

By Senator Bennett

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1                                   A bill to be entitled

2           An act relating to cable services; amending s.

3           202.24, F.S.; prohibiting a municipality or

4           county from requiring from a provider of cable

5           services certain in-kind contributions or

6           exchanges as a condition for receiving or

7           operating a cable franchise; providing that

8           compliance with a provision imposing such

9           mandatory in-kind contributions or exchanges

10          may be terminated after a specified date by

11          serving a written notice of the termination on

12          the municipality or county; providing an

13          effective date.

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

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17           Section 1. Subsection (4) is added to section 202.24,  
18 Florida Statutes, to read:

19           202.24 Limitations on local taxes and fees imposed on  
20 dealers of communications services.--

21           (4) Notwithstanding any other law, a municipality or  
 22 county may not, by franchise agreement or ordinance, require  
 23 from a provider of cable services, or demand as a condition  
 24 for granting a cable franchise to a provider, in-kind  
 25 contributions or exchanges, including, but not limited to,  
 26 institutional networks or contributions to support the use or  
 27 construction of public, educational, or governmental access  
 28 facilities. Compliance with any provision in an ordinance or  
 29 cable franchise agreement effective on July 1, 2007, imposing  
 30 on a provider of cable services such mandatory in-kind  
 31 contributions or exchanges may be terminated at any time by

1 the provider of cable services by serving a written notice of  
2 the termination on the municipality or county.

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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6 SENATE SUMMARY

7 Prohibits a municipality or county from requiring from a  
8 provider of cable services certain in-kind contributions  
9 or exchanges as a condition for receiving or operating a  
10 cable franchise. Provides that compliance with a  
11 provision imposing such mandatory in-kind contributions  
12 or exchanges may be terminated after a specified date by  
13 serving a written notice of the termination on the  
14 municipality or county.  
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