HOUSE AMENDMENT

Bill No. HB 7131

	Amendment No. CHAMBER ACTION
	<u>Senate</u> <u>House</u>
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1	Representative Cannon offered the following:
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3	Amendment (with title amendment)
4	Between lines 1028-1029, insert:
5	Section 15. (1) Beginning in fiscal year 2008-2009, the
6	Legislature shall appropriate moneys to offset the reductions in
7	ad valorem tax revenue experienced by fiscally constrained
8	counties, as defined in s. 218.67(1), Florida Statutes, which
9	occur as a direct result of the implementation of revisions of
10	Article VII of the State Constitution approved in the special
11	election held on January 29, 2008. The moneys appropriated for
12	this purpose shall be distributed in January of each fiscal year
13	among the fiscally constrained counties based on each county's
14	proportion of the total reduction in ad valorem tax revenue
15	resulting from the implementation of the revision.
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16	Amendment No. (2) On or before November 15 of each year, beginning in
17	2008, each fiscally constrained county shall apply to the
18	Department of Revenue to participate in the distribution of the
19	appropriation and provide documentation supporting the county's
20	estimated reduction in ad valorem tax revenue in the form and
21	manner prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The
22	documentation must include an estimate of the reduction in
23	taxable value directly attributable to revisions of Article VII
24	of the State Constitution for all county taxing jurisdictions
25	within the county and shall be prepared by the property
26	appraiser in each fiscally constrained county. The
27	documentation must also include the county millage rates
28	applicable in all such jurisdictions for both the current year
29	and the prior year; rolled-back rates, determined as provided
30	in s. 200.065, Florida Statutes, for each county taxing
31	jurisdiction; and maximum millage rates that could have been
32	levied by majority vote pursuant to s. 200.185, Florida
33	Statutes. For purposes of this section, each fiscally
34	constrained county's reduction in ad valorem tax revenue shall
35	be calculated as 95 percent of the estimated reduction in
36	taxable value times the lesser of the 2007 applicable millage
37	rate or the applicable millage rate for each county taxing
38	jurisdiction in the prior year.
39	Section 16. Section 9 of chapter 2007-339, Laws of
40	Florida, is repealed.
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47	TITLE AMENDMENT
48	Remove line(s) 68 and insert:
49	193.155(8), F.S., for 2008 must be submitted; providing for the
50	Legislature to appropriate moneys to offset the reduction in ad
51	valorem tax revenue experienced by fiscally constrained
52	counties; requiring that counties apply to the Department of
53	Revenue; specifying the documentation that must be provided to
54	the department; providing a formula for calculating the
55	reduction in ad valorem revenue; repealing s. 9, ch. 2007-339,
56	Laws of Florida, relating to the legislative appropriation of
57	funds to offset the reduction in ad valorem tax revenues in
58	fiscally constrained counties; requiring
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