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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to county governments; amending
s. 125.01, F.S.; providing additional powers
for county governing bodies with respect to
taxing and benefit units within the county;
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (q) of subsection (1) of section
125.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

125.01 Powers and duties.--

(1) The legislative and governing body of a county
shall have the power to carry on county government. To the
extent not inconsistent with general or special law, this
power includes, but is not restricted to, the power to:

(q) Establish, and subsequently merge or abolish those
created hereunder, municipal service taxing or benefit units
for any part or all of the unincorporated area of the county,
within which may be provided fire protection; law enforcement;
protection of the health, safety, and welfare of persons in
the unit; maintenance of property to benefit the unit;beach
erosion control; recreation service and facilities; water;
alternative water supplies, including, but not limited to,
reclaimed water and water from aquifer storage and recovery
and desalination systems; streets; sidewalks; street lighting;
garbage and trash collection and disposal; waste and sewage
collection and disposal; drainage; transportation; indigent
health care services; mental health care services; and other
essential facilities and municipal services from funds derived
from service charges, special assessments, or taxes within

1 such unit only. Subject to the consent by ordinance of the
2 governing body of the affected municipality given either
3 annually or for a term of years, the boundaries of a municipal
4 service taxing or benefit unit may include all or part of the
5 boundaries of a municipality. If ad valorem taxes are levied
6 to provide essential facilities and municipal services within
7 the unit, the millage levied on any parcel of property for
8 municipal purposes by all municipal service taxing units and
9 the municipality may not exceed 10 mills. This paragraph
10 authorizes all counties to levy additional taxes, within the
11 limits fixed for municipal purposes, within such municipal
12 service taxing units under the authority of the second
13 sentence of s. 9(b), Art. VII of the State Constitution.

14 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

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17 SENATE SUMMARY

18 Provides additional powers for county governing bodies,
19 including protecting the health, safety, and welfare of
20 persons in the county and protecting property to benefit
21 the county.
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