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The Committee on Finance & Tax recommends the following:

Committee Substitute

Remove the entire bill and insert:

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;



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29 | maintenance of property to benefit the unit; beach erosion
30 | control; recreation service and facilities; water; alternative
31 | water supplies, including, but not limited to, reclaimed water
32 | and water from aquifer storage and recovery and desalination
33 | systems; streets; sidewalks; street lighting; garbage and trash
34 | collection and disposal; waste and sewage collection and
35 | disposal; drainage; transportation; indigent health care
36 | services; mental health care services; and other essential
37 | facilities and municipal services from funds derived from
38 | service charges, special assessments, or taxes within such unit
39 | only. Subject to the consent by ordinance of the governing body
40 | of the affected municipality given either annually or for a term
41 | of years, the boundaries of a municipal service taxing or
42 | benefit unit may include all or part of the boundaries of a
43 | municipality. If ad valorem taxes are levied to provide
44 | essential facilities and municipal services within the unit, the
45 | millage levied on any parcel of property for municipal purposes
46 | by all municipal service taxing units and the municipality may
47 | not exceed 10 mills. This paragraph authorizes all counties to
48 | levy additional taxes, within the limits fixed for municipal
49 | purposes, within such municipal service taxing units under the
50 | authority of the second sentence of s. 9(b), Art. VII of the
51 | State Constitution.

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