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Senator Saunders moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 17, lines 19-26, delete those lines

and insert:

Section 4. Section 129.065, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

129.065 Certain reductions in allocations prohibited without unanimous vote.--

(1) A county, or a municipal service taxing unit, dependent special district, or independent special district within a county, may not reduce the amount it allocates for law enforcement services, firefighting services, or emergency medical services within its service area below the amount allocated for such services in the prior fiscal year unless such reduction is approved by a unanimous vote of the governing authority of the county, municipal service taxing unit, dependent district, or independent district.

(2) A county shall forfeit its distribution of the local government half-cent sales tax revenues during the 12

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1 months following a vote taken in violation of this section by
2 the county or by a municipal service taxing unit, dependent
3 special district, or independent special district within that
4 county.

5 (3) The Department of Revenue shall enforce compliance
6 with this section.

7 Section 5. Section 166.243, Florida Statutes, is
8 created to read:

9 166.243 Certain reductions in allocations prohibited
10 without unanimous vote.--

11 (1) The governing authority of a municipality or
12 special district dependent thereto may not reduce the amount
13 it allocates for law enforcement services, firefighting
14 services, or emergency medical services within its service
15 area below the amount allocated for such services in the prior
16 fiscal year unless such reduction is approved by a unanimous
17 vote of the governing authority of the municipality or special
18 district dependent thereto.

19 (2) A municipality shall forfeit its distribution of
20 the local government half-cent sales tax revenues during the
21 12 months following a vote taken in violation of this section.

22 (3) The Department of Revenue shall enforce compliance
23 with this section.

24 Section 6. Subsection (3) is added to section 218.63,
25 Florida Statutes, to read:

26 218.63 Participation requirements.--

27 (3) A county or municipality may not participate in
28 the distribution of local government half-cent sales tax
29 revenues during the 12 months following a determination of
30 noncompliance by the Department of Revenue as provided in s.
31 200.065(13)(e), or following a violation of s. 129.065 with

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1 respect to a county or a violation of s. 166.243 with respect
2 to a municipality.

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4 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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8 And the title is amended as follows:

9 On page 2, lines 11-15, delete those lines

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11 and insert:

12 creating s. 129.065, F.S.; prohibiting a
13 county, or a municipal service taxing unit,
14 dependent special district, or independent
15 special district within a county, from reducing
16 the amount it allocates for law enforcement
17 services, firefighting services, or emergency
18 medical services without a unanimous vote;
19 providing that a county forfeits its
20 distribution of the local government half-cent
21 sales tax revenues following a vote in
22 violation of such prohibition; creating s.
23 166.243, F.S.; prohibiting the governing
24 authority of a municipality or a special
25 district dependent thereto from reducing the
26 amount it allocates for law enforcement
27 services, firefighting services, or emergency
28 medical services without a unanimous vote;
29 providing that a municipality forfeits its
30 distribution of the local government half-cent
31 sales tax revenues following a vote taken in

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1 violation of such prohibition; amending s.
2 218.63, F.S.; prohibiting a county or
3 municipality from participating in the
4 distribution of local government half-cent
5 sales tax revenues if the county or
6 municipality, a district dependent thereto, or
7 a municipal service taxing unit or independent
8 district within the county or municipality
9 levies taxes in excess of the maximum aggregate
10 taxes permitted by law or reduces its
11 allocation for law enforcement, fire, or
12 emergency medical services;

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