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1 bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to Escambia County; amending chapter 2002-
 3 380, Laws of Florida; providing that referendum for
 4 approval of creation of the West Florida Regional Library
 5 District, an independent special district, and exercise of
 6 its powers to levy ad valorem taxes and to issue debt
 7 obligations payable from ad valorem taxes shall be
 8 permissive rather than mandatory; providing an effective
 9 date.

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

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13 Section 1. Section 8 of chapter 2002-380, Laws of Florida,
 14 is amended to read:

15 Section 8. Referendum authority to levy ad valorem taxes
 16 and to issue debt obligations payable from ad valorem taxes;
 17 dissolution of district upon nonapproval.--A referendum of the
 18 electors of Escambia County shall be held prior to December 31,
 19 2003, to authorize the creation of the West Florida Regional
 20 Library District and its power to levy ad valorem taxes on real
 21 and tangible personal property within the limitations and for
 22 the purposes provided in paragraph (5)(g) of section 3. The
 23 Pensacola City Council may ~~shall~~, by resolution, prepare the
 24 referendum ballot language and fix the date of the referendum
 25 election, and shall provide for such notices as may be required
 26 by the Florida Election Code.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect only upon its
 28 approval by a majority vote of those qualified electors of
 29 Escambia County voting in a referendum which may be called by
 30 the Pensacola City Council in conjunction with a primary,



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31 general, special, or other election in Escambia County prior to
32 December 31, 2003, except that this section shall take effect
33 upon becoming a law.