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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 such unit



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31 only. Subject to the consent by ordinance of the governing body
32 of the affected municipality given either annually or for a term
33 of years, the boundaries of a municipal service taxing or
34 benefit unit may include all or part of the boundaries of a
35 municipality. If ad valorem taxes are levied to provide
36 essential facilities and municipal services within the unit, the
37 millage levied on any parcel of property for municipal purposes
38 by all municipal service taxing units and the municipality may
39 not exceed 10 mills. This paragraph authorizes all counties to
40 levy additional taxes, within the limits fixed for municipal
41 purposes, within such municipal service taxing units under the
42 authority of the second sentence of s. 9(b), Art. VII of the
43 State Constitution.

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