	4.88%
13	Ocean Ridge	Palm Beach	1.00%	0.88%
14	<u>Pahokee</u>	Palm Beach	4.20%	4.08%
15	<u>Palm Beach</u>	Palm Beach	4.50%	4.38%
16	<u>Palm Beach</u>			
17	Gardens	Palm Beach	1.10%	0.98%
18	<u>Palm Beach</u>			
19	Shores	Palm Beach	5.40%	5.28%
20	<u>Palm Springs</u>	Palm Beach	5.20%	5.08%
21	<u>Riviera Beach</u>	Palm Beach	4.50%	4.38%
22	Royal Palm			
23	Beach	Palm Beach	4.90%	4.78%
24	South Bay	Palm Beach	5.10%	4.98%
25	South Palm			
26	Beach	Palm Beach	5.60%	5.48%
27	Tequesta			
28	Village	Palm Beach	4.10%	3.98%
29	Wellington	Palm Beach	5.10%	4.98%
30	<u>West Palm</u>			
31	Beach	Palm Beach	5.30%	5.18%
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1	PASCO	Pasco	1.50%	1.50%
2	Dade City	Pasco	4.90%	4.78%
3	New Port			
4	Richey	Pasco	5.50%	5.38%
5	Port Richey	Pasco	0.90%	0.78%
6	Saint Leo	Pasco	1.00%	0.88%
7	San Antonio	Pasco	0.80%	0.68%
8	Zephyrhills	Pasco	5.40%	5.28%
9	PINELLAS	Pinellas	1.80%	1.68%
10	Belleair	Pinellas	1.60%	1.48%
11	Belleair			
12	Beach	Pinellas	6.00%	5.88%
13	Belleair			
14	Bluffs	Pinellas	2.00%	1.88%
15	Belleair			
16	Shore	<u>Pinellas</u>	2.40%	2.28%
17	<u>Clearwater</u>	<u>Pinellas</u>	5.00%	4.88%
18	Dunedin	<u>Pinellas</u>	5.20%	5.08%
19	Gulfport	<u>Pinellas</u>	6.00%	5.88%
20	Indian Rocks			
21	Beach	<u>Pinellas</u>	2.30%	2.18%
22	Indian Shores	Pinellas	2.60%	2.48%
23	Kenneth City	<u>Pinellas</u>	1.30%	1.18%
24	Largo	<u>Pinellas</u>	5.50%	5.38%
25	Madeira Beach	<u>Pinellas</u>	5.60%	5.48%
26	North			
27	Redington			
28	Beach	<u>Pinellas</u>	1.70%	1.58%
29	<u>Oldsmar</u>	<u>Pinellas</u>	5.70%	5.58%
30	<u>Pinellas Park</u>	Pinellas	5.40%	5.28%
31	Redington			
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1	Beach	Pinellas	5.40%	5.28%
2	Redington			
3	Shores	Pinellas	1.10%	0.98%
4	Safety Harbor	Pinellas	6.40%	5.88%
5	St. Pete			
6	Beach	Pinellas	5.70%	5.58%
7	St.			
8	Petersburg	Pinellas	5.50%	5.38%
9	Seminole	Pinellas	5.10%	4.98%
10	South			
11	Pasadena	Pinellas	5.60%	5.48%
12	Tarpon			
13	Springs	Pinellas	5.60%	5.48%
14	Treasure			
15	Island	Pinellas	2.20%	2.08%
16	POLK	Polk	2.70%	2.58%
17	Auburndale	Polk	4.30%	4.18%
18	Bartow	Polk	6.00%	5.28%
19	Davenport	Polk	3.40%	3.28%
20	Dundee	Polk	5.60%	5.48%
21	Eagle Lake	Polk	5.30%	5.18%
22	Ft. Meade	Polk	5.20%	4.58%
23	Frostproof	Polk	5.20%	5.08%
24	Haines City	Polk	5.10%	4.98%
25	<u>Highland Park</u>	Polk	0.00%	0.00%
26	Hillcrest			
27	Heights	Polk	1.10%	0.98%
28	Lake Alfred	Polk	4.50%	4.38%
29	Lake Hamilton	Polk	3.60%	3.48%
30	Lake Wales	Polk	4.40%	4.28%
31	Lakeland	Polk	5.20%	5.08%
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1	Mulberry	Polk	3.10%	2.98%
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2	<u>Polk City</u>	Polk	2.80%	2.68%
3	Winter Haven	Polk	6.20%	6.08%
4	PUTNAM	Putnam	1.20%	1.20%
5	Crescent City	Putnam	4.30%	4.18%
6	Interlachen	Putnam	1.60%	1.48%
7	Palatka	Putnam	5.00%	4.88%
8	Pomona Park	Putnam	2.90%	2.78%
9	Welaka	Putnam	2.50%	2.38%
10	SANTA ROSA	Santa Rosa	1.50%	1.50%
11	<u>Gulf Breeze</u>	<u>Santa Rosa</u>	1.10%	0.98%
12	Jay	<u>Santa Rosa</u>	1.30%	1.18%
13	Milton	Santa Rosa	5.70%	5.58%
14	SARASOTA	Sarasota	4.70%	4.58%
15	North Port	Sarasota	5.60%	5.48%
16	Sarasota	Sarasota	5.20%	5.08%
17	Venice	Sarasota	5.00%	4.88%
18	SEMINOLE	Seminole	2.90%	2.68%
19	Altamonte			
20	Springs	Seminole	4.80%	4.68%
21	Casselberry	Seminole	5.30%	5.18%
22	Lake Mary	Seminole	4.10%	3.98%
23	Longwood	Seminole	5.40%	5.28%
24	<u>Oviedo</u>	Seminole	4.30%	4.18%
25	Sanford	Seminole	4.70%	4.58%
26	Winter			
27	Springs	Seminole	5.80%	5.68%
28	ST. JOHNS	St. Johns	1.20%	1.20%
29	Hastings	St. Johns	1.50%	1.38%
30	St. Augustine	St. Johns	4.50%	4.38%
31	St. Augustine			
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1	Beach	<u>St. Johns</u>	4.50%	4.38%
2	ST. LUCIE	<u>St. Lucie</u>	1.20%	1.20%
3	<u>Ft. Pierce</u>	<u>St. Lucie</u>	4.50%	4.38%
4	Port St.			
5	Lucie	St. Lucie	1.50%	1.38%
6	<u>St. Lucie</u>			
7	Village	<u>St. Lucie</u>	1.60%	1.48%
8	SUMTER	Sumter	0.70%	0.70%
9	Bushnell	Sumter	5.00%	4.88%
10	<u>Center Hill</u>	Sumter	4.30%	4.18%
11	Coleman	Sumter	3.90%	3.78%
12	Webster	Sumter	3.10%	2.98%
13	Wildwood	Sumter	3.60%	3.48%
14	SUWANNEE	Suwannee	0.40%	0.40%
15	Branford	Suwannee	4.60%	4.48%
16	Live Oak	Suwannee	5.60%	5.48%
17	TAYLOR	Taylor	1.10%	1.10%
18	Perry	Taylor	5.50%	5.38%
19	UNION	Union	0.40%	0.40%
20	Lake Butler	Union	2.30%	2.18%
21	Raiford	Union	0.00%	0.00%
22	Worthington			
23	Springs	Union	0.00%	0.00%
24	VOLUSIA	Volusia	3.90%	3.78%
25	Daytona Beach	Volusia	4.60%	4.48%
26	Daytona Beach			
27	Shores	Volusia	5.10%	4.98%
28	DeBary	Volusia	4.40%	4.28%
29	DeLand	Volusia	4.20%	4.08%
30	Deltona	Volusia	6.10%	5.98%
31	Edgewater	<u>Volusia</u>	4.80%	4.68%
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1	Holly Hill	Volusia	4.20%	4.08%		
2	Lake Helen	Volusia	2.00%	1.88%		
3	New Smyrna					
4	Beach	Volusia	4.00%	3.88%		
5	Oak Hill	Volusia	3.50%	3.38%		
6	Orange City	Volusia	4.50%	4.38%		
7	Ormond Beach	Volusia	4.90%	4.78%		
8	Pierson	Volusia	1.10%	0.98%		
9	Ponce Inlet	Volusia	5.30%	5.18%		
10	Port Orange	Volusia	4.70%	4.58%		
11	South Daytona	Volusia	5.60%	5.48%		
12	WAKULLA	Wakulla	0.80%	0.80%		
13	St. Marks	Wakulla	0.00%	0.00%		
14	Sopchoppy	Wakulla	1.20%	<u>1.08%</u>		
15	WALTON	Walton	0.70%	<u>0.70%</u>		
16	DeFuniak					
17	Springs	Walton	4.70%	4.58%		
18	Freeport	Walton	1.30%	<u>1.18%</u>		
19	Paxton	Walton	2.60%	2.48%		
20	WASHINGTON	Washington	0.20%	0.20%		
21	Caryville	Washington	1.00%	0.88%		
22	Chipley	Washington	5.30%	5.18%		
23	<u>Ebro</u>	Washington	0.60%	0.48%		
24	Vernon	Washington	5.40%	5.28%		
25	Wausau	Washington	1.70%	<u>1.58%</u>		
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27	The conversion	rate displayed	in the rows wit	th the name of the		
28	<u>county in capi</u>	talized letters	assigns the cor	nversion rate for		
29	the unincorporated area.					
30	(c) Not	withstanding the	e rates provided	l by paragraph		
31	(b), the follow	ing local commu	nications servio	ces tax		
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1	conversion r	ates shal	l t	ake effect u	pon the expir	ation of
2	existing franchise agreements which provide for fees in excess					
3	of those aut	horized b	y s	. 337.401. T	he conversion	rates for
4	local govern	ments tha	t h	ave not chos	en to levy pe	rmit fees do
5	not include	the add-o	ns	of up to 0.1	2 percent for	
6	municipaliti	es and ch	art	er counties	or of up to O	.24 percent
7	for nonchart	er counti	es	authorized p	ursuant to s.	337.401.
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9	Jurisdiction	County	Co	nversion	Conversion	Effective
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11			10	cal	local	new rates
12			go	vernments	governments	
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18	<u>Indiatlantic</u>	Brevard		5.80%	5.68%	January 1,
19						2014
20	Titusville	Brevard		5.00%	4.88%	January 1,
21						2014
22	<u>Punta Gorda</u>	Charlott	e	4.90%	4.78%	January 1,
23						2009
24	<u>Miami</u>	Miami-Da	de	4.30%	4.18%	August 1,
25						2006
26	Valparaiso	<u>Okaloosa</u>		3.20%	3.08%	August 1,
27						2003
28	Dade City	Pasco		4.50%	4.38%	January
29						1,2011
30	Palatka	Putnam		4.70%	4.58%	September
31						1, 2003
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2	(a) On or before December 31, 2000, the Revenue
3	Estimating Conference shall compute for each municipality and
4	county the rate of local communications services tax which
5	would be required to be levied under s. 202.19(1) in order for
6	such local taxing jurisdiction to raise in calendar year 1999,
7	through the imposition of a local communications services tax,
8	revenues equal to the sum of:
9	1. The amount of revenues estimated to have been
10	received in calendar year 1999 based on the revenues that were
11	actually received from the replaced revenue sources in the
12	fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, adjusted to reflect the
13	growth reasonably estimated to have occurred in the final
14	quarter of calendar year 1999; and
15	2. An amount representing the revenues the
16	jurisdiction would have received from the replaced revenue
17	sources during the month immediately preceding the month in
18	which local taxing jurisdictions receive their first
19	distributions of revenues under this chapter.
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21	In computing the amounts in subparagraphs 1. and 2., the
22	Revenue Estimating Conference shall consider, to the maximum
23	extent practicable, changes in local replaced revenues, other
24	than changes due to normal growth, and shall adjust the
25	amounts in subparagraphs 1. and 2. accordingly.
26	(b) The rates computed by the Revenue Estimating
27	Conference shall be presented to the Legislature for review
28	and approval during the 2001 Regular Session. The rates
29	approved by the Legislature under this subsection shall be
30	effective in the respective local taxing jurisdictions on
31	October 1, 2001, without any action being taken by the
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1	governing authority or voters of such local taxing
2	jurisdictions. The rate computed and approved pursuant to this
3	subsection shall be reduced on October 1, 2002, by that
4	portion of the rate which was necessary to recoup the 1 month
5	of foregone revenues addressed in subparagraph (a)2.
6	(2)(a)1.(c) With respect to any local taxing
7	jurisdiction, if, for the periods ending December 31, 2001;
8	March 31, 2002; June 30, 2002; or September 30, 2002, the
9	revenues received by that local government from the local
10	communications services tax imposed under subsection (1) s.
11	202.19(1) are less than the revenues received from the
12	replaced revenue sources for the corresponding 2000-2001
13	period; plus reasonably anticipated growth in such revenues
14	over the preceding 1-year period, based on the average growth
15	of such revenues over the immediately preceding 5-year period;
16	plus an amount representing the revenues from the replaced
17	revenue sources for the 1-month period that the local taxing
18	jurisdiction was required to forego, the governing authority
19	may adjust the rate of the local communications services tax
20	upward to the extent necessary to generate the entire
21	shortfall in revenues within 1 year after the rate adjustment
22	and by an amount necessary to generate the expected amount of
23	revenue on an ongoing basis.
24	2. If complete data are not available at the time of
25	determining whether the revenues received by a local
26	government from the local communications services tax imposed
27	under subsection (1) are less than the revenues received from
28	the replaced revenue sources for the corresponding 2000-2001
29	period, as set forth in subparagraph 1., the local government
30	shall use the best data available for the corresponding
31	2000-2001 period in making such determination.
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1	3. The adjustment permitted under subparagraph 1.may
2	be made by emergency ordinance or resolution and may be made
3	notwithstanding the maximum rate established under s.
4	202.19(2) subsection (2) and notwithstanding any schedules or
т 5	timeframes or any other limitations contained in this chapter.
6 7	The emergency ordinance <u>or resolution</u> shall specify an
	effective date for the adjusted rate, which shall be no less
8	than $\underline{60}$ 90 days after the date of adoption of the ordinance <u>or</u>
9	resolution and shall be effective with respect to taxable
10	services included on bills that are dated on the first day of
11	a month subsequent to the expiration of the 60-day period. At
12	the end of <u>1</u> that year <u>following the effective date of such</u>
13	adjusted rate, the local governing authority shall, as soon as
14	is consistent with s. 202.21, reduce the rate by that portion
15	of the emergency rate which was necessary to recoup the amount
16	of revenues not received prior to the implementation of the
17	emergency rate.
18	4. If, for the period October 1, 2001, through
19	September 30, 2002, the revenues received by a local
20	government from the local communications services tax
21	conversion rate established under subsection (1), adjusted
22	upward for the difference in rates between paragraphs (1)(a)
23	and (b) or any other rate adjustments or base changes, are
24	above the threshold of 10 percent more than the revenues
25	received from the replaced revenue sources for the
26	corresponding 2000-2001 period plus reasonably anticipated
27	growth in such revenues over the preceding 1-year period,
28	based on the average growth of such revenues over the
29	immediately preceding 5-year period, the governing authority
30	must adjust the rate of the local communications services tax
31	to the extent necessary to reduce revenues to the threshold by
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emergency ordinance or resolution within the timeframes 1 established in subparagraph 3. The foregoing rate adjustment 2 requirement shall not apply to a local government that adopts 3 4 a local communications services tax rate by resolution or 5 ordinance. If complete data are not available at the time of 6 determining whether the revenues exceed the threshold, the 7 local government shall use the best data available for the corresponding 2000-2001 period in making such determination. 8 9 This subparagraph shall not be construed as establishing a right of action for any person to enforce this subparagraph or 10 challenge a local government's implementation of this 11 12 subparagraph. (2)(a) On or before December 31, 2000, the Revenue 13 14 Estimating Conference shall compute, in accordance with this paragraph, the maximum rates at which local taxing 15 jurisdictions shall be permitted to impose local 16 communications services taxes under s. 202.19(1). 17 1. A single maximum rate shall apply to all 18 19 municipalities and charter counties, and another single 20 maximum rate shall apply to all other counties. 21 2. Each respective maximum rate, when applied to the services taxed pursuant to this chapter, shall be calculated 22 to produce the revenues which could have been generated from 23 the replaced revenue sources, assuming that all local taxing 24 25 jurisdictions had imposed every replaced revenue source in the 26 manner and at the rate that would have produced the greatest amount of revenues. 27 28 (b) The rates computed by the Revenue Estimating 29 Conference shall be presented to the Legislature for review 30 and approval during the 2001 Regular Session. The rates 31 80

approved by the Legislature pursuant to this subsection shall 1 be the maximum rates for purposes of s. 202.19(1). 2 3 (3)(a) Each person who provides communications 4 services shall include as part of the August 2000 return due 5 pursuant to chapter 212 on or before September 20, 2000, the information set forth in this paragraph, in a format 6 7 prescribed by the department. Returns shall contain data for calendar year 1999 that may include, but are not limited to, 8 9 remittances of replaced revenue sources for each local taxing jurisdiction and an estimate of the revenue from 10 communications services that will be taxable pursuant to this 11 chapter for each local taxing jurisdiction. Such data may also 12 include, on an aggregated statewide basis, each person's 13 14 statewide sales taxable under chapter 203, taxable sales under s. 212.05(1)(e), and estimates for sales exempt under s. 15 212.08(7)(j) and exempt sales to governmental and other exempt 16 17 entities under chapter 212. 18 (b) All information furnished to the department under this subsection shall be available to all local taxing 19 jurisdictions. Such taxpayer information shall remain subject 20 to s. 213.053. Such data may not be disclosed or used by local 21 22 taxing jurisdictions for any purpose other than to review the 23 validity of data and the calculations made pursuant to this subsection. 24 25 (c) For each replaced revenue source, each county and 26 each municipality shall provide the following data to the Department of Revenue on or before September 30, 2000: 27 1. The rate of the levy for calendar year 1999. 28 29 2. The amount of revenues received during fiscal year 1998-1999 and, if known, the 1999 calendar year. 30 31 81

3. A description of the revenue base or taxable 1 2 services. 3 4. The name and federal employer identification number 4 of each taxpayer. 5 5. For the purpose of assisting the Revenue Estimating Conference in the computations required by this section, any б 7 other relevant information, including, but not limited to, changes in the rate of replaced revenues or imposition of 8 additional replaced revenues subsequent to September 30, 1999. 9 10 (d) The department shall provide technical assistance to the Revenue Estimating Conference and compile and analyze 11 12 the information submitted pursuant to this subsection in the manner requested by the Revenue Estimating Conference. 13 14 (b)(4) Except as otherwise provided in this 15 subsection, "replaced revenue sources," as used in this section, means the following taxes, charges, fees, or other 16 17 impositions to the extent that the respective local taxing jurisdictions were authorized to impose them prior to July 1, 18 19 2000. 20 1.(a) With respect to municipalities and charter counties and the taxes authorized by s. 202.19(1): 21 22 a.1. The public service tax on telecommunications 23 authorized by s. 166.231(9). b.2. Franchise fees on cable service providers as 24 25 authorized by 47 U.S.C. s. 542. 26 c.3. The public service tax on prepaid calling 27 arrangements. d.4. Franchise fees on dealers of communications 28 29 services which use the public roads or rights-of-way, up to the limit set forth in s. 337.401. For purposes of calculating 30 rates under this section, it is the legislative intent that 31 82 CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

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2	as municipalities to impose franchise fees on recurring local telecommunication service revenues prior to July 1, 2000.				
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5		_	such fees is in disp		
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7	legislative	intent that char	cter counties actual	ly do or do not	
8	possess such	authority.			
9	<u>e.</u> 5.	Actual permit fe	ees relating to plac	cing or	
10	maintaining	facilities in or	c on public roads on	rights-of-way,	
11	collected fr	om providers of	long-distance, cabl	e, and mobile	
12	communicatio	ns services for	the fiscal year end	ling September	
13	30, 1999; ho	wever, if a mun:	icipality or charter	county elects	
14	the option to charge permit fees pursuant to s.				
15	337.401(3)(c)1.a., such fees shall not be included as a				
16	replaced revenue source.				
17	2. (b) With respect to all other counties and the taxes				
18	authorized in s. 202.19(1), franchise fees on cable service				
19	providers as	authorized by 4	47 U.S.C. s. 542.		
20	<u>(3)</u> (5)	For any county	or school board that	at levies a	
21	discretionar	y surtax under s	s. 212.055, the rate	e of such tax <u>on</u>	
22	communicatio	ns services as a	authorized by s. 202	2.19(5)shall be	
23	as follows:				
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25	County	.5%	<u>18</u> <u>1</u> .	5%	
26		Discretionary	Discretionary	Discretionary	
27		surtax	surtax	surtax	
28		conversion	conversion	conversion	
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31	Alachua	0.3%	0.6%	0.8%	
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1	Baker	0.3%	0.5%	0.8%
2	Bay	0.3%	0.5%	0.8%
3	Bradford	0.3%	0.6%	0.8%
4	Brevard	0.3%	0.6%	0.9%
5	Broward	0.3%	0.5%	0.8%
6	<u>Calhoun</u>	0.3%	0.5%	0.8%
7	<u>Charlotte</u>	0.3%	0.6%	0.9%
8	<u>Citrus</u>	0.3%	0.6%	0.9%
9	<u>Clay</u>	0.3%	0.6%	0.8%
10	Collier	0.4%	0.7%	1.0%
11	<u>Columbia</u>	0.3%	0.6%	0.9%
12	Dade	0.3%	0.5%	0.8%
13	Desoto	0.3%	0.6%	0.8%
14	Dixie	0.3%	0.5%	0.8%
15	Duval	0.3%	0.6%	0.8%
16	Escambia	0.3%	0.6%	0.9%
17	Flagler	0.4%	0.7%	1.0%
18	<u>Franklin</u>	0.3%	0.6%	0.9%
19	Gadsden	0.3%	0.5%	0.8%
20	<u>Gilchrist</u>	0.3%	0.5%	0.7%
21	Glades	0.3%	0.6%	0.8%
22	Gulf	0.3%	0.5%	0.8%
23	Hamilton	0.3%	0.6%	0.8%
24	Hardee	0.3%	0.5%	0.8%
25	<u>Hendry</u>	0.3%	0.6%	0.9%
26	<u>Hernando</u>	0.3%	0.6%	0.9%
27	Highlands	0.3%	0.6%	0.9%
28	Hillsborough	0.3%	0.6%	0.8%
29	Holmes	0.3%	0.6%	0.8%
30	<u>Indian River</u>	0.3%	0.6%	0.98
31	Jackson	0.3%	0.5%	0.7%
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1	Jefferson	0.3%	0.5%	0.8%
2	Lafayette	0.3%	0.5%	0.7%
3	Lake	0.3%	0.6%	0.9%
4	Lee	0.3%	0.6%	0.9%
5	Leon	0.3%	0.6%	0.8%
6	Levy	0.3%	0.5%	0.8%
7	Liberty	0.3%	0.6%	0.8%
8	Madison	0.3%	0.5%	0.8%
9	Manatee	0.3%	0.6%	0.8%
10	Marion	0.3%	0.5%	0.8%
11	Martin	0.3%	0.6%	0.8%
12	Monroe	0.3%	0.6%	0.9%
13	Nassau	0.3%	0.6%	0.8%
14	<u>Okaloosa</u>	0.3%	0.6%	0.8%
15	<u>Okeechobee</u>	0.3%	0.6%	0.9%
16	<u>Orange</u>	0.3%	0.5%	0.8%
17	<u>Osceola</u>	0.3%	0.5%	0.8%
18	Palm Beach	0.3%	0.6%	0.8%
19	Pasco	0.3%	0.6%	0.9%
20	<u> Pinellas</u>	0.3%	0.6%	0.9%
21	Polk	0.3%	0.6%	0.8%
22	Putnam	0.3%	0.6%	0.8%
23	<u>St. Johns</u>	0.3%	0.6%	0.8%
24	<u>St. Lucie</u>	0.3%	0.6%	0.8%
25	<u>Santa Rosa</u>	0.3%	0.6%	0.9%
26	<u>Sarasota</u>	0.3%	0.6%	0.9%
27	Seminole	0.3%	0.6%	0.8%
28	Sumter	0.3%	0.5%	0.8%
29	Suwannee	0.3%	0.6%	0.8%
30	Taylor	0.3%	0.6%	0.9%
31	<u>Union</u>	0.3%	0.5%	0.8%
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1	<u>Volusia</u>	0.3%	0.6%	0.8%
2	Wakulla	0.3%	0.6%	0.9%
3	Walton	0.3%	0.6%	0.9%
4	Washington	0.3%	0.5%	0.8%
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6	The discretionary surtax conversion rate with respect to
7	communications services reflected on bills dated on or after
8	October 1, 2001, shall take effect without any further action
9	by a county or school board that has levied a surtax on or
10	before October 1, 2001. For a county or school board that
11	levies a surtax subsequent to October 1, 2001, the
12	discretionary surtax conversion rate with respect to
13	communications services shall take effect upon the effective
14	date of the surtax as provided in s. 212.054. The
15	discretionary sales surtax rate on communications services for
16	a county or school board levying a combined rate which is not
17	listed in the table provided by this subsection shall be
18	calculated by averaging or adding the appropriate rates from
19	the table and rounding up to the nearest tenth of a percent.
20	multiplied by a factor to determine the applicable rate of tax
21	under s. 202.19(5). The Revenue Estimating Conference shall
22	compute the factor on or before December 31, 2000. The factor
23	shall be calculated such that any rate applied under s.
24	202.19(5) will produce substantially the same tax revenues as
25	the corresponding rate levied on telecommunication services
26	under s. 212.055 during the year ending September 30, 1999.
27	The factor shall be calculated to three decimal places, and
28	the tax rates calculated by applying the factor for purposes
29	of s. 202.19(5) shall be rounded up to the nearest one-tenth
30	percent. The factor shall be presented to the Legislature for
31	review and approval during the 2001 Regular Session.
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1	(6) For purposes of calculating the appropriate value
2	of the replaced revenue under subparagraph (4)(a)2. and
3	paragraph (4)(b), and in conjunction with the study required
4	by this act, the Revenue Estimating Conference may include in
5	its computation any adjustment necessary to include the value
6	of any in-kind requirements, institutional networks, and
7	contributions for, or in support of, the use or construction
8	of public, educational, or governmental access facilities
9	allowed under federal law.
10	(7)(a) The provisions of this subsection shall apply
11	only with respect to the initial tax rate of a local taxing
12	jurisdiction which on October 1, 2001, is entitled to receive
13	from any dealer of communications services fees in excess of
14	the applicable limitation set forth in s. 337.401, as such
15	section existed prior to the effective date of this section,
16	pursuant to an agreement with such dealer of communications
17	services in effect on such date.
18	(b) Immediately upon the expiration of an agreement
19	described in paragraph (a), the rate determined under
20	subsection (1), as it applies to such local taxing
21	jurisdiction, shall automatically be reduced by the portion of
22	such rate representing the difference between the fees
23	actually received by the taxing jurisdiction pursuant to the
24	agreement described in paragraph (a) for the fiscal year
25	ending September 30, 1999, and the fees that such jurisdiction
26	would have received for such period under the applicable
27	limitation set forth in s. 337.401, as such section existed
28	prior to the effective date of this section.
29	Section 13. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of
30	chapter 202, Florida Statutes, to the contrary, any
31	municipality or county that has a local communications
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services tax conversion rate established under section 202.20, 1 2 Florida Statutes, which is less than the maximum rate 3 established under section 202.19, Florida Statutes, may by 4 resolution or ordinance increase its rate up to the maximum 5 rate established under section 202.19, Florida Statutes, with 6 such increased rate to be effective October 1, 2001. For 7 purposes of this section, during the period beginning on 8 October 1, 2001, and ending September 30, 2002, the maximum 9 rate established under section 202.19, Florida Statutes, shall be deemed to be the sum of such maximum rate plus the 10 difference between the conversion rates set forth in 11 12 paragraphs (a) and (b) of section 202.20(1), Florida Statutes. 13 The municipality or county shall notify the department of such 14 increased rate by certified mail postmarked on or before July 15 16, 2001. 16 (2) This section shall take effect upon this act 17 becoming a law. Section 14. Section 202.21, Florida Statutes, is 18 19 amended to read: 20 202.21 Effective dates; procedures for informing dealers of communications services of tax levies and rate 21 changes .-- Any adoption, repeal, or change in the rate of a 22 23 local communications services tax imposed under s. 202.19 is effective with respect to taxable services included on bills 24 that are dated on or after the January 1 subsequent to such 25 26 adoption, repeal, or change. A municipality or county 27 adopting, repealing, or changing the rate of such tax must notify the department of the adoption, repeal, or change by 28 29 September 1 immediately preceding such January 1. Notification must be furnished on a form prescribed by the department and 30 must specify the rate of tax; the effective date of the 31 88

adoption, repeal, or change thereof; and the name, mailing 1 2 address, and telephone number of a person designated by the 3 municipality or county to respond to inquiries concerning the 4 tax. The department shall provide notice of such adoption, 5 repeal, or change to all affected dealers of communications services at least 90 days before the effective date of the 6 7 tax. Any local government that adjusts the rate of its local 8 communications services tax by emergency ordinance or 9 resolution pursuant to s. $202.20(2)\frac{(1)(c)}{(2)}$ shall notify the 10 department of the new tax rate immediately upon its adoption. The department shall provide written notice of the adoption of 11 12 the new rate to all affected dealers within 30 days after receiving such notice. In any notice to providers or 13 14 publication of local tax rates for purposes of this chapter, 15 the department shall express the rate for a municipality or charter county as the sum of the tax rates levied within such 16 17 jurisdiction pursuant to s. 202.19(2)(a) and (5), and shall express the rate for any other county as the sum of the tax 18 19 rates levied pursuant to s. 202.19(2)(b) and (5). The 20 department is not liable for any loss of or decrease in revenue by reason of any error, omission, or untimely action 21 22 that results in the nonpayment of a tax imposed under s. 23 202.19. 24 Section 15. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1), paragraph (b) of subsection (2), and paragraphs (b) and (c) of 25 26 subsection (3) of section 202.22, Florida Statutes, are 27 amended, paragraph (g) is added to subsection (3), and paragraph (b) of subsection (4) and paragraph (b) of 28 29 subsection (6) of that section are amended, to read: 30 202.22 Determination of local tax situs.--

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1	(1) A dealer of communications services who is
2	obligated to collect and remit a local communications services
3	tax imposed under s. 202.19 shall be held harmless from any
4	liability, including tax, interest, and penalties, which would
5	otherwise be due solely as a result of an assignment of a
б	service address to an incorrect local taxing jurisdiction, if
7	the dealer of communications services exercises due diligence
8	in applying one or more of the following methods for
9	determining the local taxing jurisdiction in which a service
10	address is located:
11	(c) <u>1.</u> Employing enhanced zip codes to assign each
12	street address, address range, post office box, or post office
13	box range in the dealer's service area to a specific local
14	taxing jurisdiction.
15	2. If an enhanced zip code overlaps boundaries of
16	municipalities or counties, or if an enhanced zip code cannot
17	be assigned to the service address because the service address
18	is in a rural area or a location without postal delivery, the
19	dealer of communications services or its database vendor shall
20	assign the affected service addresses to one specific local
21	taxing jurisdiction within such zip code based on a reasonable
22	methodology. A methodology satisfies this subparagraph
23	paragraph if the information used to assign service addresses
24	is obtained by the dealer or its database vendor from:
25	<u>a.</u> 1. A database provided by the department;
26	b.2. A database certified by the department under
27	subsection (3);
28	c.3. Responsible representatives of the relevant local
29	taxing jurisdictions; or
30	d.4. The United States Census Bureau or the United
31	States Postal Service.
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11 12 (2) (b)1. Each local taxing jurisdiction shall furnish to the department all information needed to create and update the electronic database, including changes in service addresses, annexations, incorporations, reorganizations, and any other changes in jurisdictional boundaries. The information furnished to the department must specify an effective date, which must be the next ensuing January 1 or July 1, and such information must be furnished to the department at least 120 days prior to the effective date. However, the requirement that counties submit information pursuant to this paragraph shall be subject to appropriation.

13 2. The department shall update the electronic database 14 in accordance with the information furnished by local taxing 15 jurisdictions under subparagraph 1. Each update must specify 16 the effective date as the next ensuing January 1 or July 1 and 17 must be posted by the department on a website not less than 90 days prior to the effective date. A substantially affected 18 19 person may provide notice to the database administrator of an 20 objection to information contained in the electronic database. If an objection is supported by competent evidence, the 21 department shall forward the evidence to the affected local 22 23 taxing jurisdictions and update the electronic database in accordance with the determination furnished by local taxing 24 jurisdictions to the department. The department shall also 25 26 furnish the update on magnetic or electronic media to any dealer of communications services or vendor who requests the 27 update on such media. However, the department may collect a 28 29 fee from the dealer of communications services which does not exceed the actual cost of furnishing the update on magnetic or 30 electronic media. Information contained in the electronic 31

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database is conclusive for purposes of this chapter. The 1 2 electronic database is not an order, a rule, or a policy of 3 general applicability. 4 3. Each update must identify the additions, deletions, and other changes to the preceding version of the database. 5 6 Each dealer of communications services shall be required to 7 collect and remit local communications services taxes imposed 8 under this chapter only for those service addresses that are 9 contained in the database and for which all of the elements required by this subsection are included in the database. 10 (3) For purposes of this section, a database must be 11 12 certified by the department pursuant to rules that implement the following criteria and procedures: 13 14 (b) Upon receipt of an application for certification or recertification of a database, the provisions of s. 120.60 15 shall apply, except that the department shall examine the 16 17 application and, within 90 days after receipt, notify the applicant of any apparent errors or omissions and request any 18 19 additional information, conduct any inspection, or perform any testing determined necessary. The applicant shall designate an 20 individual responsible for providing access to all records, 21 22 facilities, and processes the department determines are 23 reasonably necessary to review, inspect, or test to and make a determination regarding the application. Such access must be 24 provided within 10 working days after notification. 25 26 (c) The application must be in the form prescribed by 27 rule and must include the applicant's name, federal employer 28 identification number, mailing address, business address, and 29 any other information required by the department. The application may request that the applicant identify must 30 31 92

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identify, among other elements required by the department, the 1 applicant's proposal for testing the database. 2 3 (g) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the 4 contrary, if a dealer submits an application for certification 5 on or before the later of October 1, 2001, or the date which 6 is 30 days after the date on which the applicable department 7 rule becomes effective, and such application is neither 8 approved nor denied within the time period set forth in 9 paragraph (d): 10 1. For purposes of computing the amount of the deduction to which such dealer is entitled under s. 202.28, 11 12 the dealer shall be deemed to have used a certified database pursuant to paragraph (1)(b), until such time as the 13 14 application for certification is denied. 15 2. In the event that such application is approved, such approval shall be deemed to have been effective on the 16 17 date of the application or October 1, 2001, whichever is 18 later. 19 (4) 20 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a dealer 21 of communications services is exercising due diligence in 22 applying one or more of the methods set forth in subsection (1) if the dealer: 23 Expends reasonable resources to accurately and 24 1. 25 reliably implement such method. However, the employment of 26 enhanced zip codes pursuant to paragraph (1)(c) satisfies the 27 requirements of this subparagraph; and Maintains adequate internal controls in assigning 28 2. 29 street addresses, address ranges, post offices boxes, and post office box ranges to taxing jurisdictions. Internal controls 30 are adequate if the dealer of communications services: 31 93 CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

Maintains and follows procedures to obtain and 1 a. 2 implement periodic and consistent updates to the database at 3 least once every 6 months; and 4 b. Corrects errors in the assignments of service 5 addresses to local taxing jurisdictions within 120 days after 6 the dealer discovers such errors. 7 (6) (b) Notwithstanding s. 202.28, if a dealer of 8 9 communications services employs a method of assigning service addresses other than as set forth in paragraph (1)(a), 10 paragraph (1)(b), or paragraph (1)(c), the deduction allowed 11 12 to the dealer of communications services as compensation under 13 s. 202.28 shall be 0.25 percent of that portion of the tax due 14 and accounted for and remitted to the department which is 15 attributable to such method of assigning service addresses other than as set forth in paragraph (1)(a), paragraph (1)(b), 16 17 or paragraph (1)(c). Section 16. Subsection (8) is added to section 202.23, 18 19 Florida Statutes, to read: 20 202.23 Procedure on purchaser's request for refund or 21 credit of communications services taxes.--22 (8)(a) Subject to the provisions of s. 213.756, if it 23 appears, upon examination of a communications services tax return made under this chapter, or upon proof submitted to the 24 department by the dealer, that an amount of communications 25 26 services tax has been paid in excess of the amount due, the 27 department may refund the amount of the overpayment to the dealer. The department may refund the overpayment without 28 29 regard to whether the dealer has filed a written claim for refund; however, the department may require the dealer to file 30 a statement affirming that the dealer made the overpayment. 31 94

Prior to issuing a refund pursuant to this subsection, the 1 2 department shall notify the dealer of its intent to issue such 3 refund, the amount of such refund, and the reason for such 4 refund. (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a), a 5 6 refund of communications services tax shall not be made, and 7 no action for a refund may be brought by a dealer or other 8 person, after the applicable period set forth in s. 215.26(2) 9 has elapsed. 10 (c) If, after the issuance of a refund by the department pursuant to this subsection, the department 11 12 determines that the amount of such refund exceeds the amount legally due to the dealer, the provisions of s. 202.35 13 14 concerning penalties and interest shall not apply if, within 60 days of receiving notice of such determination, the dealer 15 reimburses the department the amount of such excess. 16 17 Section 17. Section 202.231, Florida Statutes, is created to read: 18 19 202.231 Provision of information to local taxing 20 jurisdictions.--21 (1) The department shall provide a monthly report to each jurisdiction imposing the tax authorized by s. 202.19. 22 23 Each report shall contain the following information for the jurisdiction which is receiving the report: the name and other 24 information necessary to identify each dealer providing 25 26 service in the jurisdiction, including each dealer's federal employer identification number; the gross taxable sales 27 reported by each dealer; the amount of the dealer's collection 28 29 allowance; and any adjustments specified on the return, including audit assessments or refunds, and interest or 30 31 penalties, affecting the net tax from each dealer which is 95

being remitted to the jurisdiction. The report shall total 1 2 the net amount transferred to the jurisdiction, showing the 3 net taxes remitted by dealers less the administrative fees 4 deducted by the department. 5 (2) Monthly reports shall be transmitted by the 6 department to each municipality and county through a secure 7 electronic mail system or by other suitable written or 8 electronic means. 9 Section 18. Subsection (2) of section 202.24, Florida 10 Statutes, is amended to read: 202.24 Limitations on local taxes and fees imposed on 11 dealers of communications services .--12 (2)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (c), each 13 14 public body is prohibited from: 15 Levying on or collecting from dealers or purchasers 1. of communications services any tax, charge, fee, or other 16 17 imposition on or with respect to the provision or purchase of 18 communications services. 19 2. Requiring any dealer of communications services to 20 enter into or extend the term of a franchise or other agreement that requires the payment of a tax, charge, fee, or 21 22 other imposition. 23 Adopting or enforcing any provision of any 3. 24 ordinance or agreement to the extent that such provision obligates a dealer of communications services to charge, 25 26 collect, or pay to the public body a tax, charge, fee, or 27 other imposition. 28 29 Each municipality and county retains authority to negotiate all terms and conditions of a cable service franchise allowed 30 by federal and state law except those terms and conditions 31 96 CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions. related to franchise fees and the definition of gross revenues
 or other definitions or methodologies related to the payment
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5 (b) For purposes of this subsection, a tax, charge, 6 fee, or other imposition includes any amount or in-kind 7 payment of property or services which is required by ordinance 8 or agreement to be paid or furnished to a public body by or 9 through a dealer of communications services in its capacity as a dealer of communications services, regardless of whether 10 such amount or in-kind payment of property or services is: 11 12 1. Designated as a sales tax, excise tax, subscriber

13 charge, franchise fee, user fee, privilege fee, occupancy fee, 14 rental fee, license fee, pole fee, tower fee, base-station 15 fee, or other tax or fee;

16 2. Measured by the amounts charged or received for 17 services, regardless of whether such amount is permitted or 18 required to be separately stated on the customer's bill, by 19 the type or amount of equipment or facilities deployed, or by 20 other means; or

3. Intended as compensation for the use of public
 roads or rights-of-way, for the right to conduct business, or
 for other purposes.

24 (c) This subsection does not apply to: 1. Local communications services taxes levied under 25 26 this chapter. 27 2. Ad valorem taxes levied pursuant to chapter 200. 3. Occupational license taxes levied under chapter 28 29 205. 30 "911" service charges levied under chapter 365. 4. 31 97

1	5. Amounts charged for the rental or other use of	
2	property owned by a public body which is not in the public	
3	rights-of-way to a dealer of communications services for any	
4	purpose, including, but not limited to, the placement or	
5	attachment of equipment used in the provision of	
б	communications services.	
7	6. Permit fees of general applicability which are not	
8	related to placing or maintaining facilities in or on public	
9	roads or rights-of-way.	
10	7. Permit fees related to placing or maintaining	
11	facilities in or on public roads or rights-of-way pursuant to	
12	s. 337.401.	
13	8. Any in-kind requirements, institutional networks,	
14	or contributions for, or in support of, the use or	
15	construction of public, educational, or governmental access	
16	facilities allowed under federal law and imposed on providers	
17	of cable service pursuant to any ordinance or agreement.	
18	Nothing in this subparagraph shall prohibit the ability of	
19	providers of cable service to recover such expenses as allowed	
20	under federal law. This subparagraph shall be reviewed by the	
21	Legislature during the 2001 legislative session in conjunction	
22	with the study required by this act.	
23	9. Special assessments and impact fees.	
24	10. Pole attachment fees that are charged by a local	
25	government for attachments to utility poles owned by the local	
26	government.	
27	11. Utility service fees or other similar user fees	
28	for utility services.	
29	12. Any other generally applicable tax, fee, charge,	
30	or imposition authorized by general law on July 1, 2000, which	
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is not specifically prohibited by this subsection or included 1 as a replaced revenue source in s. 202.20. 2 3 Section 19. Paragraph (i) of subsection (3) of section 4 202.26, Florida Statutes, is repealed. 5 Section 20. Subsection (3) of section 202.27, Florida 6 Statutes, is amended to read: 7 202.27 Return filing; rules for self-accrual.--8 (3) The department shall accept returns, except those 9 required to be initiated through an electronic data interchange, as timely if postmarked on or before the 20th day 10 of the month; if the 20th day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or 11 12 federal or state legal holiday, returns are timely if postmarked on the next succeeding workday. Any dealer who 13 14 makes sales of any nature in two or more locations for which 15 returns are required to be filed with the department and who maintains records for such locations in a central office or 16 17 place may, on each reporting date, file one return for all such places of business in lieu of separate returns for each 18 19 location; however, the return must clearly indicate the amounts collected within each location. Each dealer shall file 20 a return for each tax period even though no tax is due for 21 22 such period. 23 Section 21. Subsection (1) of section 202.28, Florida 24 Statutes, is amended to read: 202.28 Credit for collecting tax; penalties .--25 26 (1) Except as otherwise provided in s. 202.22, for the 27 purpose of compensating persons providing communications services for the keeping of prescribed records, the filing of 28 29 timely tax returns, and the proper accounting and remitting of taxes, persons collecting taxes imposed under this chapter and 30 under s. 203.01(1)(a)2.shall be allowed to deduct 0.75 31 99

percent of the amount of the tax due and accounted for and
 remitted to the department.

3 (a) The collection allowance may not be granted, nor
4 may any deduction be permitted, if the required tax return or
5 tax is delinquent at the time of payment.

6 (b) The department may deny the collection allowance 7 if a taxpayer files an incomplete return.

8 1. For the purposes of this chapter, a return is 9 incomplete if it is lacking such uniformity, completeness, and 10 arrangement that the physical handling, verification, review 11 of the return, or determination of other taxes and fees 12 reported on the return can not be readily accomplished.

The department shall adopt rules requiring the 13 2. 14 information that it considers necessary to ensure that the 15 taxes levied or administered under this chapter are properly 16 collected, reviewed, compiled, reported, and enforced, 17 including, but not limited to, rules requiring the reporting of the amount of gross sales; the amount of taxable sales; the 18 19 amount of tax collected or due; the amount of lawful refunds, deductions, or credits claimed; the amount claimed as the 20 dealer's collection allowance; the amount of penalty and 21 interest; and the amount due with the return. 22

(c) The collection allowance and other credits or deductions provided in this chapter shall be applied to the taxes reported for the jurisdiction previously credited with the tax paid.

27 Section 22. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 28 202.37, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) is 29 added to that subsection, to read:

30 202.37 Special rules for administration of local 31 communications services tax.--

1	(1)(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section,
2	all statutory provisions and administrative rules applicable
3	to the communications services tax imposed by s. 202.12 apply
4	to any local communications services tax imposed under s.
5	202.19, and the department shall administer, collect, and
б	enforce all taxes imposed under s. 202.19, including interest
7	and penalties attributable thereto, in accordance with the
8	same procedures used in the administration, collection, and
9	enforcement of the communications services tax imposed by s.
10	202.12. Audits performed by the department shall include a
11	determination of the dealer's compliance with the
12	jurisdictional situsing of its customers' service addresses
13	and a determination of whether the rate collected for the
14	local tax pursuant to ss. 202.19 and 202.20 is correct. The
15	person or entity designated by a local government pursuant to
16	s. 213.053(7)(u) may provide evidence to the department
17	demonstrating a specific person's failure to fully or
18	correctly report taxable communications services sales within
19	the jurisdiction. The department may request additional
20	information from the designee to assist in any review. The
21	department shall inform the designee of what action, if any,
22	the department intends to take regarding the person.
23	(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
24	contrary, if a dealer of communications services provides
25	communications services solely within a single county, that
26	county or any municipality located therein may perform an
27	audit of such dealer with respect to communications services
28	provided by such dealer within such county, including both the
29	state and local components of the communications services tax
30	imposed and any other tax administered pursuant to this
31	chapter.
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1	1. Prior to the exercise of such authority, and for
2	purposes of determining whether a dealer operates solely
3	within one county, a local government may presume such
4	localized operation if the dealer reports sales in a single
5	county. Upon notice by the local government to the department
6	of an intent to audit a dealer, the department shall notify
7	the local government within 60 days if the department has
8	issued a notice of intent to audit the dealer, or it shall
9	notify the dealer of the local government's request to audit.
10	2. The dealer may, within 30 days, rebut the
11	single-county-operation presumption by providing evidence to
12	the department that it provides communication services in more
13	than one county in the state or that it is part of an
14	affiliated group members of which provide communications
15	services in more than one county in the state. An affiliated
16	group is defined as one or more chains of includable
17	corporations or partnerships connected through ownership with
18	a common parent corporation or other partnership which is an
19	includable corporation or partnership when the common parent
20	corporation or partnership has ownership in at least one other
21	includable corporation or partnership which generally
22	satisfies the requirements of Internal Revenue Code s. 267 or
23	Internal Revenue Code s. 707. If a dealer or a member of an
24	affiliated group provides communications services in more than
25	one county in the state, the department will notify the local
26	government that no audit may be performed.
27	3. If, during the course of an audit conducted
28	pursuant to this paragraph, a local government determines that
29	a dealer provided communications services in more than one
30	county during the period under audit, the local government
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shall terminate the audit and notify the department of its 1 2 findings. 4. Local governments conducting audits shall be bound 3 4 by department rules and technical assistance advisements 5 issued during the course of an audit conducted pursuant to 6 this paragraph. Local governments conducting communications 7 services tax audits pursuant to this subparagraph, or taxpayers being audited pursuant to this subparagraph, may 8 9 request and the department may issue technical assistance advisements pursuant to s. 213.22 regarding a pending audit 10 issue. When the department is requested to issue a technical 11 12 assistance advisement hereunder, it shall notify the affected 13 local government or taxpayer of the request. 14 5. Any audit performed hereunder shall obligate the 15 local government to extend situsing work performed during such audit to include all addresses within the county. Such audit 16 17 results shall be performed on behalf of and computed for each local government and unincorporated county area inside the 18 19 subject county, and they shall be bound thereby. 20 6. The review, protest, and collection of amounts due as the results of an audit performed hereunder shall be the 21 responsibility of the local jurisdiction and shall be governed 22 23 by s. 166.234 to the extent not inconsistent with this chapter. 24 7. No fee or any portion of a fee for audits conducted 25 26 on behalf of a municipality or county pursuant to this 27 paragraph shall be based upon the amount assessed or collected as a result of the audit, and no determination based upon an 28 29 audit conducted in violation of this prohibition shall be 30 valid. 31 103 CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

8. All audits performed pursuant to this paragraph 1 2 shall be in accordance with standards promulgated by the 3 American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the 4 Institute of Internal Auditors, or the Comptroller General of 5 the United States insofar as those standards are not 6 inconsistent with Department of Revenue Rules. 7 9. Results of audits performed pursuant to this 8 paragraph shall be valid for all jurisdictions within the 9 subject county. The assessment, review, and collection of any amounts ultimately determined to be due as the result of such 10 an audit will be the responsibility of the auditing 11 12 jurisdiction, and any such collections from the dealer shall 13 be remitted to the Department of Revenue along with 14 appropriate instructions for distribution of such amounts. No 15 entity subject to audit hereunder can be audited by any local jurisdiction for compliance with this chapter more frequently 16 17 than once every 3 years. 18 10. The department may adopt rules for the 19 notification and determination processes established in this 20 paragraph as well as for the information to be provided by a 21 local government conducting an audit. 22 Section 23. Section 202.38, Florida Statutes, is 23 created to read: 24 202.38 Special rules for bad debts and adjustments 25 under previous taxes.--26 (1)(a)1. Any dealer who has paid the tax imposed by 27 chapter 212 on telecommunications services billed prior to 28 October 1, 2001, which are no longer subject to such tax as a 29 result of chapter 2000-260, Laws of Florida, may take a credit or obtain a refund of the state communications services tax 30 imposed under this chapter on unpaid balances due on worthless 31 104

accounts within 12 months following the last day of the 1 2 calendar year for which the bad debt was charged off on the 3 taxpayer's federal income tax return. 2. Any dealer who has paid a local public service tax 4 5 levied pursuant to chapter 166 on telecommunications services 6 billed prior to October 1, 2001, which are no longer subject 7 to such tax as a result of chapter 2000-260, Laws of Florida, may take a credit or obtain a refund of the local 8 9 communications services tax imposed by such jurisdiction on unpaid balances due on worthless accounts within 12 months 10 following the last day of the calendar year for which the bad 11 debt was charged off on the taxpayer's federal income tax 12 13 return. 14 (b) If any account for which a credit or refund has 15 been received under this section is then in whole or in part paid to the dealer, the amount paid must be included in the 16 17 first communications services tax return filed after such receipt and the applicable state and local communications 18 19 services tax paid accordingly. 20 (c) Bad debts associated with accounts receivable which have been assigned or sold with recourse are eligible 21 upon reassignment for inclusion by the dealer in the credit or 22 23 refund authorized by this section. (2)(a) If any dealer would have been entitled to an 24 adjustment of the tax imposed by chapter 212 on 25 telecommunications services billed prior to October 1, 2001, 26 27 which are no longer subject to such tax as a result of chapter 2000-260, Laws of Florida, such dealer may take a credit or 28 29 obtain a refund of the state communications services tax 30 imposed under this chapter. 31 105

(b) If any dealer would have been entitled to an 1 2 adjustment of a local public service tax levied pursuant to 3 chapter 166 on telecommunications services billed prior to 4 October 1, 2001, which are no longer subject to such tax as a 5 result of chapter 2000-260, Laws of Florida, such dealer may take a credit or obtain a refund of the local communications 6 7 services tax imposed by such jurisdiction pursuant to this 8 chapter. 9 (3) Credits and refunds of the tax imposed by chapter 203 attributable to bad debts or adjustments with respect to 10 telecommunications services billed prior to October 1, 2001, 11 shall be governed by the applicable provisions of this 12 13 chapter. 14 (4) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the 15 contrary, the refunds and credits allowed by this section 16 shall be subject to audit by the state and the respective 17 local taxing jurisdictions in any audit of the taxes to which such refunds and credits relate. 18 19 Section 24. Section 202.381, Florida Statutes, is 20 created to read: 21 202.381 Transition from previous taxes.--The department is directed to implement the tax changes contained 22 23 in this act, and in chapter 2000-260, Laws of Florida, in a 24 manner that ensures that any request or action under existing statutes and rules, including, but not limited to, a claim for 25 26 a credit or refund of an overpayment of tax, audits in progress, and protests of tax, penalty, or interest initiated 27 before October 1, 2001, shall apply, to the fullest extent 28 possible, to any tax that replaces an existing tax that is 29 repealed effective October 1, 2001. It is the intent of the 30 31 Legislature that a person not be subject to an adverse 106

administrative action solely due to the tax changes that take 1 2 effect October 1, 2001. 3 Section 25. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) 4 of section 203.01, Florida Statutes, as amended by chapter 2000-260, Laws of Florida, are amended to read: 5 6 203.01 Tax on gross receipts for utility and 7 communications services. --8 (1)(a)1. Every person that receives payment for any 9 utility service shall report by the last day of each month to the Department of Revenue, under oath of the secretary or some 10 other officer of such person, the total amount of gross 11 12 receipts derived from business done within this state, or between points within this state, for the preceding month and, 13 14 at the same time, shall pay into the State Treasury an amount 15 equal to a percentage of such gross receipts at the rate set forth in paragraph (b). Such collections shall be certified 16 17 by the Comptroller upon the request of the State Board of 18 Education. 19 2. A tax is levied on communications services as 20 defined in s. 202.11(3). Such tax shall be applied to the same services and transactions as are subject to taxation under 21 chapter 202, and to communications services that are subject 22 23 to the exemption provided in s. 202.125(1). Such tax shall be applied to the sales price of communications services when 24 sold at retail and to the actual cost of operating substitute 25 26 communications systems, as such terms are defined in s. 27 202.11, shall be due and payable at the same time as the taxes imposed pursuant to chapter 202, and shall be administered and 28 29 collected pursuant to the provisions of chapter 202. (b) The rate applied to utility services shall be 2.5 30 percent. The rate applied to communications services shall be 31 107 CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

2.37 percent the rate calculated pursuant to s. 44, chapter 1 2000-260, Laws of Florida. 2 3 Section 26. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 4 212.031, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 5 212.031 Lease or rental of or license in real 6 property.--7 (1)(a) It is declared to be the legislative intent 8 that every person is exercising a taxable privilege who 9 engages in the business of renting, leasing, letting, or 10 granting a license for the use of any real property unless such property is: 11 12 1. Assessed as agricultural property under s. 193.461. 13 2. Used exclusively as dwelling units. 14 3. Property subject to tax on parking, docking, or storage spaces under s. 212.03(6). 15 Recreational property or the common elements of a 16 4. 17 condominium when subject to a lease between the developer or owner thereof and the condominium association in its own right 18 19 or as agent for the owners of individual condominium units or the owners of individual condominium units. However, only the 20 lease payments on such property shall be exempt from the tax 21 imposed by this chapter, and any other use made by the owner 22 23 or the condominium association shall be fully taxable under 24 this chapter. 5. A public or private street or right-of-way and 25 poles, conduits, fixtures, and similar improvements located on 26 such streets or rights-of-way, occupied or used by a utility 27 or provider of communications services, as defined by s. 28 29 202.11, franchised cable television company for utility or communications or television purposes. For purposes of this 30 subparagraph, the term "utility" means any person providing 31 108
utility services as defined in s. 203.012. This exception also 1 2 applies to property, wherever located, on which the following 3 are placed: towers, antennas, cables, accessory structures, or 4 equipment, not including switching equipment, used in the 5 provision of mobile communications services as defined in s. 6 202.11. For purposes of this chapter, towers used in the 7 provision of mobile communications services, as defined in s. 202.11, are considered to be fixtures. 8

9 6. A public street or road which is used for10 transportation purposes.

11 7. Property used at an airport exclusively for the 12 purpose of aircraft landing or aircraft taxiing or property 13 used by an airline for the purpose of loading or unloading 14 passengers or property onto or from aircraft or for fueling 15 aircraft.

16 8.a. Property used at a port authority, as defined in 17 s. 315.02(2), exclusively for the purpose of oceangoing 18 vessels or tugs docking, or such vessels mooring on property 19 used by a port authority for the purpose of loading or 20 unloading passengers or cargo onto or from such a vessel, or property used at a port authority for fueling such vessels, or 21 to the extent that the amount paid for the use of any property 22 23 at the port is based on the charge for the amount of tonnage actually imported or exported through the port by a tenant. 24 The amount charged for the use of any property at 25 b.

26 the port in excess of the amount charged for tonnage actually 27 imported or exported shall remain subject to tax except as 28 provided in sub-subparagraph a.

9. Property used as an integral part of the
 performance of qualified production services. As used in this
 subparagraph, the term "qualified production services" means

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any activity or service performed directly in connection with 1 2 the production of a qualified motion picture, as defined in s. 3 212.06(1)(b), and includes: 4 a. Photography, sound and recording, casting, location 5 managing and scouting, shooting, creation of special and optical effects, animation, adaptation (language, media, 6 7 electronic, or otherwise), technological modifications, computer graphics, set and stage support (such as 8 9 electricians, lighting designers and operators, greensmen, 10 prop managers and assistants, and grips), wardrobe (design, preparation, and management), hair and makeup (design, 11 12 production, and application), performing (such as acting, 13 dancing, and playing), designing and executing stunts, 14 coaching, consulting, writing, scoring, composing, 15 choreographing, script supervising, directing, producing, 16 transmitting dailies, dubbing, mixing, editing, cutting, 17 looping, printing, processing, duplicating, storing, and 18 distributing; 19 b. The design, planning, engineering, construction, 20 alteration, repair, and maintenance of real or personal 21 property including stages, sets, props, models, paintings, and 22 facilities principally required for the performance of those 23 services listed in sub-subparagraph a.; and 24 Property management services directly related to c. 25 property used in connection with the services described in 26 sub-subparagraphs a. and b. 27 This exemption will inure to the taxpayer upon presentation of 28 29 the certificate of exemption issued to the taxpayer under the provisions of s. 288.1258. 30 31 110 CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

1	10. Leased, subleased, licensed, or rented to a person
2	providing food and drink concessionaire services within the
3	premises of a convention hall, exhibition hall, auditorium,
4	stadium, theater, arena, civic center, performing arts center,
5	publicly owned recreational facility, or any business operated
6	under a permit issued pursuant to chapter 550. A person
7	providing retail concessionaire services involving the sale of
8	food and drink or other tangible personal property within the
9	premises of an airport shall be subject to tax on the rental
10	of real property used for that purpose, but shall not be
11	subject to the tax on any license to use the property. For
12	purposes of this subparagraph, the term "sale" shall not
13	include the leasing of tangible personal property.
14	11. Property occupied pursuant to an instrument
15	calling for payments which the department has declared, in a
16	Technical Assistance Advisement issued on or before March 15,
17	1993, to be nontaxable pursuant to rule 12A-1.070(19)(c),
18	Florida Administrative Code; provided that this subparagraph
19	shall only apply to property occupied by the same person
20	before and after the execution of the subject instrument and
21	only to those payments made pursuant to such instrument,
22	exclusive of renewals and extensions thereof occurring after
23	March 15, 1993.
24	12. Rented, leased, subleased, or licensed to a
25	concessionaire by a convention hall, exhibition hall,
26	auditorium, stadium, theater, arena, civic center, performing
27	arts center, or publicly owned recreational facility, during
28	an event at the facility, to be used by the concessionaire to
29	sell souvenirs, novelties, or other event-related products.
30	This subparagraph applies only to that portion of the rental,
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lease, or license payment which is based on a percentage of 1 sales and not based on a fixed price. 2 3 13. Property used or occupied predominantly for space 4 flight business purposes. As used in this subparagraph, "space 5 flight business" means the manufacturing, processing, or 6 assembly of a space facility, space propulsion system, space 7 vehicle, satellite, or station of any kind possessing the 8 capacity for space flight, as defined by s. 212.02(23), or 9 components thereof, and also means the following activities supporting space flight: vehicle launch activities, flight 10 operations, ground control or ground support, and all 11 12 administrative activities directly related thereto. Property 13 shall be deemed to be used or occupied predominantly for space 14 flight business purposes if more than 50 percent of the 15 property, or improvements thereon, is used for one or more 16 space flight business purposes. Possession by a landlord, 17 lessor, or licensor of a signed written statement from the 18 tenant, lessee, or licensee claiming the exemption shall 19 relieve the landlord, lessor, or licensor from the responsibility of collecting the tax, and the department shall 20 look solely to the tenant, lessee, or licensee for recovery of 21 22 such tax if it determines that the exemption was not 23 applicable. 24 Section 27. Effective July 1, 2003, paragraph (a) of 25 subsection (1) of section 212.031, Florida Statutes, as 26 amended by chapter 2000-345, Laws of Florida, is amended to 27 read: 28 212.031 Lease or rental of or license in real 29 property.--(1)(a) It is declared to be the legislative intent 30 31 that every person is exercising a taxable privilege who 112 CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions. 1 engages in the business of renting, leasing, letting, or 2 granting a license for the use of any real property unless 3 such property is:

1. Assessed as agricultural property under s. 193.461.

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2. Used exclusively as dwelling units.

6 3. Property subject to tax on parking, docking, or7 storage spaces under s. 212.03(6).

8 4. Recreational property or the common elements of a 9 condominium when subject to a lease between the developer or owner thereof and the condominium association in its own right 10 or as agent for the owners of individual condominium units or 11 the owners of individual condominium units. However, only the 12 13 lease payments on such property shall be exempt from the tax 14 imposed by this chapter, and any other use made by the owner 15 or the condominium association shall be fully taxable under this chapter. 16

17 5. A public or private street or right-of-way and poles, conduits, fixtures, and similar improvements located on 18 19 such streets or rights-of-way, occupied or used by a utility 20 or provider of communications services, as defined by s. 21 202.11, franchised cable television company for utility or 22 communications or television purposes. For purposes of this 23 subparagraph, the term "utility" means any person providing utility services as defined in s. 203.012. This exception also 24 applies to property, wherever located, on which the following 25 26 are placed: towers, antennas, cables, accessory structures, or 27 equipment, not including switching equipment, used in the provision of mobile communications services as defined in s. 28 29 202.11. For purposes of this chapter, towers used in the provision of mobile communications services, as defined in s. 30 202.11, are considered to be fixtures. 31

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6. A public street or road which is used for 1 2 transportation purposes. 3 7. Property used at an airport exclusively for the 4 purpose of aircraft landing or aircraft taxiing or property 5 used by an airline for the purpose of loading or unloading 6 passengers or property onto or from aircraft or for fueling 7 aircraft. 8 8.a. Property used at a port authority, as defined in 9 s. 315.02(2), exclusively for the purpose of oceangoing 10 vessels or tugs docking, or such vessels mooring on property used by a port authority for the purpose of loading or 11 12 unloading passengers or cargo onto or from such a vessel, or 13 property used at a port authority for fueling such vessels, or 14 to the extent that the amount paid for the use of any property 15 at the port is based on the charge for the amount of tonnage 16 actually imported or exported through the port by a tenant. 17 b. The amount charged for the use of any property at the port in excess of the amount charged for tonnage actually 18 19 imported or exported shall remain subject to tax except as 20 provided in sub-subparagraph a. 21 9. Property used as an integral part of the 22 performance of qualified production services. As used in this 23 subparagraph, the term "qualified production services" means any activity or service performed directly in connection with 24 the production of a qualified motion picture, as defined in s. 25 26 212.06(1)(b), and includes: Photography, sound and recording, casting, location 27 a. managing and scouting, shooting, creation of special and 28 29 optical effects, animation, adaptation (language, media, electronic, or otherwise), technological modifications, 30 computer graphics, set and stage support (such as 31 114 CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

electricians, lighting designers and operators, greensmen, 1 2 prop managers and assistants, and grips), wardrobe (design, 3 preparation, and management), hair and makeup (design, production, and application), performing (such as acting, 4 5 dancing, and playing), designing and executing stunts, coaching, consulting, writing, scoring, composing, 6 7 choreographing, script supervising, directing, producing, transmitting dailies, dubbing, mixing, editing, cutting, 8 9 looping, printing, processing, duplicating, storing, and distributing; 10 The design, planning, engineering, construction, 11 b. 12 alteration, repair, and maintenance of real or personal 13 property including stages, sets, props, models, paintings, and 14 facilities principally required for the performance of those 15 services listed in sub-subparagraph a.; and Property management services directly related to 16 c. 17 property used in connection with the services described in 18 sub-subparagraphs a. and b. 19 20 This exemption will inure to the taxpayer upon presentation of the certificate of exemption issued to the taxpayer under the 21 provisions of s. 288.1258. 22 23 10. Leased, subleased, licensed, or rented to a person providing food and drink concessionaire services within the 24 premises of a convention hall, exhibition hall, auditorium, 25 26 stadium, theater, arena, civic center, performing arts center, 27 publicly owned recreational facility, or any business operated under a permit issued pursuant to chapter 550. A person 28 providing retail concessionaire services involving the sale of 29 food and drink or other tangible personal property within the 30 premises of an airport shall be subject to tax on the rental 31 115

of real property used for that purpose, but shall not be 1 2 subject to the tax on any license to use the property. For 3 purposes of this subparagraph, the term "sale" shall not 4 include the leasing of tangible personal property. 5 11. Property occupied pursuant to an instrument 6 calling for payments which the department has declared, in a 7 Technical Assistance Advisement issued on or before March 15, 1993, to be nontaxable pursuant to rule 12A-1.070(19)(c), 8 9 Florida Administrative Code; provided that this subparagraph shall only apply to property occupied by the same person 10 before and after the execution of the subject instrument and 11 12 only to those payments made pursuant to such instrument, exclusive of renewals and extensions thereof occurring after 13 14 March 15, 1993. 15 12. Property used or occupied predominantly for space 16 flight business purposes. As used in this subparagraph, "space 17 flight business" means the manufacturing, processing, or 18 assembly of a space facility, space propulsion system, space 19 vehicle, satellite, or station of any kind possessing the capacity for space flight, as defined by s. 212.02(23), or 20 components thereof, and also means the following activities 21 supporting space flight: vehicle launch activities, flight 22 23 operations, ground control or ground support, and all administrative activities directly related thereto. Property 24 shall be deemed to be used or occupied predominantly for space 25 26 flight business purposes if more than 50 percent of the 27 property, or improvements thereon, is used for one or more space flight business purposes. Possession by a landlord, 28 29 lessor, or licensor of a signed written statement from the tenant, lessee, or licensee claiming the exemption shall 30 relieve the landlord, lessor, or licensor from the 31

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responsibility of collecting the tax, and the department shall 1 2 look solely to the tenant, lessee, or licensee for recovery of 3 such tax if it determines that the exemption was not 4 applicable. 5 Section 28. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 6 212.054, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 7 212.054 Discretionary sales surtax; limitations, 8 administration, and collection .--9 (2)(a) The tax imposed by the governing body of any 10 county authorized to so levy pursuant to s. 212.055 shall be a discretionary surtax on all transactions occurring in the 11 12 county which transactions are subject to the state tax imposed 13 on sales, use, services, rentals, admissions, and other 14 transactions by this chapter and communications services as 15 defined for purposes of chapter 202. The surtax, if levied, 16 shall be computed as the applicable rate or rates authorized 17 pursuant to s. 212.055 times the amount of taxable sales and taxable purchases representing such transactions. If the 18 19 surtax is levied on the sale of an item of tangible personal property or on the sale of a service, the surtax shall be 20 computed by multiplying the rate imposed by the county within 21 22 which the sale occurs by the amount of the taxable sale. The 23 sale of an item of tangible personal property or the sale of a service is not subject to the surtax if the property, the 24 service, or the tangible personal property representing the 25 26 service is delivered within a county that does not impose a 27 discretionary sales surtax. Section 29. Subsection (6) of section 212.20, Florida 28 29 Statutes, is amended to read: 30 31 117 CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

212.20 Funds collected, disposition; additional powers 1 2 of department; operational expense; refund of taxes 3 adjudicated unconstitutionally collected. --4 (6) Distribution of all proceeds under this chapter 5 and s. 202.18(1)(b) and (2)(b) shall be as follows: 6 (a) Proceeds from the convention development taxes 7 authorized under s. 212.0305 shall be reallocated to the 8 Convention Development Tax Clearing Trust Fund. 9 (b) Proceeds from discretionary sales surtaxes imposed pursuant to ss. 212.054 and 212.055 shall be reallocated to 10 the Discretionary Sales Surtax Clearing Trust Fund. 11 12 (c) Proceeds from the tax imposed pursuant to s. 212.06(5)(a)2. shall be reallocated to the Mail Order Sales 13 14 Tax Clearing Trust Fund. (c)(d) Proceeds from the fees imposed under ss. 15 212.05(1)(i)3. and 212.18(3) shall remain with the General 16 17 Revenue Fund. 18 (d) (d) (e) The proceeds of all other taxes and fees 19 imposed pursuant to this chapter or remitted pursuant to s. 202.18(1)(b) and (2)(b) shall be distributed as follows: 20 21 In any fiscal year, the greater of \$500 million, 1. minus an amount equal to 4.6 percent of the proceeds of the 22 23 taxes collected pursuant to chapter 201, or 5 percent of all other taxes and fees imposed pursuant to this chapter or 24 remitted pursuant to s. 202.18(1)(b) and (2)(b) shall be 25 26 deposited in monthly installments into the General Revenue Fund. 27 2. Two-tenths of one percent shall be transferred to 28 29 the Solid Waste Management Trust Fund. After the distribution under subparagraphs 1. and 30 3. 2., 9.653 percent of the amount remitted by a sales tax dealer 31 118 CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions. located within a participating county pursuant to s. 218.61
 shall be transferred into the Local Government Half-cent Sales
 Tax Clearing Trust Fund.

4 4. After the distribution under subparagraphs 1., 2.,
5 and 3., 0.065 percent shall be transferred to the Local
6 Government Half-cent Sales Tax Clearing Trust Fund and
7 distributed pursuant to s. 218.65.

5. For proceeds received after July 1, 2000, and after
the distributions under subparagraphs 1., 2., 3., and 4., 2.25
percent of the available proceeds pursuant to this paragraph
shall be transferred monthly to the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund
for Counties pursuant to s. 218.215.

6. For proceeds received after July 1, 2000, and after 13 14 the distributions under subparagraphs 1., 2., 3., and 4., 15 1.0715 percent of the available proceeds pursuant to this paragraph shall be transferred monthly to the Revenue Sharing 16 17 Trust Fund for Municipalities pursuant to s. 218.215. If the total revenue to be distributed pursuant to this subparagraph 18 19 is at least as great as the amount due from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Municipalities and the Municipal 20 Financial Assistance Trust Fund in state fiscal year 21 1999-2000, no municipality shall receive less than the amount 22 23 due from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Municipalities and the Municipal Financial Assistance Trust Fund in state fiscal 24 year 1999-2000. If the total proceeds to be distributed are 25 26 less than the amount received in combination from the Revenue 27 Sharing Trust Fund for Municipalities and the Municipal Financial Assistance Trust Fund in state fiscal year 28 29 1999-2000, each municipality shall receive an amount proportionate to the amount it was due in state fiscal year 30 1999-2000. 31

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7. Of the remaining proceeds: 1 2 Beginning July 1, 2000, and in each fiscal year a. 3 thereafter, the sum of \$29,915,500 shall be divided into as 4 many equal parts as there are counties in the state, and one 5 part shall be distributed to each county. The distribution among the several counties shall begin each fiscal year on or 6 7 before January 5th and shall continue monthly for a total of 4 months. If a local or special law required that any moneys 8 9 accruing to a county in fiscal year 1999-2000 under the then-existing provisions of s. 550.135 be paid directly to the 10 district school board, special district, or a municipal 11 12 government, such payment shall continue until such time that 13 the local or special law is amended or repealed. The state 14 covenants with holders of bonds or other instruments of 15 indebtedness issued by local governments, special districts, or district school boards prior to July 1, 2000, that it is 16 17 not the intent of this subparagraph to adversely affect the rights of those holders or relieve local governments, special 18 19 districts, or district school boards of the duty to meet their obligations as a result of previous pledges or assignments or 20 trusts entered into which obligated funds received from the 21 22 distribution to county governments under then-existing s. 23 550.135. This distribution specifically is in lieu of funds distributed under s. 550.135 prior to July 1, 2000. 24 b. The department shall distribute \$166,667 monthly 25 26 pursuant to s. 288.1162 to each applicant that has been 27 certified as a "facility for a new professional sports franchise" or a "facility for a retained professional sports 28 29 franchise" pursuant to s. 288.1162. Up to \$41,667 shall be distributed monthly by the department to each applicant that 30 has been certified as a "facility for a retained spring 31 120

training franchise" pursuant to s. 288.1162; however, not more 1 than \$208,335 may be distributed monthly in the aggregate to 2 3 all certified facilities for a retained spring training 4 franchise. Distributions shall begin 60 days following such 5 certification and shall continue for not more than 30 years. Nothing contained in this paragraph shall be construed to б 7 allow an applicant certified pursuant to s. 288.1162 to 8 receive more in distributions than actually expended by the 9 applicant for the public purposes provided for in s. 288.1162(6). However, a certified applicant is entitled to 10 receive distributions up to the maximum amount allowable and 11 undistributed under this section for additional renovations 12 and improvements to the facility for the franchise without 13 14 additional certification.

15 c. Beginning 30 days after notice by the Office of 16 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to the Department of 17 Revenue that an applicant has been certified as the 18 professional golf hall of fame pursuant to s. 288.1168 and is 19 open to the public, \$166,667 shall be distributed monthly, for 20 up to 300 months, to the applicant.

21 Beginning 30 days after notice by the Office of d. 22 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to the Department of 23 Revenue that the applicant has been certified as the International Game Fish Association World Center facility 24 pursuant to s. 288.1169, and the facility is open to the 25 26 public, \$83,333 shall be distributed monthly, for up to 168 27 months, to the applicant. This distribution is subject to reduction pursuant to s. 288.1169. A lump sum payment of 28 29 \$999,996 shall be made, after certification and before July 1, 30 2000.

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8. All other proceeds shall remain with the General 1 2 Revenue Fund. 3 Section 30. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 4 11.45, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 5 11.45 Definitions; duties; audits; reports.--6 (3) 7 The Legislative Auditing Committee shall direct (b) the Auditor General to make a financial audit of any 8 9 municipality whenever petitioned to do so by at least 20 percent of the electors of that municipality. The supervisor 10 of elections of the county in which the municipality is 11 12 located shall certify whether or not the petition contains the signatures of at least 20 percent of the electors of the 13 14 municipality. After the completion of the audit, the Auditor 15 General shall determine whether the municipality has the fiscal resources necessary to pay the cost of the audit. The 16 17 municipality shall pay the cost of the audit within 90 days after the Auditor General's determination that the 18 19 municipality has the available resources. If the municipality fails to pay the cost of the audit, the Department of Revenue 20 shall, upon certification of the Auditor General, withhold 21 from that portion of the distribution pursuant to s. 22 23 212.20(6)(d)6.(f)5.which is distributable to such municipality a sum sufficient to pay the cost of the audit and 24 25 shall deposit that sum into the General Revenue Fund of the 26 state. Section 31. Subsections (5) and (6) of section 218.65, 27 28 Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 29 218.65 Emergency distribution .--(5) At the beginning of each fiscal year, the 30 Department of Revenue shall calculate a base allocation for 31 122 CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

each eligible county equal to the difference between the 1 2 current per capita limitation times the county's population, minus prior year ordinary distributions to the county pursuant 3 4 to ss. 212.20(6)(d)(e)3., 218.61, and 218.62. If moneys 5 deposited into the Local Government Half-cent Sales Tax Clearing Trust Fund pursuant to s. 212.20(6)(d)(e)4., б 7 excluding moneys appropriated for supplemental distributions pursuant to subsection (7), for the current year are less than 8 9 or equal to the sum of the base allocations, each eligible county shall receive a share of the appropriated amount 10 proportional to its base allocation. If the deposited amount 11 12 exceeds the sum of the base allocations, each county shall receive its base allocation, and the excess appropriated 13 amount shall be distributed equally on a per capita basis 14 15 among the eligible counties. 16 (6) There is hereby annually appropriated from the 17 Local Government Half-cent Sales Tax Clearing Trust Fund the distribution provided in s. 212.20(6)(d)(e)4. to be used for 18 19 emergency and supplemental distributions pursuant to this 20 section. 21 Section 32. Subsection (6) of section 288.1169, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 22 23 288.1169 International Game Fish Association World Center facility; department duties.--24 (6) The Department of Commerce must recertify every 10 25 26 years that the facility is open, that the International Game Fish Association World Center continues to be the only 27 international administrative headquarters, fishing museum, and 28 29 Hall of Fame in the United States recognized by the International Game Fish Association, and that the project is 30 meeting the minimum projections for attendance or sales tax 31 123

revenues as required at the time of original certification. 1 If the facility is not recertified during this 10-year review 2 as meeting the minimum projections, then funding will be 3 4 abated until certification criteria are met. If the project 5 fails to generate \$1 million of annual revenues pursuant to paragraph (2)(e), the distribution of revenues pursuant to s. 6 7 212.20(6)(d)7.d. (e)6.c. shall be reduced to an amount equal to \$83,333 multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is 8 9 the actual revenues generated and the denominator of which is \$1 million. Such reduction shall remain in effect until 10 revenues generated by the project in a 12-month period equal 11 12 or exceed \$1 million. 13 Section 33. Section 212.202, Florida Statutes, is 14 amended to read: 212.202 Renaming, creation, and continuation of 15 certain funds.--The Local Government Infrastructure Tax Trust 16 17 Fund is hereby retitled the Discretionary Sales Surtax Clearing Trust Fund. The Mail Order Sales Tax Clearing Trust 18 19 Fund is retitled the Communications Services Tax Clearing 20 Trust Fund hereby created in the State Treasury. Notwithstanding the repeal of s. 212.237 by s. 45, chapter 21 22 89-356, the Solid Waste Management Trust Fund shall continue 23 to exist. Section 34. Effective upon this act becoming a law, 24 paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section 337.401, Florida 25 26 Statutes, as amended by section 50 of chapter 2000-260, Laws 27 of Florida, is amended, and subsection (5) is added to that section, to read: 28 29 337.401 Use of right-of-way for utilities subject to regulation; permit; fees.--30 (3) 31 124

1	(c)1. It is the intention of the state to treat all
2	providers of communications services that use or occupy
3	municipal or charter county roads or rights-of-way for the
4	provision of communications services in a nondiscriminatory
5	and competitively neutral manner with respect to the payment
б	of permit fees. Certain providers of communications services
7	have been granted by general law the authority to offset
8	permit fees against franchise or other fees while other
9	providers of communications services have not been granted
10	this authority. In order to treat all providers of
11	communications services in a nondiscriminatory and
12	competitively neutral manner with respect to the payment of
13	permit fees, each municipality and charter county shall make
14	an election under either sub-subparagraph a. or
15	sub-subparagraph b. and must inform the Department of Revenue
16	of the election by certified mail by July <u>16</u> \pm , 2001. Such
17	election shall take effect October 1, 2001.
18	a.(I) The municipality or charter county may require
19	and collect permit fees from any providers of communications
20	services that use or occupy municipal or county roads or
21	rights-of-way. All fees permitted under this sub-subparagraph
22	must be reasonable and commensurate with the direct and actual
23	cost of the regulatory activity, including issuing and
24	processing permits, plan reviews, physical inspection, and
25	direct administrative costs; must be demonstrable; and must be
26	equitable among users of the roads or rights-of-way. A fee
27	permitted under this sub-subparagraph may not: be offset
28	against the tax imposed under chapter 202; include the costs
29	of roads or rights-of-way acquisition or roads or
30	rights-of-way rental; include any general administrative,
31	management, or maintenance costs of the roads or
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rights-of-way; or be based on a percentage of the value or 1 costs associated with the work to be performed on the roads or 2 3 rights-of-way. In an action to recover amounts due for a fee 4 not permitted under this sub-subparagraph, the prevailing 5 party may recover court costs and attorney's fees at trial and on appeal. In addition to the limitations set forth in this б 7 section, a fee levied by a municipality or charter county under this sub-subparagraph may not exceed \$100. However, 8 9 permit fees may not be imposed with respect to permits that may be required for service drop lines not required to be 10 noticed under s. 556.108(5)(b) or for any activity that does 11 12 not require the physical disturbance of the roads or rights-of-way or does not impair access to or full use of the 13 14 roads or rights-of-way.

(II) To ensure competitive neutrality among providers of communications services, for any municipality or charter county that elects to exercise its authority to require and collect permit fees under this sub-subparagraph, the rate of the local communications services tax imposed by such jurisdiction, as computed under s. 202.20(1) and (2), shall automatically be reduced by a rate of 0.12 percent.

22 b. Alternatively, the municipality or charter county 23 may elect not to require and collect permit fees from any provider of communications services that uses or occupies 24 municipal or charter county roads or rights-of-way for the 25 26 provision of communications services; however, each 27 municipality or charter county that elects to operate under this sub-subparagraph retains all authority to establish rules 28 29 and regulations for providers of communications services to use or occupy roads or rights-of-way as provided in this 30 section. If a municipality or charter county elects to operate 31

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under this sub-subparagraph, the total rate for the local 1 communications services tax as computed under s. 202.20(1) and 2 3 (2) for that municipality or charter county may be increased 4 by ordinance or resolution by an amount not to exceed a rate 5 of 0.12 percent. If a municipality or charter county elects to increase its rate effective October 1, 2001, the municipality б 7 or charter county shall inform the department of such 8 increased rate by certified mail postmarked on or before July 9 16, 2001. 10 A municipality or charter county that does not make с. an election as provided for in this subparagraph shall be 11 12 presumed to have elected to operate under the provisions of 13 sub-subparagraph b. 14 2. Each noncharter county shall make an election under 15 either sub-subparagraph a. or sub-subparagraph b. and shall 16 inform the Department of Revenue of the election by certified 17 mail by July 16 \pm , 2001. Such election shall take effect October 1, 2001. 18 19 a. The noncharter county may elect to require and 20 collect permit fees from any providers of communications services that use or occupy noncharter county roads or 21 22 rights-of-way. All fees permitted under this sub-subparagraph 23 must be reasonable and commensurate with the direct and actual cost of the regulatory activity, including issuing and 24 processing permits, plan reviews, physical inspection, and 25 26 direct administrative costs; must be demonstrable; and must be 27 equitable among users of the roads or rights-of-way. A fee permitted under this sub-subparagraph may not: be offset 28 29 against the tax imposed under chapter 202; include the costs of roads or rights-of-way acquisition or roads or 30 rights-of-way rental; include any general administrative, 31 127

management, or maintenance costs of the roads or 1 2 rights-of-way; or be based on a percentage of the value or 3 costs associated with the work to be performed on the roads or 4 rights-of-way. In an action to recover amounts due for a fee 5 not permitted under this sub-subparagraph, the prevailing party may recover court costs and attorney's fees at trial and 6 7 on appeal. In addition to the limitations set forth in this section, a fee levied by a noncharter county under this 8 9 sub-subparagraph may not exceed \$100. However, permit fees may not be imposed with respect to permits that may be required 10 for service drop lines not required to be noticed under s. 11 12 556.108(5)(b) or for any activity that does not require the physical disturbance of the roads or rights-of-way or does not 13 14 impair access to or full use of the roads or rights-of-way. 15 b. Alternatively, the noncharter county may elect not to require and collect permit fees from any provider of 16 17 communications services that uses or occupies noncharter 18 county roads or rights-of-way for the provision of 19 communications services; however, each noncharter county that elects to operate under this sub-subparagraph shall retain all 20 authority to establish rules and regulations for providers of 21 communications services to use or occupy roads or 22 23 rights-of-way as provided in this section. If a noncharter county elects to operate under this sub-subparagraph, the 24 total rate for the local communications services tax as 25 26 computed under s. 202.20(1) and (2) for that noncharter county 27 may be increased by ordinance or resolution by an amount not to exceed a rate of 0.24 percent, to replace the revenue the 28 29 noncharter county would otherwise have received from permit fees for providers of communications services. If a noncharter 30 county elects to increase its rate effective October 1, 2001, 31

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the noncharter county shall inform the department of such 1 2 increased rate by certified mail postmarked on or before July 3 16, 2001. c. A noncharter county that does not make an election 4 5 as provided for in this subparagraph shall be presumed to have б elected to operate under the provisions of sub-subparagraph b. 7 3. Except as provided in this paragraph, 8 municipalities and counties retain all existing authority to 9 require and collect permit fees from users or occupants of municipal or county roads or rights-of-way and to set 10 appropriate permit fee amounts. 11 12 (5) If a municipality or county imposes any amount on a person or entity other than a provider of communications 13 14 services in connection with the placement or maintenance by 15 such person or entity of a communication facility in municipal or county roads or rights-of-way, such amounts, if any, shall 16 17 not exceed the highest amount, if any, the municipality or 18 county is imposing in such context as of the date this act 19 becomes a law. If a municipality or county is not imposing 20 any amount in such context as of the date this act becomes a 21 law, any amount, if any, imposed thereafter, shall not be less than \$500 per linear mile, payable annually, of any cable, 22 23 fiber optic, or other pathway that makes physical use of the municipal or county right-of-way. Any excess of \$500 shall be 24 25 applied in a nondiscriminatory manner and shall not exceed the 26 sum of: 27 1. Costs directly related to the inconvenience or 28 impairment solely caused by the disturbance to the municipal 29 or county right-of-way; 30 2. The reasonable cost of the regulatory activity of 31 the municipality or county; and 129

1	3. The proportionate share of cost of land for such
2	street, alley, or other public way attributable to utilization
3	of the right-of-way by a person or entity other than a
4	provider of communications services.
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б	For purposes of this subsection, the term communications
7	facility shall not include communications facilities owned,
8	operated or used by electric utilities or regional
9	transmission organizations exclusively for internal
10	communications purposes. Except as specifically provided
11	herein, municipalities and counties retain all existing
12	authority, if any, to collect fees relating to public roads
13	and rights-of-way from electric utilities or regional
14	transmission organizations, and nothing in this subsection
15	shall alter this authority.
16	Section 35. Paragraphs (f) and (g) of subsection (3)
17	of section 337.401, Florida Statutes, as amended by section 51
18	of chapter 2000-260, Laws of Florida, are repealed, paragraphs
19	(a), (b), (c), (e), and (h) of that subsection are amended,
20	new paragraphs (j) and (k) are added to that subsection,
21	subsections (4) and (5) of that section are amended, and
22	subsection (6) is added to that section, to read:
23	337.401 Use of right-of-way for utilities subject to
24	regulation; permit; fees
25	(3)(a) <u>1.</u> Because of the unique circumstances
26	applicable to providers of communications services, including,
27	but not limited to, the circumstances described in paragraph
28	(e) and the fact that federal and state law require the
29	nondiscriminatory treatment of providers of telecommunications
30	services, and because of the desire to promote competition
31	among providers of communications services, it is the intent
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of the Legislature that municipalities and counties treat 1 2 providers of communications services in a nondiscriminatory 3 and competitively neutral manner when imposing rules or 4 regulations governing the placement or maintenance of 5 communications facilities in the public roads or rights-of-way. Rules or regulations imposed by a municipality 6 7 or county relating to providers of communications services 8 placing or maintaining communications facilities in its roads 9 or rights-of-way must be generally applicable to all providers 10 of communications services and, notwithstanding any other law, may not require a provider of communications services, except 11 12 as otherwise provided in subparagraph 2. paragraph (f), to apply for or enter into an individual license, franchise, or 13 14 other agreement with the municipality or county as a condition 15 of placing or maintaining communications facilities in its roads or rights-of-way. In addition to other reasonable rules 16 17 or regulations that a municipality or county may adopt relating to the placement or maintenance of communications 18 19 facilities in its roads or rights-of-way under this subsection, a municipality or county may require a provider of 20 communications services that places or seeks to place 21 facilities in its roads or rights-of-way to register with the 22 23 municipality or county and to provide the name of the registrant; the name, address, and telephone number of a 24 contact person for the registrant; the number of the 25 26 registrant's current certificate of authorization issued by the Florida Public Service Commission or the Federal 27 Communications Commission; and proof of insurance or 28 29 self-insuring status adequate to defend and cover claims. Nothing in this subparagraph is intended to limit or expand 30 any existing zoning or land use authority of a municipality or 31 131

county; however, no such zoning or land use authority may 1 2 require an individual license, franchise, or other agreement 3 as prohibited by this subparagraph. 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph 1., 4 5 a municipality or county may, as provided by 47 U.S.C. s. 541, 6 award one or more franchises within its jurisdiction for the provision of cable service, and a provider of cable service 7 shall not provide cable service without such franchise. Each 8 9 municipality and county retains authority to negotiate all 10 terms and conditions of a cable service franchise allowed by federal law and s. 166.046, except those terms and conditions 11 12 related to franchise fees and the definition of gross revenues 13 or other definitions or methodologies related to the payment 14 or assessment of franchise fees and permit fees as provided in 15 paragraph (c) on providers of cable services. A municipality 16 or county may exercise its right to require from providers of 17 cable service in-kind requirements, including, but not limited to, institutional networks, and contributions for, or in 18 19 support of, the use or construction of public, educational, or 20 governmental access facilities to the extent permitted by federal law. A provider of cable service may exercise its 21 22 right to recover any such expenses associated with such 23 in-kind requirements, to the extent permitted by federal law. 24 (b) Registration described in subparagraph (a)1. does not establish a right to place or maintain, or priority for 25 26 the placement or maintenance of, a communications facility in 27 roads or rights-of-way of a municipality or county.Each municipality and county retains the authority to regulate and 28 29 manage municipal and county roads or rights-of-way in exercising its police power. Any rules or regulations adopted 30 by a municipality or county which govern the occupation of its 31 132

roads or rights-of-way by providers of communications services 1 must be related to the placement or maintenance of facilities 2 3 in such roads or rights-of-way, must be reasonable and 4 nondiscriminatory, and may include only those matters 5 necessary to manage the roads or rights-of-way of the municipality or county. 6 7 (c)1. It is the intention of the state to treat all 8 providers of communications services that use or occupy 9 municipal or charter county roads or rights-of-way for the provision of communications services in a nondiscriminatory 10 and competitively neutral manner with respect to the payment 11 12 of permit fees. Certain providers of communications services 13 have been granted by general law the authority to offset 14 permit fees against franchise or other fees while other 15 providers of communications services have not been granted this authority. In order to treat all providers of 16 17 communications services in a nondiscriminatory and competitively neutral manner with respect to the payment of 18 19 permit fees, each municipality and charter county shall make an election under either sub-subparagraph a. or 20 sub-subparagraph b. and must inform the Department of Revenue 21 of the election by certified mail by July 16 \pm , 2001. Such 22 23 election shall take effect October 1, 2001. a.(I) The municipality or charter county may require 24 and collect permit fees from any providers of communications 25 26 services that use or occupy municipal or county roads or 27 rights-of-way. All fees permitted under this sub-subparagraph must be reasonable and commensurate with the direct and actual 28 29 cost of the regulatory activity, including issuing and processing permits, plan reviews, physical inspection, and 30 direct administrative costs; must be demonstrable; and must be 31 133

equitable among users of the roads or rights-of-way. A fee 1 2 permitted under this sub-subparagraph may not: be offset 3 against the tax imposed under chapter 202; include the costs 4 of roads or rights-of-way acquisition or roads or 5 rights-of-way rental; include any general administrative, 6 management, or maintenance costs of the roads or 7 rights-of-way; or be based on a percentage of the value or 8 costs associated with the work to be performed on the roads or 9 rights-of-way. In an action to recover amounts due for a fee not permitted under this sub-subparagraph, the prevailing 10 party may recover court costs and attorney's fees at trial and 11 12 on appeal. In addition to the limitations set forth in this section, a fee levied by a municipality or charter county 13 14 under this sub-subparagraph may not exceed \$100. However, 15 permit fees may not be imposed with respect to permits that may be required for service drop lines not required to be 16 17 noticed under s. 556.108(5)(b) or for any activity that does not require the physical disturbance of the roads or 18 19 rights-of-way or does not impair access to or full use of the 20 roads or rights-of-way. 21 (II) To ensure competitive neutrality among providers

of communications services, for any municipality or charter county that elects to exercise its authority to require and collect permit fees under this sub-subparagraph, the rate of the local communications services tax imposed by such jurisdiction, as computed under s. 202.20(1) and (2), shall automatically be reduced by a rate of 0.12 percent.

b. Alternatively, the municipality or charter county
may elect not to require and collect permit fees from any
provider of communications services that uses or occupies
municipal or charter county roads or rights-of-way for the

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provision of communications services; however, each 1 municipality or charter county that elects to operate under 2 3 this sub-subparagraph retains all authority to establish rules 4 and regulations for providers of communications services to 5 use or occupy roads or rights-of-way as provided in this section. If a municipality or charter county elects to operate б 7 under this sub-subparagraph, the total rate for the local communications services tax as computed under s. 202.20(1) and 8 9 (2) for that municipality or charter county may be increased by ordinance or resolution by an amount not to exceed a rate 10 of 0.12 percent. If a municipality or charter county elects to 11 12 increase its rate effective October 1, 2001, the municipality 13 or charter county shall inform the department of such 14 increased rate by certified mail postmarked on or before July 15 16, 2001. 16 c. A municipality or charter county that does not make 17 an election as provided for in this subparagraph shall be presumed to have elected to operate under the provisions of 18 19 sub-subparagraph b. Each noncharter county shall make an election under 20 2. either sub-subparagraph a. or sub-subparagraph b. and shall 21 22 inform the Department of Revenue of the election by certified 23 mail by July 16 ±, 2001. Such election shall take effect October 1, 2001. 24 The noncharter county may elect to require and 25 a. 26 collect permit fees from any providers of communications 27 services that use or occupy noncharter county roads or rights-of-way. All fees permitted under this sub-subparagraph 28 29 must be reasonable and commensurate with the direct and actual cost of the regulatory activity, including issuing and 30 processing permits, plan reviews, physical inspection, and 31 135

direct administrative costs; must be demonstrable; and must be 1 2 equitable among users of the roads or rights-of-way. A fee 3 permitted under this sub-subparagraph may not: be offset 4 against the tax imposed under chapter 202; include the costs 5 of roads or rights-of-way acquisition or roads or rights-of-way rental; include any general administrative, 6 7 management, or maintenance costs of the roads or 8 rights-of-way; or be based on a percentage of the value or 9 costs associated with the work to be performed on the roads or rights-of-way. In an action to recover amounts due for a fee 10 not permitted under this sub-subparagraph, the prevailing 11 12 party may recover court costs and attorney's fees at trial and on appeal. In addition to the limitations set forth in this 13 14 section, a fee levied by a noncharter county under this 15 sub-subparagraph may not exceed \$100. However, permit fees may not be imposed with respect to permits that may be required 16 17 for service drop lines not required to be noticed under s. 556.108(5)(b) or for any activity that does not require the 18 19 physical disturbance of the roads or rights-of-way or does not impair access to or full use of the roads or rights-of-way. 20 21 b. Alternatively, the noncharter county may elect not to require and collect permit fees from any provider of 22 23 communications services that uses or occupies noncharter county roads or rights-of-way for the provision of 24 communications services; however, each noncharter county that 25 26 elects to operate under this sub-subparagraph shall retain all 27 authority to establish rules and regulations for providers of 28 communications services to use or occupy roads or 29 rights-of-way as provided in this section. If a noncharter county elects to operate under this sub-subparagraph, the 30 total rate for the local communications services tax as 31

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computed under s. 202.20(1) and (2) for that noncharter county 1 may be increased by ordinance or resolution by an amount not 2 3 to exceed a rate of 0.24 percent, to replace the revenue the 4 noncharter county would otherwise have received from permit 5 fees for providers of communications services. If a noncharter 6 county elects to increase its rate effective October 1, 2001, 7 the noncharter county shall inform the department of such 8 increased rate by certified mail postmarked on or before July 9 16, 2001. c. A noncharter county that does not make an election 10 as provided for in this subparagraph shall be presumed to have 11 12 elected to operate under the provisions of sub-subparagraph b. 3. Except as provided in this paragraph, 13 14 municipalities and counties retain all existing authority to 15 require and collect permit fees from users or occupants of 16 municipal or county roads or rights-of-way and to set 17 appropriate permit fee amounts. 18 (e) The authority of municipalities and counties to 19 require franchise fees from providers of communications services, with respect to the provision of communications 20 services, is specifically preempted by the state, except as 21 otherwise provided in subparagraph (a)2.paragraph (f), 22 23 because of unique circumstances applicable to providers of communications services when compared to other utilities 24 occupying municipal or county roads or rights-of-way. 25 26 Providers of communications services may provide similar 27 services in a manner that requires the placement of facilities in municipal or county roads or rights-of-way or in a manner 28 29 that does not require the placement of facilities in such roads or rights-of-way. Although similar communications 30 services may be provided by different means, the state desires 31 137

to treat providers of communications services in a 1 nondiscriminatory manner and to have the taxes, franchise 2 3 fees, and other fees paid by providers of communications 4 services be competitively neutral. Municipalities and counties 5 retain all existing authority, if any, to collect franchise fees from users or occupants of municipal or county roads or 6 7 rights-of-way other than providers of communications services, 8 and the provisions of this subsection shall have no effect 9 upon this authority. The provisions of this subsection do not restrict the authority, if any, of municipalities or counties 10 or other governmental entities to receive reasonable rental 11 12 fees based on fair market value for the use of public lands and buildings on property outside the public roads or 13 14 rights-of-way for the placement of communications antennas and 15 towers.

16 (f) (h) Except as expressly allowed or authorized by 17 general law and except for the rights-of-way permit fees subject to paragraph (c), a municipality or county may not 18 19 levy on a provider of communications services a tax, fee, or 20 other charge or imposition for operating as a provider of communications services within the jurisdiction of the 21 22 municipality or county which is in any way related to using 23 its roads or rights-of-way. A municipality or county may not require or solicit in-kind compensation, except as otherwise 24 provided in subparagraph (a)2.paragraph (f). Nothing in this 25 26 paragraph shall impair any ordinance or agreement in effect on 27 May 22, 1998, or any voluntary agreement entered into subsequent to that date, which provides for or allows in-kind 28 29 compensation by a telecommunications company. (j) Pursuant to this paragraph, any county or 30

31 <u>municipality may by ordinance change either its election made</u>

on or before July 16, 2001, under paragraph (c) or an election 1 2 made under this paragraph. 3 1.a. If a municipality or charter county changes its 4 election under this paragraph in order to exercise its 5 authority to require and collect permit fees in accordance 6 with this subsection, the rate of the local communications 7 services tax imposed by such jurisdiction pursuant to ss. 8 202.19 and 202.20 shall automatically be reduced by the sum of 9 0.12 percent plus the percentage, if any, by which such rate was increased pursuant to sub-subparagraph (c)1.b. 10 b. If a municipality or charter county changes its 11 12 election under this paragraph in order to discontinue requiring and collecting permit fees, the rate of the local 13 14 communications services tax imposed by such jurisdiction 15 pursuant to ss. 202.19 and 202.20 may be increased by ordinance or resolution by an amount not to exceed 0.24 16 17 percent. 18 2.a. If a noncharter county changes its election under 19 this paragraph in order to exercise its authority to require 20 and collect permit fees in accordance with this subsection, 21 the rate of the local communications services tax imposed by such jurisdiction pursuant to ss. 202.19 and 202.20 shall 22 23 automatically be reduced by the percentage, if any, by which such rate was increased pursuant to sub-subparagraph (c)2.b. 24 b. If a noncharter county changes its election under 25 26 this paragraph in order to discontinue requiring and collecting permit fees, the rate of the local communications 27 services tax imposed by such jurisdiction pursuant to ss. 28 29 202.19 and 202.20 may be increased by ordinance or resolution by an amount not to exceed 0.24 percent. 30 31 139

1	3.a. Any change of election pursuant to this paragraph
2	and any tax rate change resulting from such change of election
3	shall be subject to the notice requirements of s. 202.21;
4	however, no such change of election shall become effective
т 5	prior to January 1, 2003.
6	b. Any county or municipality changing its election
7	under this paragraph in order to exercise its authority to
8	require and collect permit fees shall, in addition to
9	complying with the notice requirements under s. 202.21,
10	provide to all dealers providing communications services in
11	such jurisdiction written notice of such change of election by
12	July 1 immediately preceding the January 1 on which such
13	change of election becomes effective. For purposes of this
14	sub-subparagraph, dealers providing communications services in
15	such jurisdiction shall include every dealer reporting tax to
16 17	such jurisdiction pursuant to s. 202.37 on the return required
17	under s. 202.27 to be filed on or before the 20th day of May
18	immediately preceding the January 1 on which such change of
19 20	election becomes effective.
20	(k) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 202.19, when
21	a local communications services tax rate is changed as a
22	result of an election made or changed under this subsection,
23	such rate shall not be rounded to tenths.
24	(4) As used in this section, "communications services"
25	has and "cable services" have the same meaning meanings
26	ascribed in chapter 202, and "cable service" has the same
27	meaning ascribed in 47 U.S.C. s. 522, as amended.
28	(5) This section, except subsections (1) and (2) and
29	paragraph (3) (g) (i) , does not apply to the provision of pay
30	telephone service on public, municipal, or county roads or
31	rights-of-way.
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1	(6) If a municipality or county imposes any amount on
2	a person or entity other than a provider of communications
3	services in connection with the placement or maintenance by
4	such person or entity of a communication facility in municipal
5	or county roads or rights-of-way, such amounts, if any, shall
6	not exceed the highest amount, if any, the municipality or
7	county is imposing in such context as of the date this act
8	becomes a law. If a municipality or county is not imposing
9	any amount in such context as of the date this act becomes a
10	law, any amount, if any, imposed thereafter, shall not be less
11	than \$500 per linear mile, payable annually, of any cable,
12	fiber optic, or other pathway that makes physical use of the
13	municipal or county right-of-way. Any excess of \$500 shall be
14	applied in a nondiscriminatory manner and shall not exceed the
15	sum of:
16	1. Costs directly related to the inconvenience or
17	impairment solely caused by the disturbance to the municipal
18	or county right-of-way;
19	2. The reasonable cost of the regulatory activity of
20	the municipality or county; and
21	3. The proportionate share of cost of land for such
22	street, alley, or other public way attributable to utilization
23	of the right-of-way by a person or entity other than a
24	provider of communications services.
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26	For purposes of this subsection, the term communications
27	facility shall not include communications facilities owned,
28	operated or used by electric utilities or regional
29	transmission organizations exclusively for internal
30	communications purposes. Except as specifically provided
31	herein, municipalities and counties retain all existing
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authority, if any, to collect fees relating to public roads 1 2 and rights-of-way from electric utilities or regional 3 transmission organizations, and nothing in this subsection 4 shall alter this authority. 5 Section 36. Notwithstanding any provision of law to 6 the contrary, the provisions of section 166.234, Florida 7 Statutes, shall continue to apply with respect to all public 8 service taxes imposed on telecommunications services under 9 section 166.231(9), Florida Statutes, prior to its amendment by chapter 2000-260, Laws of Florida. 10 Section 37. (1) Notwithstanding any law or ordinance 11 12 to the contrary, and regardless of the payment schedule contained in any license, franchise, ordinance, or other 13 14 arrangement that provides for payment after December 31, 2001, 15 all franchise fees required to be paid by cable or 16 telecommunications service providers with respect to cable or 17 telecommunications services provided prior to October 1, 2001, shall be paid on or before December 31, 2001. 18 19 (2) For services provided prior to October 1, 2001, 20 all franchise fees required to be paid prior to October 1, 21 2001, under any license, franchise, ordinance, or other arrangement shall be paid as provided in such license, 22 23 franchise, ordinance, or other arrangement. Cable and telecommunications services providers shall be obligated to 24 remit franchise fees collected from subscribers for services 25 26 billed prior to October 1, 2001, regardless of their actual 27 collection date. (3) If any provision of this section or the 28 29 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or 30 31 applications of this act which can be given effect without the 142 CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions. CS for CS for SB 1878

1	invalid provision or application, and to this end the
2	provisions of this section are declared severable.
3	Section 38. Effective upon this act becoming a law,
4	section 52, subsections (1) and (2) of section 58, and section
5	59 of chapter 2000-260, Laws of Florida, are repealed.
6	Section 39. Except as otherwise expressly provided in
7	this act, this act shall take effect October 1, 2001.
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