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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to independent special districts; amending s. 189.404, F.S.; requiring, by a specified date, that the governing board of an independent special district having ad valorem taxing power be elected; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (6) is added to section 189.404, Florida Statutes, to read:

189.404 Legislative intent for the creation of independent special districts; special act prohibitions; model elements and other requirements; general-purpose local government/Governor and Cabinet creation authorizations.--

(6) TAXING AUTHORITY.--By December 31, 2012, the governing board of an independent special district that has ad valorem taxing authority must be elected in accordance with s. 189.4051. Each district shall amend its charter to conform to this requirement by July 1, 2011. The Legislature may adopt a schedule for amending individual district charters. Any provision of general or special law existing on July 1, 2012, in conflict with this section shall not be effective to the extent of such conflict.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Requires that the governing board of an independent special district that has ad valorem taxing power be elected.