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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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1 Senator Bennett moved the following **Senate amendment to House**
2 **amendment (074923)** :

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4 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Between lines 443 and 444,
6 insert:

7 Section 7. Subsection (3) of section 170.01, Florida
8 Statutes, is amended to read:

9 170.01 Authority for providing improvements and levying and
10 collecting special assessments against property benefited.--

11 (3) (a) Any municipality, subject to the approval of a
12 majority of the affected property owners, may levy and collect
13 special assessments against property benefited for the purpose of
14 stabilizing and improving:

15 1.(a) Retail business districts,

16 2.(b) Wholesale business districts, or

17 3.(e) Nationally recognized historic districts,



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19 or any combination of such districts, through promotion,
20 management, marketing, and other similar services in such
21 districts of the municipality. This subsection does not authorize
22 a municipality to use bond proceeds to fund ongoing operations of
23 these districts.

24 (b) Any municipality may determine, in any resolution
25 required by s. 170.03 to declare special assessments, that the
26 vote of affected property owners shall be conducted by voting by
27 tax folio numbers of affected properties or by total square
28 footage of the affected properties.

29 Section 8. 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. ~~s.~~ 196.199(1) and 282.104, special districts shall
39 be treated as municipalities. The term does not include a school
40 district, a community college district, a special improvement
41 district created pursuant to s. 285.17, a municipal service
42 taxing or benefit unit as specified in s. 125.01, or a board
43 which provides electrical service and which is a political
44 subdivision of a municipality or is part of a municipality.

45 Section 9. Effective July 1, 2008, section 189.414, Florida
46 Statutes, is created to read:



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47 189.414 Purchases under purchasing agreements of special
48 districts, municipalities, or counties.--Each special district
49 may purchase commodities and contractual services under the
50 purchasing agreement of other special districts, municipalities,
51 or counties if such agreement was procured on or after July 1,
52 2008, pursuant to competitive bid, requests for proposals, or
53 requests for qualifications; was procured by a process that would
54 have met the procurement requirements of the purchasing special
55 district; and otherwise complies with general law.

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58 And the title is amended as follows:

59 On line 919, after the semicolon,
60 insert:

61 amending s. 170.01, F.S.; revising requirements governing
62 a municipality's levy and collection of special
63 assessments against property benefited; providing criteria
64 concerning the approval required by the vote of affected
65 property owners; authorizing municipalities to conduct
66 certain votes using the tax folio numbers or total square
67 footage of affected properties; amending s. 189.403, F.S.;
68 revising the definition of "special district" to require
69 that special districts be treated as municipalities in
70 certain circumstances concerning use of the state SUNCOM
71 Network; creating s. 189.414, F.S.; authorizing special
72 districts to purchase commodities and contractual services
73 under certain purchasing agreements of other special
74 districts, municipalities, or counties;