

Bill No. SB 2-B

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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 board of county commissioners may not reduce the amount it allocates for law enforcement services, firefighting services, or emergency medical services below the amount allocated for such services in the prior fiscal year unless such reduction is approved by a unanimous vote of the board.

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

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

Section 5. Section 166.243, Florida Statutes, is

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1 created to read:

2 166.243 Certain reductions in allocations prohibited
3 without unanimous vote.--

4 (1) The governing authority of a municipality may not
5 reduce the amount it allocates for law enforcement services,
6 firefighting services, or emergency medical services below the
7 amount allocated for such services in the prior fiscal year
8 unless such reduction is approved by a unanimous vote of the
9 governing authority.

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

13 (3) The Department of Revenue shall enforce compliance
14 with this section.

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

17 218.63 Participation requirements.--

18 (3) A county or municipality may not participate in
19 the distribution of local government half-cent sales tax
20 revenues during the 12 months following a determination of
21 noncompliance by the Department of Revenue as provided in s.
22 200.065(13)(e), or following a violation of s. 129.065 with
23 respect to a county or a violation of s. 166.243 with respect
24 to a municipality.

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26 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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29 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

30 And the title is amended as follows:

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

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1 and insert:

2 creating s. 129.065, F.S.; prohibiting a board
3 of county commissioners from reducing the
4 amount it allocates for law enforcement
5 services, firefighting services, or emergency
6 medical services without a unanimous vote;
7 providing that a county that violates such
8 prohibition forfeits its distribution of the
9 local government half-cent sales tax revenues;
10 creating s. 166.243, F.S.; prohibiting the
11 governing authority of a municipality from
12 reducing the amount it allocates for law
13 enforcement services, firefighting services, or
14 emergency medical services without a unanimous
15 vote; providing that a municipality that
16 violates such prohibition forfeits its
17 distribution of the local government half-cent
18 sales tax revenues; amending s. 218.63, F.S.;
19 prohibiting a county or municipality from
20 participating in the distribution of local
21 government half-cent sales tax revenues if it
22 levies taxes in excess of the maximum aggregate
23 taxes permitted by law or reduces its
24 allocation for law enforcement, fire, or
25 emergency medical services;

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