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CHAMBER ACTION Senate House 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Senator Geller moved the following amendment to amendment 11 12 (792734): 13 Senate Amendment (with title amendment) 14 15 On page 80, between lines 21 and 22, 16 17 insert: 18 Section 72. Paragraph (g) of subsection (7) of section 163.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 19 20 163.01 Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969.--(7) 21 22 (g)1. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this 23 section, any separate legal entity created under this section, 24 the membership of which is limited to municipalities and 25 counties of the state, may acquire, own, construct, improve, 26 operate, and manage public facilities, or finance facilities 27 on behalf of any person, relating to a governmental function 28 or purpose, including, but not limited to, wastewater 29 facilities, water or alternative water supply facilities, and water reuse facilities, which may serve populations within or 30

outside of the members of the entity. Notwithstanding s.

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367.171(7), any separate legal entity created under this paragraph is not subject to commission jurisdiction and may 3 not provide utility services within the service area of an existing utility system unless it has received the consent of 5 the utility. The entity may finance or refinance the acquisition, construction, expansion, and improvement of such 6 7 facilities relating to a governmental function or purpose the public facility through the issuance of its bonds, notes, or 8 9 other obligations under this section or as otherwise 10 authorized by law. The entity has all the powers provided by the interlocal agreement under which it is created or which 11 12 are necessary to finance, own, operate, or manage the public facility, including, without limitation, the power to 13 14 establish rates, charges, and fees for products or services 15 provided by it, the power to levy special assessments, the power to sell or finance all or a portion of such its 16 17 facility, and the power to contract with a public or private entity to manage and operate such its facilities or to provide 18 or receive facilities, services, or products. Except as may be 19 limited by the interlocal agreement under which the entity is 20 21 created, all of the privileges, benefits, powers, and terms of s. 125.01, relating to counties, and s. 166.021, relating to 22 municipalities, are fully applicable to the entity. However, 23 24 neither the entity nor any of its members on behalf of the entity may exercise the power of eminent domain over the 25 26 facilities or property of any existing water or wastewater 27 plant utility system, nor may the entity acquire title to any 28 water or wastewater plant utility facilities, other facilities, or property which was acquired by the use of 29 30 eminent domain after the effective date of this act. Bonds, 31 | notes, and other obligations issued by the entity are issued

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29 30 on behalf of the public agencies that are members of the entity.

2. Any entity created under this section may also issue bond anticipation notes in connection with the authorization, issuance, and sale of bonds. The bonds may be issued as serial bonds or as term bonds or both. Any entity may issue capital appreciation bonds or variable rate bonds. Any bonds, notes, or other obligations must be authorized by resolution of the governing body of the entity and bear the date or dates; mature at the time or times, not exceeding 40 years from their respective dates; bear interest at the rate or rates; be payable at the time or times; be in the denomination; be in the form; carry the registration privileges; be executed in the manner; be payable from the sources and in the medium or payment and at the place; and be subject to the terms of redemption, including redemption prior to maturity, as the resolution may provide. If any officer whose signature, or a facsimile of whose signature, appears on any bonds, notes, or other obligations ceases to be an officer before the delivery of the bonds, notes, or other obligations, the signature or facsimile is valid and sufficient for all purposes as if he or she had remained in office until the delivery. The bonds, notes, or other obligations may be sold at public or private sale for such price as the governing body of the entity shall determine. Pending preparation of the definitive bonds, the entity may issue interim certificates, which shall be exchanged for the definitive bonds. The bonds may be secured by a form of credit enhancement, if any, as the entity deems appropriate. The bonds may be secured by an indenture of trust or trust agreement. In addition, the 31 | governing body of the legal entity may delegate, to an

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officer, official, or agent of the legal entity as the governing body of the legal entity may select, the power to determine the time; manner of sale, public or private; maturities; rate of interest, which may be fixed or may vary at the time and in accordance with a specified formula or method of determination; and other terms and conditions as may be deemed appropriate by the officer, official, or agent so designated by the governing body of the legal entity. However, the amount and maturity of the bonds, notes, or other obligations and the interest rate of the bonds, notes, or other obligations must be within the limits prescribed by the governing body of the legal entity and its resolution delegating to an officer, official, or agent the power to authorize the issuance and sale of the bonds, notes, or other obligations.

- 3. Bonds, notes, or other obligations issued under subparagraph 1. may be validated as provided in chapter 75. The complaint in any action to validate the bonds, notes, or other obligations must be filed only in the Circuit Court for Leon County. The notice required to be published by s. 75.06 must be published in Leon County and in each county that is a member of the entity issuing the bonds, notes, or other obligations, or in which a member of the entity is located, and the complaint and order of the circuit court must be served only on the State Attorney of the Second Judicial Circuit and on the state attorney of each circuit in each county that is a member of the entity issuing the bonds, notes, or other obligations or in which a member of the entity is located. Section 75.04(2) does not apply to a complaint for validation brought by the legal entity.
 - 4. The accomplishment of the authorized purposes of a

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legal entity created under this paragraph is in all respects for the benefit of the people of the state, for the increase of their commerce and prosperity, and for the improvement of 3 4 their health and living conditions. Since the legal entity 5 will perform essential governmental functions in accomplishing 6 its purposes, the legal entity is not required to pay any 7 taxes or assessments of any kind whatsoever upon any property acquired or used by it for such purposes or upon any revenues 8 9 at any time received by it. The bonds, notes, and other 10 obligations of an entity, their transfer and the income therefrom, including any profits made on the sale thereof, are 11 12 at all times free from taxation of any kind by the state or by 13 any political subdivision or other agency or instrumentality thereof. The exemption granted in this subparagraph is not 14 15 applicable to any tax imposed by chapter 220 on interest, 16 income, or profits on debt obligations owned by corporations. 17 18 (Redesignate subsequent sections.) 19 20 21 ======= T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========= And the title is amended as follows: 22 23 On page 87, line 27, after the semicolon 24 25 insert: 26 amending s. 163.01, F.S.; revising provisions 27 with respect to the Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969; authorizing entities 28 to finance certain facilities under the act; 29 30 31