

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to county governments; amending
3 s. 125.01, F.S.; providing additional powers
4 for county governing bodies with respect to
5 taxing and benefit units within the county;
6 providing an effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Paragraph (q) of subsection (1) of section
11 125.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12 125.01 Powers and duties.--

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

17 (q) Establish, and subsequently merge or abolish those
18 created hereunder, municipal service taxing or benefit units
19 for any part or all of the unincorporated area of the county,
20 within which may be provided fire protection; law enforcement;
21 maintenance of property to the benefit of the unit; beach
22 erosion control; recreation service and facilities; water;
23 alternative water supplies, including, but not limited to,
24 reclaimed water and water from aquifer storage and recovery
25 and desalination systems; streets; sidewalks; street lighting;
26 garbage and trash collection and disposal; waste and sewage
27 collection and disposal; drainage; transportation; indigent
28 health care services; mental health care services; and other
29 essential facilities and municipal services from funds derived
30 from service charges, special assessments, or taxes within
31 such unit only. Subject to the consent by ordinance of the

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

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

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