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<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
Comm: RCS	.	
4/17/2008	.	
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1 The Committee on Community Affairs (Geller) recommended the  
 2 following **amendment**:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Delete everything after the enacting clause  
6 and insert:

8 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 170.01, Florida  
9 Statutes, is amended to read:

10 170.01 Authority for providing improvements and levying and  
11 collecting special assessments against property benefited.--

12 (3) Any municipality, subject to the approval of a majority  
13 of the affected property owners who actually vote as required by  
14 this section, may levy and collect special assessments against  
15 property benefited for the purpose of stabilizing and improving:

- 16 (a) Retail business districts,
- 17 (b) Wholesale business districts, or



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18 (c) Nationally recognized historic districts,  
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20 or any combination of such districts, through promotion,  
21 management, marketing, and other similar services in such  
22 districts of the municipality. This subsection does not authorize  
23 a municipality to use bond proceeds to fund ongoing operations of  
24 these districts. Any municipality may determine in a resolution  
25 to declare special assessments pursuant to s. 170.03, that the  
26 vote of the affected property owners shall be by tax folio  
27 numbers of affected properties or by total square footage of the  
28 affected properties.

29 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 189.403, Florida  
30 Statutes, is amended to read:

31 189.403 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, the term:

32 (1) "Special district" means a local unit of special  
33 purpose, as opposed to general-purpose, government within a  
34 limited boundary, created by general law, special act, local  
35 ordinance, or by rule of the Governor and Cabinet. The special  
36 purpose or purposes of special districts are implemented by  
37 specialized functions and related prescribed powers. For the  
38 purpose of ss. 196.199(1) and 282.104 ~~s. 196.199(1)~~, special  
39 districts shall be treated as municipalities. The term does not  
40 include a school district, a community college district, a  
41 special improvement district created pursuant to s. 285.17, a  
42 municipal service taxing or benefit unit as specified in s.  
43 125.01, or a board which provides electrical service and which is  
44 a political subdivision of a municipality or is part of a  
45 municipality.

46 Section 3. Section 189.4221, Florida Statutes, is created  
47 to read:

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48       189.4221 Purchases from purchasing agreements of special  
49 districts, municipalities, or counties.--Special districts may  
50 purchase commodities and contractual services from the purchasing  
51 agreements of other special districts, municipalities, or  
52 counties procured pursuant to competitive bid, requests for  
53 proposals, requests for qualifications, competitive selection, or  
54 competitive negotiations, and otherwise in compliance with  
55 general law if the purchasing agreement of the other special  
56 district, municipality, or county was procured by a process that  
57 would have met the procurement requirements of the borrowing  
58 special district.

59       Section 4. Section 418.27, Florida Statutes, is created to  
60 read:

61       418.27 Dissolution of special recreation districts created  
62 for condominiums.--A special recreation district that was  
63 created for the exclusive use of a condominium and whose land or  
64 facilities were acquired by financing through bonds shall be  
65 administratively dissolved within 60 days after the satisfaction  
66 of the bonds, unless stated otherwise in the charter of the  
67 special recreation district. Within 30 days after the bonds have  
68 been satisfied, the district or bonding authority shall send a  
69 notice to the municipality or county that created the district  
70 stating that the bonds issued to acquire the recreational  
71 amenities have been satisfied. Within 30 days thereafter, the  
72 district shall file a notice with the clerk of the county in  
73 which the district is located, and with the property appraiser  
74 of such county, that the district has been dissolved and shall  
75 execute a warranty deed conveying its real and personal property  
76 to the condominium association or master association charged  
77 with the responsibility of maintaining the recreational



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78 amenities. This section is retroactive in application and all  
79 existing special recreation districts to which this section  
80 applies shall be administratively dissolved by September 1,  
81 2008.

82 Section 5. Chapter 77-635, Laws of Florida, is repealed,  
83 and the Pinellas Sports Authority is abolished.

84 Section 6. Chapter 84-423, Laws of Florida, is repealed,  
85 and the Tri-County Hospital Authority is abolished.

86 Section 7. Chapter 12010, Laws of Florida, is repealed,  
87 and the Eagle Bay Sub-Drainage District is abolished.

88 Section 8. Chapter 84-391, Laws of Florida, is repealed,  
89 and the Bay County Bridge Authority is abolished.

90 Section 9. Chapter 2004-451, Laws of Florida, is repealed,  
91 and the North Sumter County Hospital District is abolished.

92 Section 10. If any provision of this act or its  
93 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
94 invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of  
95 the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision  
96 or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are  
97 severable.

98 Section 11. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

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

101 And the title is amended as follows:

102 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
103 and insert:

104 A bill to be entitled  
105 An act relating to special districts; amending s. 170.01,  
106 F.S.; revising provisions relating to special assessments;  
107 authorizing a municipality to determine by resolution that



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108 | the affected property owners vote by tax folio numbers of  
109 | affected properties or by total square footage of the  
110 | affected properties; amending s. 189.403, F.S.; revising  
111 | the definition of "special district"; creating s.  
112 | 189.4221, F.S.; authorizing a special district to purchase  
113 | commodities and contractual services from the purchasing  
114 | agreements of other special districts, municipalities, or  
115 | counties; creating s. 418.27, F.S.; requiring that certain  
116 | special recreation districts be dissolved within a certain  
117 | period after the bonds are satisfied; requiring that the  
118 | district or bonding authority notify the municipality or  
119 | county that created the special district that the bonds  
120 | have been satisfied; requiring such district to file a  
121 | notice with the county clerk and the property appraiser  
122 | that the district has been dissolved; providing for  
123 | retroactivity; repealing ch. 77-635, Laws of Florida, and  
124 | abolishing the Pinellas Sports Authority; repealing ch.  
125 | 84-423, Laws of Florida, and abolishing the Tri-County  
126 | Hospital Authority; repealing ch. 12010, Laws of Florida,  
127 | and abolishing the Eagle Bay Sub-Drainage District;  
128 | repealing ch. 84-391, Laws of Florida, and abolishing the  
129 | Bay County Bridge Authority; repealing ch. 2004-451, Laws  
130 | of Florida, and abolishing the North Sumter County  
131 | Hospital District; providing for severability; providing  
132 | an effective date.