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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to legally required advertisements and
3 public notices by governmental entities; creating s.
4 50.0311, F.S.; defining "publicly accessible website";
5 authorizing a governmental entity to utilize its publicly
6 accessible website for legally required advertisements and
7 public notices; providing conditions for such utilization;
8 providing for optional receipt of legally required
9 advertisements and public notices by first class mail;
10 providing requirements for legally required advertisements
11 and public notices published on a publicly accessible
12 website; amending s. 50.011, F.S.; providing that a
13 notice, advertisement, or publication on a publicly
14 accessible website in accordance with s. 50.0311, F.S.,
15 constitutes legal notice; amending s. 50.021, F.S.;
16 providing that advertisements directed by law or order or
17 decree of court to be made in a county in which no
18 newspaper is published may be made by publication on a
19 publicly accessible website; amending s. 50.051, F.S.;
20 providing clarifying language; amending s. 50.061, F.S.;
21 providing clarifying language; amending s. 100.342, F.S.;
22 providing for notice of special election or referendum on
23 a publicly accessible website; amending s. 125.012, F.S.;
24 providing that required publication of notice of a
25 county's intention to grant certain exclusive franchises
26 may be provided on a publicly accessible website; amending
27 s. 125.35, F.S.; providing for publication of notice of
28 the sale of real property by a county on a publicly

29 | accessible website for a specified period; amending s.
30 | 125.66, F.S.; providing for notice of consideration of an
31 | ordinance by a board of county commissioners to be
32 | published on a publicly accessible website; requiring
33 | maintenance of the advertisement for a specified period;
34 | providing clarifying language; amending s. 129.03, F.S.;
35 | providing for the advertisement of a summary statement of
36 | adopted tentative county budgets on a publicly accessible
37 | website; amending s. 129.06, F.S.; providing for
38 | advertisement of a public hearing relating to the
39 | amendment of a county budget on a publicly accessible
40 | website; amending s. 138.12, F.S.; providing for
41 | publication of notice of a proposal to expand a county
42 | seat and meetings related thereto on a publicly accessible
43 | website; amending s. 153.53, F.S.; providing for
44 | publication of notice of an election to create a county
45 | water and sewer system district on a publicly accessible
46 | website; amending s. 153.55, F.S.; providing for
47 | advertisement of a hearing on a report relative to the
48 | creation of a county water and sewer system district on a
49 | publicly accessible website; amending s. 153.79, F.S.;
50 | providing for public advertisement by a county water and
51 | sewer system district of projects to construct,
52 | reconstruct, acquire, or improve a water system or a sewer
53 | system, and of a call for sealed bids for such projects,
54 | on a publicly accessible website; amending s. 157.03,
55 | F.S.; providing for advertisement for bids for the
56 | construction of ditches, drains, or canals within a county

57 | on a publicly accessible website; amending s. 157.21,
58 | F.S.; providing for advertisement by a county on a
59 | publicly accessible website for bids to enlarge or deepen
60 | a drain; amending s. 157.28, F.S.; providing for
61 | advertisement for bids for the repair of a county ditch,
62 | drain, or canal on a publicly accessible website; amending
63 | s. 159.32, F.S.; providing for advertisement for
64 | competitive bids for contracts for the construction of a
65 | project under the Florida Industrial Development Financing
66 | Act on a publicly accessible website; amending s. 162.12,
67 | F.S.; providing for optional serving of notice by a code
68 | enforcement board of a violation of a county or municipal
69 | code via a publicly accessible website; amending s.
70 | 163.3184, F.S.; providing for notice of public hearings on
71 | the adoption of a local government comprehensive plan or
72 | plan amendment or the approval of a compliance agreement
73 | under the Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land
74 | Development Regulation Act via a publicly accessible
75 | website; amending s. 163.3225, F.S.; providing for
76 | advertisement by a local government of notice of intent to
77 | consider a development agreement on a publicly accessible
78 | website; amending s. 163.356, F.S.; providing for posting
79 | of notice of the filing of a report of the activities of a
80 | community redevelopment agency on a publicly accessible
81 | website; amending s. 163.360, F.S.; providing for notice
82 | of a public hearing on a community redevelopment plan via
83 | a publicly accessible website; amending s. 163.361, F.S.;
84 | providing for notice of a public hearing on a proposed

85 modification of a community redevelopment plan via a
86 publicly accessible website; amending s. 163.380, F.S.;
87 providing for public notice of the disposition of any real
88 property in a community redevelopment area on a publicly
89 accessible website; amending s. 163.387, F.S.; providing
90 for publication on a publicly accessible website of notice
91 of a public hearing regarding a taxing authority's
92 intention to limit the amount of the authority's
93 contribution to a community redevelopment trust fund;
94 providing for publication on a publicly accessible website
95 of notice of a local governing body's public hearing
96 on a special district's request for exemption from
97 appropriation of tax increment funds to a community
98 redevelopment trust fund; amending s. 163.511, F.S.;
99 providing for notification of electors and freeholders of
100 general provisions relating to special neighborhood
101 improvement districts on a publicly accessible website;
102 amending s. 163.514, F.S.; providing for notification of
103 electors in a neighborhood improvement district of general
104 provisions relating to powers of such districts via a
105 publicly accessible website; amending s. 163.516, F.S.;
106 providing for publication of notice of a public hearing on
107 a safe neighborhood improvement plan or on the amendment
108 or modification of a safe neighborhood improvement plan
109 via a publicly accessible website; amending s. 163.524,
110 F.S.; providing for publication of notice of a joint
111 public hearing on the adoption, amendment, or modification
112 of a neighborhood enhancement plan via a publicly

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113 | accessible website; amending s. 165.041, F.S.; providing
114 | for publication of notice of an election for the approval
115 | of a charter for the merger of two or more municipalities
116 | and associated unincorporated areas via a publicly
117 | accessible website; amending s. 165.051, F.S.; providing
118 | for notice of an election to vote on an ordinance to
119 | revoke the charter of an existing municipality to be
120 | published on a publicly accessible website; amending s.
121 | 166.041, F.S.; providing for notice of adoption of a
122 | municipal ordinance via a public accessible website;
123 | providing clarifying language; amending s. 166.0497, F.S.;
124 | providing for publication of notice of a public hearing on
125 | the adoption of an ordinance to alter, amend, or expand a
126 | municipal downtown development district via a publicly
127 | accessible website; amending s. 170.05, F.S.; providing
128 | for publication on a publicly accessible website of a
129 | resolution relating to municipal public improvements
130 | financed by special assessments; amending s. 170.07, F.S.;
131 | providing for publication on a publicly accessible website
132 | of notice of hearing on municipal public improvements
133 | financed by special assessments; amending s. 171.0413,
134 | F.S.; providing for publication of notice of a referendum
135 | on annexation of territory by a municipality via a
136 | publicly accessible website; amending s. 171.051, F.S.;
137 | providing for notice of a contraction ordinance and
138 | publication of notice of a referendum on contraction of
139 | municipal boundaries via a publicly accessible website;

140 amending s. 173.09, F.S.; providing for advertisement via
141 publicly accessible website of the sale of land pursuant
142 to foreclosure of municipal tax and special assessment
143 liens; amending s. 177.101, F.S.; providing for publishing
144 of legal notice of intention to apply to a county
145 governing body to vacate a plat of land via publicly
146 accessible website; amending s. 180.09, F.S.; providing
147 for publication of notice via publicly accessible website
148 of the adoption of a resolution or ordinance by a city
149 council or other legislative body authorizing the issuance
150 of mortgage revenue certificates or debentures; amending
151 s. 180.24, F.S.; providing for advertisement via publicly
152 accessible website of specified construction contracts for
153 utilities or extensions to a previously constructed
154 utility; amending s. 189.4044, F.S.; providing for
155 publication of a notice of proposed declaration of
156 inactive status of a special district via a publicly
157 accessible website; amending s. 189.417, F.S.; providing
158 for the advertisement of meetings of the governing body of
159 an independent special district via publicly accessible
160 website; providing for notice of public meetings of a
161 water management district held to evaluate responses to
162 solicitations issued by the district via publicly
163 accessible website; amending s. 190.006, F.S.; providing
164 for publication of notice via a publicly accessible
165 website of a meeting of the landowners of a community
166 development district for the purpose of electing district
167 supervisors; amending s. 190.033, F.S.; providing for

168 advertisement for notice of bids or other competitive
169 solicitation by the board of supervisors of a community
170 development district via publicly accessible website;
171 amending s. 191.005, F.S.; providing for publication via a
172 publicly accessible website of special notice of any
173 meeting at which the governing board of an independent
174 fire control district will consider a salary change for a
175 board member; amending s. 192.0105, F.S.; providing for
176 advertisement via a publicly accessible website of a
177 listing of the names of taxpayers who are delinquent in
178 paying tangible personal property taxes as provided for
179 under the Florida Taxpayer's Bill of Rights; providing for
180 advertised notice via a publicly accessible website of the
181 actions of a value adjustment board as provided for under
182 the Florida Taxpayer's Bill of Rights; amending s.
183 194.037, F.S.; providing for publication on a publicly
184 accessible website of the findings and results of a
185 property tax value adjustment board; amending s. 197.3632,
186 F.S.; providing for publication on a publicly accessible
187 website of a local government's notice of intent to use
188 the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem
189 assessments; amending s. 200.065, F.S.; providing for
190 advertisement on a publicly accessible website of a taxing
191 authority's intent to adopt a millage rate and budget;
192 providing for advertisement on a publicly accessible
193 website of a school district's intent to adopt a tentative
194 budget; providing for advertisement on a publicly
195 accessible website of the intention of a specified

196 multicounty taxing authority to adopt a tentative budget
197 and millage rate; providing clarifying and conforming
198 language; providing for notice via a publicly accessible
199 website of correction of a specified error contained in a
200 notice of proposed property taxes mailed to taxpayers;
201 amending s. 205.032, F.S.; providing for publication of
202 notice on a publicly accessible website of the levy of a
203 business tax by a county governing body; amending s.
204 205.042, F.S.; providing for publication of notice on a
205 publicly accessible website of the levy of a business tax
206 by the governing body of an incorporated municipality;
207 amending s. 255.0525, F.S.; providing for advertisement
208 via a publicly accessible website for the solicitation of
209 competitive bids or proposals for construction projects of
210 a county, municipality, or other political subdivision
211 that are projected to exceed specified costs; amending s.
212 274.06, F.S.; providing for publication of notice via a
213 publicly accessible website of a local government's sale
214 of tangible personal property having a specified value;
215 amending s. 290.0057, F.S.; providing for notice via a
216 publicly accessible website of a public hearing on an
217 enterprise zone strategic plan; amending s. 298.301, F.S.;
218 providing for publication on a publicly accessible website
219 of notice of a public hearing on a proposed district water
220 control plan or plan amendment; providing for publication
221 by the board of supervisors of a water control district
222 on a publicly accessible website of the filing of an
223 engineer's report and a geographical depiction of the

224 water control district; providing conforming language;
225 amending ss. 348.243, 348.83, 348.943, 348.953, and
226 348.968, F.S.; providing for advertisement via a publicly
227 accessible website of public hearings on specified
228 projects of the Broward County Expressway Authority, the
229 Pasco County Expressway Authority, the St. Lucie County
230 Expressway and Bridge Authority, the Seminole County
231 Expressway Authority, and the Santa Rosa Bay Bridge
232 Authority, respectively; amending s. 350.81, F.S.;
233 providing for publication on a publicly accessible website
234 of notice of public hearings by a governmental entity that
235 proposes to provide a communications service; amending s.
236 373.4592, F.S.; providing for publication on a publicly
237 accessible website of notice by the South Florida Water
238 Management District of the certification of a non-ad
239 valorem assessment roll in specified counties relative to
240 Everglades management and improvement; amending s.
241 373.45924, F.S.; providing for publication as a notice on
242 a publicly accessible website of a truth-in-borrowing
243 statement from the South Florida Water Management District
244 relative to the district's proposal to borrow or otherwise
245 finance with debt any fixed capital outlay projects or
246 operating capital outlay for Everglades management and
247 improvement; amending s. 373.536, F.S.; providing for
248 publication on a publicly accessible website of notice of
249 budget hearings conducted by the governing board or
250 district staff of the South Florida Water Management
251 District, advertisement of budget workshops conducted by

252 the district for the public, advertisement of the
253 district's intention to adopt a tentative budget and
254 millage rate, and notices of the district governing
255 board's intention to adopt a final budget for the district
256 for the ensuing fiscal year under the Everglades
257 Restoration Investment Act; amending s. 376.80, F.S.;
258 providing for notice via a publicly accessible website of
259 public hearings on the proposed designation of a specified
260 brownfield area by a local government; amending s.
261 379.2425, F.S.; providing for publication of notice via a
262 publicly accessible website of the establishment of a
263 restricted area by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
264 Commission; amending s. 380.06, F.S.; providing for
265 publication of an advertisement on a publicly accessible
266 website of a public hearing by a local government on an
267 areawide development of regional impact under the Florida
268 Environmental Land and Water Management Act of 1972;
269 amending s. 403.973, F.S.; revising the definition of the
270 term "duly noticed" to include publication on a publicly
271 accessible website; providing conforming language;
272 amending s. 420.9075, F.S.; providing for advertisement of
273 notice on a publicly accessible website of funding
274 availability through a local housing assistance plan under
275 the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Act; amending s.
276 553.73, F.S.; providing for advertisement on a publicly
277 accessible website of a public hearing on the need to
278 adopt local technical amendments to the Florida Building
279 Code which provide for more stringent requirements;

280 amending s. 633.025, F.S.; providing for advertisement on
281 a publicly accessible website of a public hearing to
282 determine the need to strengthen a local governing body's
283 minimum firesafety code requirements; amending s. 705.103,
284 F.S.; providing for publication of notice on a publicly
285 accessible website of a law enforcement agency's election
286 to retain lost property; providing for publication on a
287 publicly accessible website of the advertisement of public
288 sale of lost property by a law enforcement agency;
289 amending s. 715.109, F.S.; providing for publication on a
290 publicly accessible website of advertisement of the sale
291 of abandoned property under the Disposition of Personal
292 Property Landlord and Tenant Act; reenacting ss.
293 193.122(2) and 316.066(5)(b), F.S., F.S., relating to
294 publication by a property appraiser of notice of
295 extensions on and certification of tax assessment rolls
296 and to disclosure of written reports of crashes held by an
297 agency, respectively, to incorporate the amendment to s.
298 50.11, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss. 100.211
299 and 125.82, F.S., relating to bond referenda and required
300 notice thereof and to charter adoption by ordinance,
301 respectively, to incorporate the amendment to s. 100.342,
302 F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss. 125.56(1),
303 212.054(6), and 212.055(2)(f), F.S., relating to
304 enforcement and amendment of the Florida Building Code and
305 the Florida Fire Prevention Code, enactment of an
306 ordinance levying a discretionary sales surtax, and a
307 condition precedent to the use of proceeds and interest

308 | from a local government infrastructure surtax by specified
 309 | counties for a public purpose, respectively, to
 310 | incorporate the amendment to s. 125.66, F.S., in
 311 | references thereto; reenacting ss. 163.3164(18), 163.346,
 312 | and 376.80(1), F.S., relating to the definition of "public
 313 | notice" for purposes of the Local Government Comprehensive
 314 | Planning and Land Development Regulation Act, notice to
 315 | taxing authorities, and the Brownfield program
 316 | administration process, respectively, to incorporate the
 317 | amendments to ss. 125.66 and 166.041, F.S., in references
 318 | thereto; reenacting s. 200.065(3)(1), F.S., relating to
 319 | advertisement and notice requirements with respect to the
 320 | fixing of millage rates, to incorporate the amendment to
 321 | s. 129.03, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s.
 322 | 30.50(4), F.S., relating to amendment of a county budget
 323 | relative to payment of salaries and expenses by a sheriff,
 324 | to incorporate the amendment to s. 129.06, F.S., in a
 325 | reference thereto; reenacting ss. 163.3246(9)(a),
 326 | 163.32465(6)(h), 288.975(10) and (12)(d), 420.5095(9), and
 327 | 1013.30(6), F.S., relating to adoption and review of local
 328 | government comprehensive plan amendments, entry into
 329 | compliance agreements between parties to an administrative
 330 | challenge to an amendment to certain urban local
 331 | comprehensive plans, military base reuse plans, a local
 332 | government comprehensive plan amendment to implement a
 333 | community workforce housing innovation pilot program
 334 | project, and review of a university campus draft master
 335 | plan, respectively, to incorporate the amendment to s.

336 163.3184, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss.
337 121.0511(1) and 163.3187(1)(c), F.S., relating to a public
338 hearing required upon the election of a municipality or
339 independent special district to revoke participation in
340 the Florida Retirement System and establish an alternative
341 retirement plan and to amendment of an adopted
342 comprehensive plan, respectively, to incorporate the
343 amendment to s. 166.041, F.S., in references thereto;
344 reenacting s. 170.08, F.S., relating to final
345 consideration by a municipal governing body of making
346 improvements funded by special assessments on property, to
347 incorporate the amendment to s. 170.07, F.S., in a
348 reference thereto; reenacting s. 189.4042(2), F.S.,
349 relating to procedures to merge or dissolve an independent
350 special district or a dependent special district, to
351 incorporate the amendment to s. 189.4044, F.S., in a
352 reference thereto; reenacting s. 189.404(2)(d), F.S.,
353 relating to legislative prohibition of special laws or
354 general laws of local application which exempt an
355 independent special district from specified reporting,
356 notice, or public meeting requirements, to incorporate the
357 amendment to s. 189.417, F.S., in a reference thereto;
358 reenacting s. 200.068, F.S., relating to certification of
359 compliance with ch. 200, F.S., relating to determination
360 of millage, to incorporate the amendments to s. 194.037
361 and 200.065, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss.
362 192.0105(1)(b) and (c) and 286.0105, F.S., relating to
363 taxpayer rights and to a requirement that notices of

364 meetings and hearings of a board, commission, or agency of
 365 the state must advise that a record of the proceedings is
 366 required to appeal, respectively, to incorporate the
 367 amendment to s. 200.065, F.S., in references thereto;
 368 reenacting s. 205.054(1), F.S., relating to partial
 369 exemption from business tax for engaging in business or
 370 occupation in an enterprise zone, to incorporate the
 371 amendments to ss. 205.032 and 205.042, F.S., in references
 372 thereto; reenacting s. 155.40(4)(b), F.S., relating to the
 373 sale or lease of a county, district, or municipal
 374 hospital, to incorporate the amendment to s. 255.0525,
 375 F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 298.77(1),
 376 F.S., relating to readjustment of assessments in a water
 377 control district, and procedures, notice, and hearings
 378 relative thereto, to incorporate the amendment to s.
 379 298.301, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting ss.
 380 705.104(1) and s. 717.119(5)(b), F.S., relating to title
 381 to lost or abandoned property and to disposition by a law
 382 enforcement agency of a firearm or ammunition found in an
 383 unclaimed safe deposit box or other safekeeping
 384 repository, respectively, to incorporate the amendment to
 385 s. 705.103, F.S., in references thereto; providing an
 386 effective date.

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 388 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 390 Section 1. Section 50.0311, Florida Statutes, is created
 391 to read:

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392 50.0311 Publication of legally required advertisements and
393 public notices on a governmental entity's publicly accessible
394 website.--

395 (1) "Publicly accessible website" means a governmental
396 entity's official website that is accessible via the Internet.

397 (2) A governmental entity may utilize its publicly
398 accessible website for legally required advertisements and
399 public notices, provided that:

400 (a) There is a public library or other governmental
401 facility that provides free Internet access during regular
402 business hours located within the jurisdictional boundaries of
403 the governmental entity.

404 (b) The governmental entity provides notice to its
405 residents, at least once annually in a newspaper of general
406 circulation or in the governmental entity's newsletter,
407 periodical, or other publication that is mailed or delivered to
408 all residents or property owners throughout the governmental
409 entity's jurisdiction, indicating that residents shall have the
410 option to receive legally required advertisements and public
411 notices from the governmental entity by first class mail upon
412 registering their name and address with the local governmental
413 entity.

414 (c) The governmental entity maintains a registry of names
415 and addresses of residents who have indicated, in writing, their
416 choice to receive legally required advertisements and public
417 notices from the governmental entity by first class mail.

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419 Contemporaneous with the initial publication of an advertisement
 420 or public notice on a governmental entity's publicly accessible
 421 website, the governmental entity shall mail a copy of the
 422 advertisement or public notice to a resident that has indicated
 423 his or her choice to receive such advertisements and public
 424 notices by first class mail.

425 (3) Legally required advertisements and public notices
 426 published on a publicly accessible website must be conspicuously
 427 placed on the website's home page or accessible through a direct
 428 link from the home page. The legally required advertisement or
 429 public notice must indicate the date on which the advertisement
 430 or notice was first published on the website.

431 Section 2. Section 50.011, Florida Statutes, is amended to
 432 read:

433 50.011 Where and in what language legal notices to be
 434 published.--Whenever by statute an official or legal
 435 advertisement or a publication, or notice in a newspaper has
 436 been or is directed or permitted in the nature of or in lieu of
 437 process, or for constructive service, or in initiating,
 438 assuming, reviewing, exercising or enforcing jurisdiction or
 439 power, or for any purpose, including all legal notices and
 440 advertisements of sheriffs and tax collectors, the
 441 contemporaneous and continuous intent and meaning of such
 442 legislation all and singular, existing or repealed, is and has
 443 been and is hereby declared to be and to have been, and the rule
 444 of interpretation is and has been, a publication in a newspaper
 445 printed and published periodically once a week or oftener,
 446 containing at least 25 percent of its words in the English

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447 language, entered or qualified to be admitted and entered as
 448 periodicals matter at a post office in the county where
 449 published, for sale to the public generally, available to the
 450 public generally for the publication of official or other
 451 notices and customarily containing information of a public
 452 character or of interest or of value to the residents or owners
 453 of property in the county where published, or of interest or of
 454 value to the general public. Notwithstanding the foregoing, and
 455 if specifically authorized by statute, a notice, advertisement
 456 or publication on a publicly accessible website in accordance
 457 with s. 50.0311 constitutes legal notice.

458 Section 3. Section 50.021, Florida Statutes, is amended to
 459 read:

460 50.021 Publication when no newspaper in county.--When any
 461 law, or order or decree of court, shall direct advertisements to
 462 be made in any county and there be no newspaper published in the
 463 said county, the advertisement may be made by publication on a
 464 publicly accessible website maintained by the entity responsible
 465 for publication or by posting three copies thereof in three
 466 different places in said county, one of which shall be at the
 467 front door of the courthouse, and by publication in the nearest
 468 county in which a newspaper is published.

469 Section 4. Section 50.051, Florida Statutes, is amended to
 470 read:

471 50.051 Proof of publication; form of uniform
 472 affidavit.--The printed form upon which all such affidavits
 473 establishing proof of publication in a newspaper are to be
 474 executed shall be substantially as follows:

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NAME OF NEWSPAPER

Published (Weekly or Daily)

(Town or City) (County) FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF _____:

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared _____, who on oath says that he or she is _____ of the _____, a _____ newspaper published at _____ in _____ County, Florida; that the attached copy of advertisement, being a _____ in the matter of _____ in the _____ Court, was published in said newspaper in the issues of _____.

Affiant further says that the said _____ is a newspaper published at _____, in said _____ County, Florida, and that the said newspaper has heretofore been continuously published in said _____ County, Florida, each _____ and has been entered as periodicals matter at the post office in _____, in said _____ County, Florida, for a period of 1 year next preceding the first publication of the attached copy of advertisement; and affiant further says that he or she has neither paid nor promised any person, firm or corporation any discount, rebate, commission or refund for the purpose of securing this advertisement for publication in the said newspaper.

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503 Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____,
 504 (year) , by _____, who is personally known to me or who has
 505 produced (type of identification) as identification.

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 508 (Signature of Notary Public)
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 510 (Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)
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 512 (Notary Public)

513 Section 5. Subsection (4) of section 50.061, Florida
 514 Statutes, is amended to read:

515 50.061 Amounts chargeable.--

516 (4) All official public notices and legal advertisements
 517 published in a newspaper shall be charged and paid for on the
 518 basis of 6-point type on 6-point body, unless otherwise
 519 specified by statute.

520 Section 6. Section 100.342, Florida Statutes, is amended
 521 to read:

522 100.342 Notice of special election or referendum.--In any
 523 special election or referendum not otherwise provided for there
 524 shall be at least 30 days' notice of the election or referendum
 525 by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the
 526 county, district, or municipality, as the case may be, or by
 527 publication on a publicly accessible website maintained by the
 528 entity responsible for publication during the 5 weeks
 529 immediately preceding the election or referendum. If advertised
 530 in a newspaper, the publication shall be made at least twice,

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531 once in the fifth week and once in the third week prior to the
 532 week in which the election or referendum is to be held. If there
 533 is no newspaper of general circulation in the county, district,
 534 or municipality and publication is not made on a publicly
 535 accessible website maintained by the entity responsible for
 536 publication, the notice shall be posted in no less than five
 537 places within the territorial limits of the county, district, or
 538 municipality.

539 Section 7. Subsection (17) of section 125.012, Florida
 540 Statutes, is amended to read:

541 125.012 Project facilities; general powers and
 542 duties.--Any county and the board of county commissioners
 543 thereof shall have the power, in addition to the powers
 544 otherwise conferred:

545 (17) To grant exclusive or nonexclusive franchises to
 546 persons, firms, or corporations for the operating of
 547 restaurants, cafeterias, bars, taxicabs, vending machines, and
 548 other concessions of a nonaeronautical nature in, on, and in
 549 connection with any project owned and operated by the county.
 550 However, no exclusive franchise shall be so granted unless the
 551 board of county commissioners of such county shall award such
 552 franchise following receipt of sealed competitive bids in the
 553 manner prescribed by law, ~~or~~ cause to be published on a publicly
 554 accessible website maintained by the county or in a newspaper of
 555 general circulation in the county notice of the fact that it
 556 intends to grant such exclusive franchise and will at a time
 557 certain to be fixed in such notice, not less than 30 days after
 558 the publication of the notice, enter into negotiations with any

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559 interested parties as to the terms, conditions, and provisions
560 of any such exclusive franchise. Such negotiations with any
561 interested parties as to the terms, conditions, and provisions
562 of any such exclusive franchise are to continue for a period of
563 not less than 10 days before such exclusive franchise is
564 granted.

565 Section 8. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
566 125.35, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

567 125.35 County authorized to sell real and personal
568 property and to lease real property.--

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570 (c) No sale of any real property shall be made unless
571 notice thereof is published once a week for at least 2 weeks in
572 some newspaper of general circulation published in the county,
573 or is published during the 2 weeks preceding the sale of any
574 real property on a publicly accessible website maintained by the
575 county, calling for bids for the purchase of the real estate so
576 advertised to be sold. In the case of a sale, the bid of the
577 highest bidder complying with the terms and conditions set forth
578 in such notice shall be accepted, unless the board of county
579 commissioners rejects all bids because they are too low. The
580 board of county commissioners may require a deposit to be made
581 or a surety bond to be given, in such form or in such amount as
582 the board determines, with each bid submitted.

583 Section 9. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) and paragraph
584 (b) of subsection (4) of section 125.66, Florida Statutes, are
585 amended to read:

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586 125.66 Ordinances; enactment procedure; emergency
587 ordinances; rezoning or change of land use ordinances or
588 resolutions.--

589 (2) (a) The regular enactment procedure shall be as
590 follows: The board of county commissioners at any regular or
591 special meeting may enact or amend any ordinance, except as
592 provided in subsection (4), if notice of intent to consider such
593 ordinance is given at least 10 days prior to said meeting on a
594 publicly accessible website maintained by the county or by
595 publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the county.
596 If advertised on a publicly accessible website, the
597 advertisement shall be maintained during the 10 days immediately
598 preceding the meeting. A copy of such notice shall be kept
599 available for public inspection during the regular business
600 hours of the office of the clerk of the board of county
601 commissioners. The notice of proposed enactment shall state the
602 date, time, and place of the meeting; the title or titles of
603 proposed ordinances; and the place or places within the county
604 where such proposed ordinances may be inspected by the public.
605 The notice shall also advise that interested parties may appear
606 at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed
607 ordinance.

608 (4) Ordinances or resolutions, initiated by other than the
609 county, that change the actual zoning map designation of a
610 parcel or parcels of land shall be enacted pursuant to
611 subsection (2). Ordinances or resolutions that change the actual
612 list of permitted, conditional, or prohibited uses within a
613 zoning category, or ordinances or resolutions initiated by the

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614 county that change the actual zoning map designation of a parcel
615 or parcels of land shall be enacted pursuant to the following
616 procedure:

617 (b) In cases in which the proposed ordinance or resolution
618 changes the actual list of permitted, conditional, or prohibited
619 uses within a zoning category, or changes the actual zoning map
620 designation of a parcel or parcels of land involving 10
621 contiguous acres or more, the board of county commissioners
622 shall provide for public notice and hearings as follows:

623 1. The board of county commissioners shall hold two
624 advertised public hearings on the proposed ordinance or
625 resolution. At least one hearing shall be held after 5 p.m. on a
626 weekday, unless the board of county commissioners, by a majority
627 plus one vote, elects to conduct that hearing at another time of
628 day. The first public hearing shall be held at least 7 days
629 after the day that the first advertisement is published. The
630 second hearing shall be held at least 10 days after the first
631 hearing and shall be advertised at least 5 days prior to the
632 public hearing.

633 2. The required newspaper advertisements shall be no less
634 than 2 columns wide by 10 inches long in a standard size or a
635 tabloid size newspaper, and the headline in the advertisement
636 shall be in a type no smaller than 18 point. The newspaper
637 advertisement shall not be placed in that portion of the
638 newspaper where legal notices and classified advertisements
639 appear. The newspaper advertisement shall be placed in a
640 newspaper of general paid circulation in the county and of
641 general interest and readership in the community pursuant to

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642 chapter 50, not one of limited subject matter. It is the
 643 legislative intent that, whenever possible, the newspaper
 644 advertisement shall appear in a newspaper that is published at
 645 least 5 days a week unless the only newspaper in the community
 646 is published less than 5 days a week. The newspaper
 647 advertisement shall be in substantially the following form:

648
 649 NOTICE OF (TYPE OF) CHANGE

650
 651 The (name of local governmental unit) proposes to adopt
 652 the following by ordinance or resolution: (title of ordinance
 653 or resolution) .

654 A public hearing on the ordinance or resolution will be
 655 held on (date and time) at (meeting place) .

656
 657 Except for amendments which change the actual list of permitted,
 658 conditional, or prohibited uses within a zoning category, the
 659 advertisement shall contain a geographic location map which
 660 clearly indicates the area within the local government covered
 661 by the proposed ordinance or resolution. The map shall include
 662 major street names as a means of identification of the general
 663 area.

664 3. In lieu of publishing the advertisements set out in
 665 this paragraph, the board of county commissioners may mail a
 666 notice to each person owning real property within the area
 667 covered by the ordinance or resolution. Such notice shall
 668 clearly explain the proposed ordinance or resolution and shall

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669 notify the person of the time, place, and location of both
670 public hearings on the proposed ordinance or resolution.

671 Section 10. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
672 129.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

673 129.03 Preparation and adoption of budget.--

674 (3) No later than 15 days after certification of value by
675 the property appraiser pursuant to s. 200.065(1), the county
676 budget officer, after tentatively ascertaining the proposed
677 fiscal policies of the board for the ensuing fiscal year, shall
678 prepare and present to the board a tentative budget for the
679 ensuing fiscal year for each of the funds provided in this
680 chapter, including all estimated receipts, taxes to be levied,
681 and balances expected to be brought forward and all estimated
682 expenditures, reserves, and balances to be carried over at the
683 end of the year.

684 (b) Upon receipt of the tentative budgets and completion
685 of any revisions made by the board, the board shall prepare a
686 statement summarizing all of the adopted tentative budgets. This
687 summary statement shall show, for each budget and the total of
688 all budgets, the proposed tax millages, the balances, the
689 reserves, and the total of each major classification of receipts
690 and expenditures, classified according to the classification of
691 accounts prescribed by the appropriate state agency. The board
692 shall cause this summary statement to be advertised one time in
693 a newspaper of general circulation published in the county, or
694 on a publicly accessible website maintained by the county, or by
695 posting at the courthouse door if there is no such newspaper or

696 website, and the advertisement shall appear adjacent to the
 697 advertisement required pursuant to s. 200.065.

698 Section 11. Paragraph (f) of subsection (2) of section
 699 129.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

700 129.06 Execution and amendment of budget.--

701 (2) The board at any time within a fiscal year may amend a
 702 budget for that year, and may within the first 60 days of a
 703 fiscal year amend the budget for the prior fiscal year, as
 704 follows:

705 (f) If an amendment to a budget is required for a purpose
 706 not specifically authorized in paragraphs (a)-(e), unless
 707 otherwise prohibited by law, the amendment may be authorized by
 708 resolution or ordinance of the board of county commissioners
 709 adopted following a public hearing. ~~The public hearing must be~~
 710 ~~advertised at least 2 days, but not more than 5 days, before the~~
 711 ~~date of the hearing. The~~ Advertisement of the public hearing
 712 must appear on a publicly accessible website maintained by the
 713 county or in a newspaper of paid general circulation and must
 714 identify the name of the taxing authority, the date, place, and
 715 time of the hearing, and the purpose of the hearing. If
 716 advertised in a newspaper, the public hearing must be advertised
 717 at least 2 days, but not more than 5 days, before the date of
 718 the hearing. If advertised on a publicly accessible website, the
 719 public hearing must be advertised during the 5 days immediately
 720 preceding the hearing. The advertisement must also identify each
 721 budgetary fund to be amended, the source of the funds, the use
 722 of the funds, and the total amount of each budget.

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723 Section 12. Section 138.12, Florida Statutes, is amended
 724 to read:

725 138.12 Commissioners may expand county seat.--The board of
 726 county commissioners of any county may expand the geographical
 727 area of the county seat of its county beyond the corporate
 728 limits of the municipality named as the county seat by adopting
 729 a resolution to that effect at any regular or special meeting of
 730 the board. Such a resolution may be adopted only after the board
 731 has held not less than two public hearings on the proposal at
 732 intervals of not less than 10 or more than 20 days and after
 733 notice of the proposal and such meetings has been published on a
 734 publicly accessible website maintained by the county, or in a
 735 newspaper of general circulation in the county. However, nothing
 736 herein shall be deemed to extend the boundaries of the
 737 municipality in which the county seat was previously located or
 738 annex to such municipality the territory added to the county
 739 seat.

740 Section 13. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section
 741 153.53, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

742 153.53 Establishment of districts in unincorporated
 743 areas.--

744 (2)

745 (d) Within 30 days after the petition is received by the
 746 property appraiser, said property appraiser shall determine
 747 whether such petition has been duly signed by the requisite
 748 number of property owners within the boundaries of the proposed
 749 district. If there is a sufficient number of valid signatures,
 750 the property appraiser shall forthwith deliver said petition to

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751 the board of county commissioners who shall within 60 days hold
 752 an election to determine if the district shall be created. The
 753 board of county commissioners shall have notice of such election
 754 published once a week for 4 successive weeks in a newspaper of
 755 general circulation within the area of the proposed district or
 756 published during the 4 successive weeks immediately preceding
 757 the election on a publicly accessible website maintained by the
 758 county. Said notice shall describe the purpose for which the
 759 district is to be established and the territory proposed to be
 760 included in the said district. If there is no such newspaper or
 761 website, then notice may be posted on the courthouse door and in
 762 five conspicuous places within the proposed district.

763 Section 14. Subsection (1) of section 153.55, Florida
 764 Statutes, is amended to read:

765 153.55 Public hearing upon report of county commissioners
 766 and creation of district; findings of board of county
 767 commissioners.--

768 (1) Upon submission of any such report the board of county
 769 commissioners shall hold a public hearing upon such report and
 770 the question of the creation of such district, giving at least
 771 20 days' notice of such hearing by advertisement in a newspaper
 772 published in the county and circulating in the area of the
 773 proposed district, or published during the 20 days immediately
 774 preceding the hearing on a publicly accessible website
 775 maintained by the county, or by posting as provided in s. 153.56
 776 if no such newspaper or website is ~~be~~ published.

777 Section 15. Section 153.79, Florida Statutes, is amended
 778 to read:

779 | 153.79 Contracts for construction of improvements, sealed
 780 | bids.--All contracts let, awarded or entered into by the
 781 | district for the construction, reconstruction or acquisition or
 782 | improvement of a water system or a sewer system or both or any
 783 | part thereof, if the amount thereof shall exceed \$1,000, shall
 784 | be awarded only after public advertisement and call for sealed
 785 | bids therefor on a publicly accessible website maintained by the
 786 | county, or in a newspaper published in the county circulating in
 787 | the district, or, if there ~~is~~ be no such website or newspaper,
 788 | then in a newspaper published in the state and circulating in
 789 | the district. If advertised in a newspaper, such advertisement
 790 | shall ~~to~~ be published at least once at least 3 weeks before the
 791 | date set for the receipt of such bids. If advertised on a
 792 | publicly accessible website, such advertisement shall be
 793 | published during the 3 weeks immediately preceding the date set
 794 | for the receipt of such bids. Such advertisements for bids in
 795 | addition to the other necessary and pertinent matter shall state
 796 | in general terms the nature and description of the improvement
 797 | or improvements to be undertaken and shall state that detailed
 798 | plans and specifications for such work are on file for
 799 | inspection in the office of the district clerk and copies
 800 | thereof shall be furnished to any interested party upon payment
 801 | of reasonable charges to reimburse the district for its expenses
 802 | in providing such copies. The award shall be made to the
 803 | responsible and competent bidder or bidders who shall offer to
 804 | undertake the improvements at the lowest cost to the district
 805 | and such bidder or bidders shall be required to file bond for
 806 | the full and faithful performance of such work and the execution

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807 of any such contract in such amount as the district board shall
808 determine, and in all other respects the letting of such
809 construction contracts shall comply with applicable provisions
810 of the general laws relating to the letting of public contracts.
811 Nothing in this section shall be deemed to prevent the district
812 from hiring or retaining such consulting engineers, attorneys,
813 financial experts or other technicians as it shall determine, in
814 its discretion, or from undertaking any construction work with
815 its own resources, without any such public advertisement.

816 Section 16. Section 157.03, Florida Statutes, is amended
817 to read:

818 157.03 Commissioners to appoint committee; report of plans
819 and estimate; letting contract; right-of-way for drains.--When
820 the county commissioners shall order that such ditch, drain or
821 canal, shall be established, they shall appoint a committee of
822 three disinterested freeholders who are citizens of the county,
823 who may employ a surveyor, and shall cause an accurate survey to
824 be made of the proposed ditch, drain or canal, and shall
825 establish the commencement, route, and terminus of said ditch,
826 drain or canal, the width, length, and depth thereof, and shall
827 make and present to the county commissioners, at their next
828 regular meeting, or at a meeting as soon thereafter as
829 practicable, plans, specifications and profiles for said
830 construction, together with an estimate of the approximate cost
831 of said ditch, drain or canal, and the annual cost of its
832 maintenance, and upon this report of the said committee, the
833 board of county commissioners shall advertise once a week for 3
834 weeks, in a newspaper published in the said county, or advertise

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835 for 3 weeks on a publicly accessible website maintained by the
836 county, for bids for the construction of said ditch, drain or
837 canal, and the same shall be given to the lowest responsible
838 bidder; provided, the board of county commissioners may, if they
839 deem it for the best interest of all concerned, reject all bids;
840 and in case said bids are rejected they may advertise for
841 further bids. Whenever the survey for any proposed ditch, drain
842 or canal, shall run through the lands of anyone who shall object
843 thereto, the board of county commissioners may proceed to
844 condemn the right-of-way for such ditch, drain or canal, and pay
845 therefor out of the funds arising from the levy and assessments
846 hereinafter provided for.

847 Section 17. Section 157.21, Florida Statutes, is amended
848 to read:

849 157.21 Enlargement of drains; appointment of committee;
850 report to commissioners; letting contract; contractor's bond;
851 payments; assessment.--Whenever the board of county
852 commissioners shall have determined upon a petition, filed as
853 provided in s. 157.16, to enlarge or deepen any drain, they
854 shall appoint a committee of the three competent and
855 disinterested persons who are citizens of the county, who shall
856 cause an accurate survey to be made of the proposed work, and
857 shall establish the depth or width to which the same shall be
858 deepened and shall make and present to the county commissioners
859 at their next regular meeting, an estimate of the cost of said
860 work, and upon the report of said committee to them, said county
861 commissioners shall advertise not less than 2 weeks in a
862 newspaper published in the county, or advertise for 2 weeks on a

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863 publicly accessible website maintained by the county, for bids
864 on said work, to be given to the lowest responsible bidder, with
865 the privilege of rejecting all bids that may be offered, should
866 the same be considered unreasonable; and in case the said bids
867 are rejected, they may again advertise for further bids. The
868 said board of county commissioners shall require of the person
869 whose bid is accepted for said work a good and sufficient bond
870 for the faithful performance of said contract, which said work
871 shall be done under the supervision of the committee appointed
872 as aforesaid. When the work shall be completed the committee
873 shall certify the same to the board of county commissioners who
874 shall also inspect such work before final payment is made to the
875 contractor, and such confirmation with the report of the
876 committee that the work has been done according to contract,
877 shall be made a matter of record; provided, that nothing in this
878 chapter shall prevent the county commissioners from making
879 payments in installments during the progress of the work, if
880 deemed expedient. Before letting such contract, the committee
881 appointed by the commissioners shall view the lands to be
882 benefited by the enlargement or deepening of said drain or
883 auxiliary and assess each parcel according and in proportion as
884 each shall be benefited, both those lands lying immediately
885 along such ditch, drain or canal, and those adjacent thereto,
886 for all the expenses that may be incurred in the enlarging or
887 deepening of said drain and keeping the same in repair from year
888 to year, and shall file a report of the same with the board of
889 county commissioners, which said report shall show the several
890 tracts of lands assessed and the names of the owners thereof,

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891 and the amounts assessed against each tract; provided, however,
 892 that if the owners of any tract cannot be ascertained by
 893 diligent inquiry, said tract shall be assessed as unknown.

894 Section 18. Section 157.28, Florida Statutes, is amended
 895 to read:

896 157.28 Awarding contracts for repair; approval.--If the
 897 estimated cost of repairing any such ditch, drain or canal shall
 898 not exceed the sum of \$100, the board of county commissioners
 899 shall have full power to have the same done in such manner as
 900 said board may see fit; but if such estimated cost shall exceed
 901 \$100, then the contract shall be let to the lowest responsible
 902 bidder after advertising for bids at least once each week for 2
 903 consecutive weeks in some newspaper published in the county, or
 904 advertising for bids for 2 consecutive weeks on a publicly
 905 accessible website maintained by the county, or ~~by~~ posting of
 906 the advertisement for bids in five conspicuous places in the
 907 commissioners' district in which such ditch, drain or canal
 908 shall be located, and all work done shall be subject to the
 909 approval and acceptance of the board of county commissioners.

910 Section 19. Section 159.32, Florida Statutes, is amended
 911 to read:

912 159.32 Construction contracts.--Contracts for the
 913 construction of the project may be awarded by the local agency
 914 in such manner as in its judgment will best promote free and
 915 open competition, including advertisement for competitive bids
 916 in a newspaper of general circulation within the boundaries of
 917 the local agency or on a publicly accessible website maintained
 918 by the local agency responsible for publication; however, if the

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919 | local agency shall determine that the purposes of this part will
920 | be more effectively served, the local agency in its discretion
921 | may award or cause to be awarded contracts for the construction
922 | of any project, or any part thereof, upon a negotiated basis as
923 | determined by the local agency. The local agency shall prescribe
924 | bid security requirements and other procedures in connection
925 | with the award of such contracts as in its judgment shall
926 | protect the public interest. The local agency may by written
927 | contract engage the services of the lessee, purchaser, or
928 | prospective lessee or purchaser of any project in the
929 | construction of the project and may provide in the contract that
930 | the lessee, purchaser, or prospective lessee or purchaser may
931 | act as an agent of, or an independent contractor for, the local
932 | agency for the performance of the functions described therein,
933 | subject to such conditions and requirements consistent with the
934 | provisions of this part as shall be prescribed in the contract,
935 | including functions such as the acquisition of the site and
936 | other real property for the project; the preparation of plans,
937 | specifications, and contract documents; the award of
938 | construction and other contracts upon a competitive or
939 | negotiated basis; the construction of the project, or any part
940 | thereof, directly by the lessee, purchaser, or prospective
941 | lessee or purchaser; the inspection and supervision of
942 | construction; the employment of engineers, architects, builders,
943 | and other contractors; and the provision of money to pay the
944 | cost thereof pending reimbursement by the local agency. Any such
945 | contract may provide that the local agency may, out of proceeds
946 | of bonds, make advances to or reimburse the lessee, purchaser,

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947 or prospective lessee or purchaser for its costs incurred in the
948 performance of those functions, and shall set forth the
949 supporting documents required to be submitted to the local
950 agency and the reviews, examinations, and audits that shall be
951 required in connection therewith to assure compliance with the
952 provisions of this part and the contract.

953 Section 20. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
954 162.12, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

955 162.12 Notices.--

956 (2) In addition to providing notice as set forth in
957 subsection (1), at the option of the code enforcement board,
958 notice may also be served by publication or posting, as follows:

959 (a)1. Such notice shall be published once during each week
960 for 4 consecutive weeks (four publications being sufficient) in
961 a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the code
962 enforcement board is located or shall be published during the 4
963 weeks immediately preceding the hearing on a publicly accessible
964 website maintained by the local government. The website and
965 newspaper shall meet such requirements as are prescribed under
966 chapter 50 for legal and official advertisements.

967 2. Proof of newspaper publication shall be made as
968 provided in ss. 50.041 and 50.051.

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970 Evidence that an attempt has been made to hand deliver or mail
971 notice as provided in subsection (1), together with proof of
972 publication or posting as provided in subsection (2), shall be
973 sufficient to show that the notice requirements of this part

974 have been met, without regard to whether or not the alleged
 975 violator actually received such notice.

976 Section 21. Paragraph (b) of subsection (15) and paragraph
 977 (c) of subsection (16) of section 163.3184, Florida Statutes,
 978 are amended to read:

979 163.3184 Process for adoption of comprehensive plan or
 980 plan amendment.--

981 (15) PUBLIC HEARINGS.--

982 (b) The local governing body shall hold at least two
 983 advertised public hearings on the proposed comprehensive plan or
 984 plan amendment as follows:

985 1. The first public hearing shall be held at the
 986 transmittal stage pursuant to subsection (3). It shall be held
 987 on a weekday at least 7 days after the day that the first
 988 advertisement is published or after the notice of the first
 989 public hearing is initially published on the publicly accessible
 990 website maintained by the local government.

991 2. The second public hearing shall be held at the adoption
 992 stage pursuant to subsection (7). It shall be held on a weekday
 993 at least 5 days after the day that the second advertisement is
 994 published or after the notice of the second public hearing is
 995 initially published on the publicly accessible website
 996 maintained by the local government.

997 (16) COMPLIANCE AGREEMENTS.--

998 (c) Prior to its execution of a compliance agreement, the
 999 local government must approve the compliance agreement at a
 1000 public hearing advertised at least 10 days before the public
 1001 hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the area, or

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1002 advertised during the 10 days immediately preceding the hearing
 1003 on a publicly accessible website maintained by the local
 1004 government, in accordance with the advertisement requirements of
 1005 subsection (15).

1006 Section 22. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
 1007 163.3225, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1008 163.3225 Public hearings.--

1009 (2) (a) Notice of intent to consider a development
 1010 agreement shall be advertised approximately 7 days before each
 1011 public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation and
 1012 readership in the county where the local government is located
 1013 or advertised during the 7 days immediately preceding the
 1014 hearing on a publicly accessible website maintained by the local
 1015 government. Notice of intent to consider a development agreement
 1016 shall also be mailed to all affected property owners before the
 1017 first public hearing. The day, time, and place at which the
 1018 second public hearing will be held shall be announced at the
 1019 first public hearing.

1020 Section 23. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section
 1021 163.356, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1022 163.356 Creation of community redevelopment agency.--

1023 (3)

1024 (c) The governing body of the county or municipality shall
 1025 designate a chair and vice chair from among the commissioners.
 1026 An agency may employ an executive director, technical experts,
 1027 and such other agents and employees, permanent and temporary, as
 1028 it requires, and determine their qualifications, duties, and
 1029 compensation. For such legal service as it requires, an agency

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1030 may employ or retain its own counsel and legal staff. An agency
1031 authorized to transact business and exercise powers under this
1032 part shall file with the governing body, on or before March 31
1033 of each year, a report of its activities for the preceding
1034 fiscal year, which report shall include a complete financial
1035 statement setting forth its assets, liabilities, income, and
1036 operating expenses as of the end of such fiscal year. At the
1037 time of filing the report, the agency shall publish on a
1038 publicly accessible website maintained by the agency or in a
1039 newspaper of general circulation in the community a notice to
1040 the effect that such report has been filed with the county or
1041 municipality and that the report is available for inspection
1042 during business hours in the office of the clerk of the city or
1043 county commission and in the office of the agency.

1044 Section 24. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section
1045 163.360, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1046 163.360 Community redevelopment plans.--

1047 (6) (a) The governing body shall hold a public hearing on a
1048 community redevelopment plan after public notice thereof on a
1049 publicly accessible website maintained by the local government
1050 responsible for publication or by publication in a newspaper
1051 having a general circulation in the area of operation of the
1052 county or municipality. The notice shall describe the time,
1053 date, place, and purpose of the hearing, identify generally the
1054 community redevelopment area covered by the plan, and outline
1055 the general scope of the community redevelopment plan under
1056 consideration.

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1057 Section 25. Subsection (2) of section 163.361, Florida
 1058 Statutes, is amended to read:

1059 163.361 Modification of community redevelopment plans.--

1060 (2) The governing body shall hold a public hearing on a
 1061 proposed modification of any community redevelopment plan after
 1062 public notice thereof on a publicly accessible website
 1063 maintained by the local government responsible for publication
 1064 or by publication in a newspaper having a general circulation in
 1065 the area of operation of the agency.

1066 Section 26. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
 1067 163.380, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1068 163.380 Disposal of property in community redevelopment
 1069 area.--The disposal of property in a community redevelopment
 1070 area which is acquired by eminent domain is subject to the
 1071 limitations set forth in s. 73.013.

1072 (3) (a) Prior to disposition of any real property or
 1073 interest therein in a community redevelopment area, any county,
 1074 municipality, or community redevelopment agency shall give
 1075 public notice of such disposition by publication in a newspaper
 1076 having a general circulation in the community, or on a publicly
 1077 accessible website maintained by the entity responsible for
 1078 publication, at least 30 days prior to the execution of any
 1079 contract to sell, lease, or otherwise transfer real property
 1080 and, prior to the delivery of any instrument of conveyance with
 1081 respect thereto under the provisions of this section, invite
 1082 proposals from, and make all pertinent information available to,
 1083 private redevelopers or any persons interested in undertaking to
 1084 redevelop or rehabilitate a community redevelopment area or any

1085 part thereof. Such notice shall identify the area or portion
 1086 thereof and shall state that proposals must be made by those
 1087 interested within 30 days after the date of publication of the
 1088 notice and that such further information as is available may be
 1089 obtained at such office as is designated in the notice. The
 1090 county, municipality, or community redevelopment agency shall
 1091 consider all such redevelopment or rehabilitation proposals and
 1092 the financial and legal ability of the persons making such
 1093 proposals to carry them out; and the county, municipality, or
 1094 community redevelopment agency may negotiate with any persons
 1095 for proposals for the purchase, lease, or other transfer of any
 1096 real property acquired by it in the community redevelopment
 1097 area. The county, municipality, or community redevelopment
 1098 agency may accept such proposal as it deems to be in the public
 1099 interest and in furtherance of the purposes of this part. Except
 1100 in the case of a governing body acting as the agency, as
 1101 provided in s. 163.357, a notification of intention to accept
 1102 such proposal must be filed with the governing body not less
 1103 than 30 days prior to any such acceptance. Thereafter, the
 1104 county, municipality, or community redevelopment agency may
 1105 execute such contract in accordance with the provisions of
 1106 subsection (1) and deliver deeds, leases, and other instruments
 1107 and take all steps necessary to effectuate such contract.

1108 Section 27. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and paragraph
 1109 (d) of subsection (2) of section 163.387, Florida Statutes, are
 1110 amended to read:

1111 163.387 Redevelopment trust fund.--
 1112 (1)

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1113 (b)1. For any governing body that has not authorized by
1114 June 5, 2006, a study to consider whether a finding of necessity
1115 resolution pursuant to s. 163.355 should be adopted, has not
1116 adopted a finding of necessity resolution pursuant to s. 163.355
1117 by March 31, 2007, has not adopted a community redevelopment
1118 plan by June 7, 2007, and was not authorized to exercise
1119 community redevelopment powers pursuant to a delegation of
1120 authority under s. 163.410 by a county that has adopted a home
1121 rule charter, the amount of tax increment to be contributed by
1122 any taxing authority shall be limited as follows:

1123 a. If a taxing authority imposes a millage rate that
1124 exceeds the millage rate imposed by the governing body that
1125 created the trust fund, the amount of tax increment to be
1126 contributed by the taxing authority imposing the higher millage
1127 rate shall be calculated using the millage rate imposed by the
1128 governing body that created the trust fund. Nothing shall
1129 prohibit any taxing authority from voluntarily contributing a
1130 tax increment at a higher rate for a period of time as specified
1131 by interlocal agreement between the taxing authority and the
1132 community redevelopment agency.

1133 b. At any time more than 24 years after the fiscal year in
1134 which a taxing authority made its first contribution to a
1135 redevelopment trust fund, by resolution effective no sooner than
1136 the next fiscal year and adopted by majority vote of the taxing
1137 authority's governing body at a public hearing held not less
1138 than 30 or more than 45 days after written notice by registered
1139 mail to the community redevelopment agency and published on a
1140 publicly accessible website maintained by the entity responsible

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1141 for publication or in a newspaper of general circulation in the
1142 redevelopment area, the taxing authority may limit the amount of
1143 increment contributed by the taxing authority to the
1144 redevelopment trust fund to the amount of increment the taxing
1145 authority was obligated to contribute to the redevelopment trust
1146 fund in the fiscal year immediately preceding the adoption of
1147 such resolution, plus any increase in the increment after the
1148 adoption of the resolution computed using the taxable values of
1149 any area which is subject to an area reinvestment agreement. As
1150 used in this subparagraph, the term "area reinvestment
1151 agreement" means an agreement between the community
1152 redevelopment agency and a private party, with or without
1153 additional parties, which provides that the increment computed
1154 for a specific area shall be reinvested in services or public or
1155 private projects, or both, including debt service, supporting
1156 one or more projects consistent with the community redevelopment
1157 plan that is identified in the agreement to be constructed
1158 within that area. Any such reinvestment agreement must specify
1159 the estimated total amount of public investment necessary to
1160 provide the projects or services, or both, including any
1161 applicable debt service. The contribution to the redevelopment
1162 trust fund of the increase in the increment of any area that is
1163 subject to an area reinvestment agreement following the passage
1164 of a resolution as provided in this sub-subparagraph shall cease
1165 when the amount specified in the area reinvestment agreement as
1166 necessary to provide the projects or services, or both,
1167 including any applicable debt service, has been invested.

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1168 2. For any community redevelopment agency that was not
 1169 created pursuant to a delegation of authority under s. 163.410
 1170 by a county that has adopted a home rule charter and that
 1171 modifies its adopted community redevelopment plan after October
 1172 1, 2006, in a manner that expands the boundaries of the
 1173 redevelopment area, the amount of increment to be contributed by
 1174 any taxing authority with respect to the expanded area shall be
 1175 limited as set forth in sub-subparagraphs 1.a. and b.

1176 (2)

1177 (d)1. A local governing body that creates a community
 1178 redevelopment agency under s. 163.356 may exempt from paragraph
 1179 (a) a special district that levies ad valorem taxes within that
 1180 community redevelopment area. The local governing body may grant
 1181 the exemption either in its sole discretion or in response to
 1182 the request of the special district. The local governing body
 1183 must establish procedures by which a special district may submit
 1184 a written request to be exempted from paragraph (a).

1185 2. In deciding whether to deny or grant a special
 1186 district's request for exemption from paragraph (a), the local
 1187 governing body must consider:

1188 a. Any additional revenue sources of the community
 1189 redevelopment agency which could be used in lieu of the special
 1190 district's tax increment.

1191 b. The fiscal and operational impact on the community
 1192 redevelopment agency.

1193 c. The fiscal and operational impact on the special
 1194 district.

1195 d. The benefit to the specific purpose for which the
 1196 special district was created. The benefit to the special
 1197 district must be based on specific projects contained in the
 1198 approved community redevelopment plan for the designated
 1199 community redevelopment area.

1200 e. The impact of the exemption on incurred debt and
 1201 whether such exemption will impair any outstanding bonds that
 1202 have pledged tax increment revenues to the repayment of the
 1203 bonds.

1204 f. The benefit of the activities of the special district
 1205 to the approved community redevelopment plan.

1206 g. The benefit of the activities of the special district
 1207 to the area of operation of the local governing body that
 1208 created the community redevelopment agency.

1209 3. The local governing body must hold a public hearing on
 1210 a special district's request for exemption after public notice
 1211 of the hearing is published on a publicly accessible website
 1212 maintained by the local governing body or in a newspaper having
 1213 a general circulation in the county or municipality that created
 1214 the community redevelopment area. The notice must describe the
 1215 time, date, place, and purpose of the hearing and must identify
 1216 generally the community redevelopment area covered by the plan
 1217 and the impact of the plan on the special district that
 1218 requested the exemption.

1219 4. If a local governing body grants an exemption to a
 1220 special district under this paragraph, the local governing body
 1221 and the special district must enter into an interlocal agreement
 1222 that establishes the conditions of the exemption, including, but

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1223 not limited to, the period of time for which the exemption is
 1224 granted.

1225 5. If a local governing body denies a request for
 1226 exemption by a special district, the local governing body shall
 1227 provide the special district with a written analysis specifying
 1228 the rationale for such denial. This written analysis must
 1229 include, but is not limited to, the following information:

1230 a. A separate, detailed examination of each consideration
 1231 listed in subparagraph 2.

1232 b. Specific examples of how the approved community
 1233 redevelopment plan will benefit, and has already benefited, the
 1234 purpose for which the special district was created.

1235 6. The decision to either deny or grant an exemption must
 1236 be made by the local governing body within 120 days after the
 1237 date the written request was submitted to the local governing
 1238 body pursuant to the procedures established by such local
 1239 governing body.

1240 Section 28. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) and paragraph
 1241 (c) of subsection (4) of section 163.511, Florida Statutes, are
 1242 amended to read:

1243 163.511 Special neighborhood improvement districts;
 1244 creation; referendum; board of directors; duration; extension.--

1245 (3)

1246 (c) Within 45 days from compilation of the voter
 1247 registration list pursuant to paragraph (b), the city clerk or
 1248 the supervisor of elections shall notify each such elector of
 1249 the general provisions of this section, including the taxing
 1250 authority and the date of the upcoming referendum. Notification

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1251 shall be by United States mail and, in addition thereto, by
 1252 publication one time in a newspaper of general circulation in
 1253 the county or municipality in which the district is located or
 1254 on a publicly accessible website maintained by the entity
 1255 responsible for such publication.

1256 (4)

1257 (c) Within 45 days from compilation of the freeholders'
 1258 registration list pursuant to paragraph (b), the city clerk or
 1259 the supervisor of elections shall notify each such freeholder of
 1260 the general provisions of this section, including the taxing
 1261 authority and the date of the upcoming referendum, and the
 1262 method provided for submitting corrections to the registration
 1263 list should the status of the freeholder have changed since the
 1264 compilation of the tax rolls. Notification shall be by United
 1265 States mail and, in addition thereto, by publication one time in
 1266 a newspaper of general circulation in the county or municipality
 1267 in which the district is located or on a publicly accessible
 1268 website maintained by the entity responsible for such
 1269 publication.

1270 Section 29. Paragraph (b) of subsection (16) of section
 1271 163.514, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1272 163.514 Powers of neighborhood improvement
 1273 districts.--Unless prohibited by ordinance, the board of any
 1274 district shall be empowered to:

1275 (16)

1276 (b) In order to implement this subsection, the city clerk
 1277 or the supervisor of elections, whichever is appropriate, shall
 1278 compile a list of the names and last known addresses of the

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1279 electors in the neighborhood improvement district from the list
 1280 of registered voters of the county as of the last day of the
 1281 preceding month. The same shall constitute the registration list
 1282 for the purposes of a referendum. Within 45 days after
 1283 compilation of the voter registration list, the city clerk or
 1284 the supervisor of elections shall notify each elector of the
 1285 general provisions of this section, including the taxing
 1286 authority and the date of the upcoming referendum. Notification
 1287 shall be by United States mail and, in addition thereto, by
 1288 publication one time in a newspaper of general circulation in
 1289 the county or municipality in which the district is located or
 1290 on a publicly accessible website maintained by the county or
 1291 municipality responsible for such publication.

1292 Section 30. Subsections (5) and (7) of section 163.516,
 1293 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1294 163.516 Safe neighborhood improvement plans.--

1295 (5) Prior to adoption of the safe neighborhood improvement
 1296 plan, the board shall hold a public hearing on the plan after
 1297 public notice thereof by publication in a newspaper of general
 1298 circulation in the county or municipality in which the district
 1299 is located or on a publicly accessible website maintained by the
 1300 entity responsible for such publication. The notice shall
 1301 describe the time, date, place, and purpose of the hearing;
 1302 identify the boundaries of the district; and outline the general
 1303 scope of the plan.

1304 (7) If, at any time after approval of the safe
 1305 neighborhood improvement plan, it becomes desirable to amend or
 1306 modify the plan, the board may do so. Prior to any such

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1307 amendment or modification, the board shall obtain written
 1308 approval of the local governing body concerning conformity to
 1309 the local government comprehensive plan and hold a public
 1310 hearing on the proposed amendment or modification after public
 1311 notice thereof by publication in a newspaper of general
 1312 circulation in the county or municipality in which the district
 1313 is located or on a publicly accessible website maintained by the
 1314 entity responsible for such publication. The notice shall
 1315 describe the time, place, and purpose of the hearing and
 1316 generally describe the proposed amendment or modification.

1317 Section 31. Subsections (10) and (11) of section 163.524,
 1318 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1319 163.524 Neighborhood Preservation and Enhancement Program;
 1320 participation; creation of Neighborhood Preservation and
 1321 Enhancement Districts; creation of Neighborhood Councils and
 1322 Neighborhood Enhancement Plans.--

1323 (10) Prior to the adoption of the Neighborhood Enhancement
 1324 Plan, the local government planning agency and Neighborhood
 1325 Council shall hold a joint public hearing on the plan after
 1326 public notice by the local government by publication in a
 1327 newspaper of general circulation in the county or municipality
 1328 in which the district is located or on a publicly accessible
 1329 website maintained by the entity responsible for such
 1330 publication. The notice shall describe the time, date, place,
 1331 and purpose of the hearing; identify the boundaries of the
 1332 district; and outline the general scope of the plan as required
 1333 by law.

1334 (11) If at any time after approval of the Neighborhood
 1335 Enhancement Plan, it becomes desirable to amend or modify the
 1336 plan, the local governing body may do so. Prior to any such
 1337 amendment or modification, the local government planning agency
 1338 and the Neighborhood Council shall hold a joint public hearing
 1339 on the proposed amendment or modification after public notice by
 1340 the local government by publication in a newspaper of general
 1341 circulation in the county or municipality in which the district
 1342 is located or on a publicly accessible website maintained by the
 1343 entity responsible for such publication. The notice shall
 1344 describe the time, place, and purpose of the hearing and shall
 1345 generally describe the proposed amendment or modification.

1346 Section 32. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section
 1347 165.041, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1348 165.041 Incorporation; merger.--

1349 (2)

1350 (c) Notice of the election shall be published at least
 1351 once each week for 2 consecutive weeks immediately prior to the
 1352 election, in a newspaper of general circulation in the area to
 1353 be affected or published during the 2 consecutive weeks
 1354 immediately preceding the election on a publicly accessible
 1355 website maintained by the local government or local governments
 1356 responsible for publication. Such notice shall give the time and
 1357 places for the election and a general description of the area to
 1358 be included in the municipality, which shall be in the form of a
 1359 map to show clearly the area to be covered by the municipality.

1360 Section 33. Subsection (2) of section 165.051, Florida
 1361 Statutes, is amended to read:

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1362 165.051 Dissolution procedures.--

1363 (2) If a vote of the qualified voters is required, the
 1364 governing body of the municipality or, if the municipal
 1365 governing body does not act within 30 days, the governing body
 1366 of the county or counties in which the municipality is located,
 1367 shall set the date of the election, which shall be the next
 1368 regularly scheduled election or a special election held prior to
 1369 such election, if approved by a majority of the members of the
 1370 governing body of each governmental unit affected, but no sooner
 1371 than 30 days after passage of the ordinance. Notice of the
 1372 election shall be published at least once each week for 2
 1373 consecutive weeks prior to the election in a newspaper of
 1374 general circulation in the municipality or published during the
 1375 2 consecutive weeks immediately preceding the election on a
 1376 publicly accessible website maintained by the local government
 1377 or local governments responsible for publication.

1378 Section 34. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (3) of
 1379 section 166.041, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1380 166.041 Procedures for adoption of ordinances and
 1381 resolutions.--

1382 (3) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (c), a proposed
 1383 ordinance may be read by title, or in full, on at least 2
 1384 separate days and shall, at least 10 days prior to adoption, be
 1385 noticed once in a newspaper of general circulation in the
 1386 municipality or shall be noticed during the 10 days immediately
 1387 preceding adoption on a publicly accessible website maintained
 1388 by the municipality. The notice of proposed enactment shall
 1389 state the date, time, and place of the meeting; the title or

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1390 titles of proposed ordinances; and the place or places within
1391 the municipality where such proposed ordinances may be inspected
1392 by the public. The notice shall also advise that interested
1393 parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to
1394 the proposed ordinance.

1395 (c) Ordinances initiated by other than the municipality
1396 that change the actual zoning map designation of a parcel or
1397 parcels of land shall be enacted pursuant to paragraph (a).
1398 Ordinances that change the actual list of permitted,
1399 conditional, or prohibited uses within a zoning category, or
1400 ordinances initiated by the municipality that change the actual
1401 zoning map designation of a parcel or parcels of land shall be
1402 enacted pursuant to the following procedure:

1403 1. In cases in which the proposed ordinance changes the
1404 actual zoning map designation for a parcel or parcels of land
1405 involving less than 10 contiguous acres, the governing body
1406 shall direct the clerk of the governing body to notify by mail
1407 each real property owner whose land the municipality will
1408 redesignate by enactment of the ordinance and whose address is
1409 known by reference to the latest ad valorem tax records. The
1410 notice shall state the substance of the proposed ordinance as it
1411 affects that property owner and shall set a time and place for
1412 one or more public hearings on such ordinance. Such notice shall
1413 be given at least 30 days prior to the date set for the public
1414 hearing, and a copy of the notice shall be kept available for
1415 public inspection during the regular business hours of the
1416 office of the clerk of the governing body. The governing body
1417 shall hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance and may,

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1418 upon the conclusion of the hearing, immediately adopt the
1419 ordinance.

1420 2. In cases in which the proposed ordinance changes the
1421 actual list of permitted, conditional, or prohibited uses within
1422 a zoning category, or changes the actual zoning map designation
1423 of a parcel or parcels of land involving 10 contiguous acres or
1424 more, the governing body shall provide for public notice and
1425 hearings as follows:

1426 a. The local governing body shall hold two advertised
1427 public hearings on the proposed ordinance. At least one hearing
1428 shall be held after 5 p.m. on a weekday, unless the local
1429 governing body, by a majority plus one vote, elects to conduct
1430 that hearing at another time of day. The first public hearing
1431 shall be held at least 7 days after the day that the first
1432 advertisement is published. The second hearing shall be held at
1433 least 10 days after the first hearing and shall be advertised at
1434 least 5 days prior to the public hearing.

1435 b. The required newspaper advertisements shall be no less
1436 than 2 columns wide by 10 inches long in a standard size or a
1437 tabloid size newspaper, and the headline in the advertisement
1438 shall be in a type no smaller than 18 point. The newspaper
1439 advertisement shall not be placed in that portion of the
1440 newspaper where legal notices and classified advertisements
1441 appear. The newspaper advertisement shall be placed in a
1442 newspaper of general paid circulation in the municipality and of
1443 general interest and readership in the municipality, not one of
1444 limited subject matter, pursuant to chapter 50. It is the
1445 legislative intent that, whenever possible, the newspaper

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1446 advertisement appear in a newspaper that is published at least 5
 1447 days a week unless the only newspaper in the municipality is
 1448 published less than 5 days a week. The newspaper advertisement
 1449 shall be in substantially the following form:

1450
 1451 NOTICE OF (TYPE OF) CHANGE

1452
 1453 The (name of local governmental unit) proposes to adopt
 1454 the following ordinance: (title of the ordinance) .

1455 A public hearing on the ordinance will be held on (date
 1456 and time) at (meeting place) .

1457
 1458 Except for amendments which change the actual list of permitted,
 1459 conditional, or prohibited uses within a zoning category, the
 1460 advertisement shall contain a geographic location map which
 1461 clearly indicates the area covered by the proposed ordinance.
 1462 The map shall include major street names as a means of
 1463 identification of the general area.

1464 c. In lieu of publishing the advertisement set out in this
 1465 paragraph, the municipality may mail a notice to each person
 1466 owning real property within the area covered by the ordinance.
 1467 Such notice shall clearly explain the proposed ordinance and
 1468 shall notify the person of the time, place, and location of any
 1469 public hearing on the proposed ordinance.

1470 Section 35. Subsection (2) of section 166.0497, Florida
 1471 Statutes, is amended to read:

1472 166.0497 Alteration, amendment, or expansion of
 1473 established downtown development district; procedures.--

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1474 (2) In the resolution of intent, the governing body shall
1475 set a date for a public hearing on adoption of an ordinance
1476 altering, amending, or expanding the district and describing the
1477 new proposed district. Upon the adoption of the resolution, the
1478 governing body shall cause a notice of the public hearing to be
1479 published in a newspaper of general circulation published in the
1480 municipality, which notice shall be published one time not less
1481 than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the date of the hearing,
1482 or published during the 60 days immediately preceding the date
1483 of the hearing on a publicly accessible website maintained by
1484 the municipality. The notice shall set forth the date, time, and
1485 place of the hearing and shall describe the new proposed
1486 boundaries of the district. Any citizen, taxpayer, or property
1487 owner shall have the right to be heard in opposition to the
1488 proposed amendment or expansion of the district. After the
1489 public hearing, if the governing body intends to proceed with
1490 the amendment or expansion of the district, it shall, in the
1491 manner authorized by law, adopt an ordinance defining the new
1492 district. The governing body shall not incorporate land into the
1493 district not included in the description contained in the
1494 resolution and the notice of public hearing, but it may
1495 eliminate any lands from that description when it adopts the
1496 ordinance containing the final determination of the boundaries.

1497 Section 36. Section 170.05, Florida Statutes, is amended
1498 to read:

1499 170.05 Publication of resolution.--Upon the adoption of
1500 the resolution provided for in s. 170.03, the municipality shall
1501 cause said resolution to be published on a publicly accessible

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1502 website maintained by the municipality or one time in a
1503 newspaper of general circulation published in said municipality,
1504 and if ~~there be~~ no such website is maintained or no such
1505 newspaper is published in said municipality, the governing
1506 authority of said municipality shall cause said resolution to be
1507 published once a week for a period of 2 weeks in a newspaper of
1508 general circulation published in the county in which said
1509 municipality is located.

1510 Section 37. Section 170.07, Florida Statutes, is amended
1511 to read:

1512 170.07 Publication of preliminary assessment roll.--Upon
1513 the completion of said preliminary assessment roll, the
1514 governing authority of the municipality shall by resolution fix
1515 a time and place at which the owners of the property to be
1516 assessed or any other persons interested therein may appear
1517 before said governing authority and be heard as to the propriety
1518 and advisability of making such improvements, as to the cost
1519 thereof, as to the manner of payment therefor, and as to the
1520 amount thereof to be assessed against each property so improved.
1521 Thirty days' notice in writing of such time and place shall be
1522 given to such property owners. The notice shall include the
1523 amount of the assessment and shall be served by mailing a copy
1524 to each of such property owners at his or her last known
1525 address, the names and addresses of such property owners to be
1526 obtained from the records of the property appraiser or from such
1527 other sources as the city or town clerk or engineer deems
1528 reliable, proof of such mailing to be made by the affidavit of
1529 the clerk or deputy clerk of said municipality, or by the

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1530 engineer, said proof to be filed with the clerk, provided, that
1531 failure to mail said notice or notices shall not invalidate any
1532 of the proceedings hereunder. Notice of the time and place of
1533 such hearing shall also be given by two publications a week
1534 apart in a newspaper of general circulation in said municipality
1535 or by publication for 2 weeks on a publicly accessible website
1536 maintained by the municipality, and if ~~there be~~ no such website
1537 is maintained or no such newspaper is published in said
1538 municipality, the governing authority of said municipality shall
1539 cause said notice to be published in like manner in a newspaper
1540 of general circulation published in the county in which said
1541 municipality is located; provided that the last publication
1542 shall be at least 1 week prior to the date of the hearing. Said
1543 notice shall describe the streets or other areas to be improved
1544 and advise all persons interested that the description of each
1545 property to be assessed and the amount to be assessed to each
1546 piece or parcel of property may be ascertained at the office of
1547 the clerk of the municipality. Such service by publication shall
1548 be verified by the affidavit of the publisher and filed with the
1549 clerk of said municipality.

1550 Section 38. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
1551 171.0413, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1552 171.0413 Annexation procedures.--Any municipality may
1553 annex contiguous, compact, unincorporated territory in the
1554 following manner:

1555 (2) Following the final adoption of the ordinance of
1556 annexation by the governing body of the annexing municipality,
1557 the ordinance shall be submitted to a vote of the registered

1558 electors of the area proposed to be annexed. The governing body
 1559 of the annexing municipality may also choose to submit the
 1560 ordinance of annexation to a separate vote of the registered
 1561 electors of the annexing municipality. The referendum on
 1562 annexation shall be called and conducted and the expense thereof
 1563 paid by the governing body of the annexing municipality.

1564 (b) The governing body of the annexing municipality shall
 1565 publish notice of the referendum on annexation at least once
 1566 each week for 2 consecutive weeks immediately preceding the date
 1567 of the referendum in a newspaper of general circulation in the
 1568 area in which the referendum is to be held or publish the notice
 1569 during the 2 weeks immediately preceding the date of the
 1570 referendum on a publicly accessible website maintained by the
 1571 annexing municipality. The notice shall give the ordinance
 1572 number, the time and places for the referendum, and a brief,
 1573 general description of the area proposed to be annexed. The
 1574 description shall include a map clearly showing the area and a
 1575 statement that the complete legal description by metes and
 1576 bounds and the ordinance can be obtained from the office of the
 1577 city clerk.

1578 Section 39. Subsections (3) and (7) of section 171.051,
 1579 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1580 171.051 Contraction procedures.--Any municipality may
 1581 initiate the contraction of municipal boundaries in the
 1582 following manner:

1583 (3) After introduction, the contraction ordinance shall be
 1584 noticed at least once per week for 2 consecutive weeks in a
 1585 newspaper of general circulation in the municipality or noticed

1586 during the 2 consecutive weeks immediately preceding the date of
 1587 the meeting on a publicly accessible website maintained by the
 1588 municipality, such notice to describe the area to be excluded.
 1589 Such description shall include a statement of findings to show
 1590 that the area to be excluded fails to meet the criteria of s.
 1591 171.043, set the time and place of the meeting at which the
 1592 ordinance will be considered, and advise that all parties
 1593 affected may be heard.

1594 (7) The municipal governing body shall establish the date
 1595 of election and publish notice of the referendum election at
 1596 least once a week for the 2 consecutive weeks immediately prior
 1597 to the election in a newspaper of general circulation in the
 1598 area proposed to be excluded or in the municipality or shall
 1599 publish notice of the referendum election during the 2
 1600 consecutive weeks immediately preceding the date of the election
 1601 on a publicly accessible website maintained by the municipality.
 1602 Such notice shall give the time and places for the election and
 1603 a general description of the area to be excluded, which shall be
 1604 in the form of a map clearly showing the area proposed to be
 1605 excluded.

1606 Section 40. Subsection (1) of section 173.09, Florida
 1607 Statutes, is amended to read:

1608 173.09 Judgment for complainant; special magistrate's
 1609 sale; complainant may purchase and later sell.--

1610 (1) Any such decree shall direct the special magistrate
 1611 thereby appointed to sell the several parcels of land separately
 1612 to the highest and best bidder for cash (or, at the option of
 1613 complainant, to the extent of special assessments included in

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1614 such judgment, for bonds or interest coupons issued by
1615 complainant), at public outcry at the courthouse door of the
1616 county in which such suit is pending, or at such point or place
1617 in the complainant municipality as the court in such final
1618 decree may direct, after having advertised such sale (which
1619 advertisement may include all lands so ordered sold) once each
1620 week for 2 consecutive weeks in some newspaper published in the
1621 city or town in which the complainant is situated or, published
1622 for 2 consecutive weeks on a publicly accessible website
1623 maintained by the municipality or, if there is no such website
1624 or newspaper, in a newspaper published in the county in which
1625 the suit is pending, and if all the lands so advertised for sale
1626 be not sold on the day specified in such advertisement, such
1627 sale shall be continued from day to day until the sale of all
1628 such land is completed.

1629 Section 41. Subsection (4) of section 177.101, Florida
1630 Statutes, is amended to read:

1631 177.101 Vacation and annulment of plats subdividing
1632 land.--

1633 (4) Persons making application for vacations of plats
1634 either in whole or in part shall give notice of their intention
1635 to apply to the governing body of the county to vacate said plat
1636 by publishing legal notice in a newspaper of general circulation
1637 in the county in which the tract or parcel of land is located,
1638 in not less than two weekly issues of said paper, or by
1639 publishing legal notice for 2 weeks on a publicly accessible
1640 website maintained by the local government, and must attach to
1641 the petition for vacation the proof of such publication,

1642 together with certificates showing that all state and county
 1643 taxes have been paid. For the purpose of the tax collector's
 1644 certification that state, county, and municipal taxes have been
 1645 paid, the taxes shall be deemed to have been paid if, in
 1646 addition to any partial payment under s. 194.171, the owner of
 1647 the platted lands sought to be vacated shall post a cash bond,
 1648 approved by the tax collector of the county where the land is
 1649 located and by the Department of Revenue, conditioned to pay the
 1650 full amount of any judgment entered pursuant to s. 194.192
 1651 adverse to the person making partial payment, including all
 1652 costs, interest, and penalties. The circuit court shall fix the
 1653 amount of said bond by order, after considering the reasonable
 1654 timeframe for such litigation and all other relevant factors;
 1655 and a certified copy of such approval, order, and cash bond
 1656 shall be attached to the application. If such tract or parcel of
 1657 land is within the corporate limits of any incorporated city or
 1658 town, the governing body of the county shall be furnished with a
 1659 certified copy of a resolution of the town council or city
 1660 commission, as the case may be, showing that it has already by
 1661 suitable resolution vacated such plat or subdivision or such
 1662 part thereof sought to be vacated.

1663 Section 42. Section 180.09, Florida Statutes, is amended
 1664 to read:

1665 180.09 Notice of resolution or ordinance authorizing
 1666 issuance of certificates.--Upon the adoption of resolution or
 1667 ordinance by the city council, or other legislative body, by
 1668 whatever name known, authorizing the issuance of mortgage
 1669 revenue certificates or debentures, a notice thereof shall be

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1670 published once a week for 2 consecutive weeks in a newspaper of
 1671 general circulation in the county in which the municipality is
 1672 located, or published for 2 consecutive weeks on a publicly
 1673 accessible website maintained by the municipality, or by posting
 1674 a notice in at least three conspicuous places within the limits
 1675 of the municipality, one of which shall be posted at the door of
 1676 the city hall or city offices; provided, that if any of the
 1677 mortgage revenue certificates or debentures are to be purchased
 1678 by the United States of America, or any instrumentality or
 1679 subdivision thereof, it shall not be necessary to advertise or
 1680 offer the same for sale by competitive bidding.

1681 Section 43. Section 180.24, Florida Statutes, is amended
 1682 to read:

1683 180.24 Contracts for construction; bond; publication of
 1684 notice; bids.--

1685 (1) Any municipality desiring the accomplishment of any or
 1686 all of the purposes of this chapter may make contracts for the
 1687 construction of any of the utilities mentioned in this chapter,
 1688 or any extension or extensions to any previously constructed
 1689 utility, which said contracts shall be in writing, and the
 1690 contractor shall be required to give bond, which said bond shall
 1691 be executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the
 1692 state; provided, however, construction contracts in excess of
 1693 \$25,000 shall be advertised by the publication of a notice in a
 1694 newspaper of general circulation in the county in which said
 1695 municipality is located at least once each week for 2
 1696 consecutive weeks, or by publication for 2 weeks on a publicly
 1697 accessible website maintained by the municipality, or by posting

1698 three notices in three conspicuous places in said municipality,
 1699 one of which shall be on the door of the city hall; and that at
 1700 least 10 days shall elapse between the date of the first
 1701 publication or posting of such notice and the date of receiving
 1702 bids and the execution of such contract documents. For municipal
 1703 construction projects identified in s. 255.0525, the notice
 1704 provision of that section supersedes and replaces the notice
 1705 provisions in this section.

1706 (2) All contracts for the purchase, lease, or renting of
 1707 materials or equipment to be used in the accomplishment of any
 1708 or all of the purposes of this chapter by the municipality,
 1709 shall be in writing; provided, however, that where said contract
 1710 for the purchase, lease, or renting of such materials or
 1711 equipment is in excess of \$10,000, notice or advertisement for
 1712 bids on the same shall be published in accordance with the
 1713 provisions of subsection (1).

1714 Section 44. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
 1715 189.4044, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1716 189.4044 Special procedures for inactive districts.--

1717 (1) The department shall declare inactive any special
 1718 district in this state by documenting that:

1719 (b) The department, special district, or local general-
 1720 purpose government published a notice of proposed declaration of
 1721 inactive status on a publicly accessible website maintained by
 1722 the entity responsible for publication or in a newspaper of
 1723 general circulation in the county or municipality in which the
 1724 territory of the special district is located and sent a copy of
 1725 such notice by certified mail to the registered agent or chair

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1726 of the board, if any. Such notice must include the name of the
1727 special district, the law under which it was organized and
1728 operating, a general description of the territory included in
1729 the special district, and a statement that any objections must
1730 be filed pursuant to chapter 120 within 21 days after the
1731 publication date; and

1732 Section 45. Subsection (1) of section 189.417, Florida
1733 Statutes, is amended to read:

1734 189.417 Meetings; notice; required reports.--

1735 (1) The governing body of each special district shall file
1736 quarterly, semiannually, or annually a schedule of its regular
1737 meetings with the local governing authority or authorities. The
1738 schedule shall include the date, time, and location of each
1739 scheduled meeting. The schedule shall be published quarterly,
1740 semiannually, or annually in a newspaper of general paid
1741 circulation in the manner required in this subsection. The
1742 governing body of an independent special district shall
1743 advertise the day, time, place, and purpose of any meeting other
1744 than a regular meeting or any recessed and reconvened meeting of
1745 the governing body, at least 7 days prior to such meeting, in a
1746 newspaper of general paid circulation in the county or counties
1747 in which the special district is located or during the 7 days
1748 immediately preceding the meeting on a publicly accessible
1749 website maintained by the district, unless a bona fide emergency
1750 situation exists, in which case a meeting to deal with the
1751 emergency may be held as necessary, with reasonable notice, so
1752 long as it is subsequently ratified by the board. No approval of
1753 the annual budget shall be granted at an emergency meeting. If

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1754 the advertisement is published in a newspaper, the advertisement
 1755 shall be placed in that portion of the newspaper where legal
 1756 notices and classified advertisements appear. If the
 1757 advertisement is published in a newspaper, the advertisement
 1758 shall appear in a newspaper that is published at least 5 days a
 1759 week, unless the only newspaper in the county is published fewer
 1760 than 5 days a week. The newspaper selected must be one of
 1761 general interest and readership in the community and not one of
 1762 limited subject matter, pursuant to chapter 50. Any other
 1763 provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, and except in
 1764 the case of emergency meetings, water management districts may
 1765 provide reasonable notice of public meetings held to evaluate
 1766 responses to solicitations issued by the water management
 1767 district, by publication in a newspaper of general paid
 1768 circulation in the county where the principal office of the
 1769 water management district is located, or in the county or
 1770 counties where the public work will be performed, no less than 7
 1771 days before such meeting, or on a publicly accessible website
 1772 maintained by the district during the 7 days immediately
 1773 preceding the meeting.

1774 Section 46. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
 1775 190.006, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1776 190.006 Board of supervisors; members and meetings.--

1777 (2) (a) Within 90 days following the effective date of the
 1778 rule or ordinance establishing the district, there shall be held
 1779 a meeting of the landowners of the district for the purpose of
 1780 electing five supervisors for the district. Notice of the
 1781 landowners' meeting shall be published once a week for 2

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1782 consecutive weeks in a newspaper which is in general circulation
 1783 in the area of the district, the last day of such newspaper
 1784 publication to be not fewer than 14 days or more than 28 days
 1785 before the date of the election, or published during the 28 days
 1786 immediately preceding the date of the election on a publicly
 1787 accessible website maintained by the district. The landowners,
 1788 when assembled at such meeting, shall organize by electing a
 1789 chair who shall conduct the meeting. The chair may be any person
 1790 present at the meeting. If the chair is a landowner or proxy
 1791 holder of a landowner, he or she may nominate candidates and
 1792 make and second motions.

1793 Section 47. Subsection (1) of section 190.033, Florida
 1794 Statutes, is amended to read:

1795 190.033 Bids required.--

1796 (1) No contract shall be let by the board for any goods,
 1797 supplies, or materials to be purchased when the amount thereof
 1798 to be paid by the district shall exceed the amount provided in
 1799 s. 287.017 for category four, unless notice of bids or other
 1800 competitive solicitation, including requests for proposals or
 1801 qualifications, is advertised once in a newspaper in general
 1802 circulation in the county and in the district or on a publicly
 1803 accessible website maintained by the district. Any board seeking
 1804 to construct or improve a public building, structure, or other
 1805 public works shall comply with the bidding procedures of s.
 1806 255.20 and other applicable general law. In each case, the bid
 1807 of the lowest responsive and responsible bidder shall be
 1808 accepted unless all bids are rejected because the bids are too
 1809 high, or the board determines it is in the best interests of the

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1810 district to reject all bids. In each case in which requests for
 1811 proposals, qualifications, or other competitive solicitations
 1812 are used, the district shall determine which response is most
 1813 advantageous for the district and award the contract to that
 1814 proposer. The board may require the bidders or proposers to
 1815 furnish bond with a responsible surety to be approved by the
 1816 board. If the district does not receive a response to its
 1817 competitive solicitation, the district may proceed to purchase
 1818 such goods, supplies, materials, or construction services in the
 1819 manner it deems in the best interests of the district. Nothing
 1820 in this section shall prevent the board from undertaking and
 1821 performing the construction, operation, and maintenance of any
 1822 project or facility authorized by this act by the employment of
 1823 labor, material, and machinery.

1824 Section 48. Subsection (4) of section 191.005, Florida
 1825 Statutes, is amended to read:

1826 191.005 District boards of commissioners; membership,
 1827 officers, meetings.--

1828 (4) Members of the board may each be paid a salary or
 1829 honorarium to be determined by at least a majority plus one vote
 1830 of the board, which salary or honorarium may not exceed \$500 per
 1831 month for each member. Special notice of any meeting at which
 1832 the board will consider a salary change for a board member shall
 1833 be published at least once, at least 14 days prior to the
 1834 meeting, in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in
 1835 which the district is located or published during the 14 days
 1836 immediately preceding the meeting on a publicly accessible
 1837 website maintained by the district. Separate compensation for

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1838 the board member serving as treasurer may be authorized by like
 1839 vote so long as total compensation for the board member does not
 1840 exceed \$500 per month. Members may be reimbursed for travel and
 1841 per diem expenses as provided in s. 112.061.

1842 Section 49. Paragraph (i) of subsection (1) and paragraph
 1843 (g) of subsection (2) of section 192.0105, Florida Statutes, are
 1844 amended to read:

1845 192.0105 Taxpayer rights.--There is created a Florida
 1846 Taxpayer's Bill of Rights for property taxes and assessments to
 1847 guarantee that the rights, privacy, and property of the
 1848 taxpayers of this state are adequately safeguarded and protected
 1849 during tax levy, assessment, collection, and enforcement
 1850 processes administered under the revenue laws of this state. The
 1851 Taxpayer's Bill of Rights compiles, in one document, brief but
 1852 comprehensive statements that summarize the rights and
 1853 obligations of the property appraisers, tax collectors, clerks
 1854 of the court, local governing boards, the Department of Revenue,
 1855 and taxpayers. Additional rights afforded to payors of taxes and
 1856 assessments imposed under the revenue laws of this state are
 1857 provided in s. 213.015. The rights afforded taxpayers to assure
 1858 that their privacy and property are safeguarded and protected
 1859 during tax levy, assessment, and collection are available only
 1860 insofar as they are implemented in other parts of the Florida
 1861 Statutes or rules of the Department of Revenue. The rights so
 1862 guaranteed to state taxpayers in the Florida Statutes and the
 1863 departmental rules include:

1864 (1) THE RIGHT TO KNOW.--

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1865 (i) The right to an advertisement in a newspaper, or on a
 1866 publicly accessible website maintained by the entity responsible
 1867 for publication, listing names of taxpayers who are delinquent
 1868 in paying tangible personal property taxes, with amounts due,
 1869 and giving notice that interest is accruing at 18 percent and
 1870 that, unless taxes are paid, warrants will be issued, prior to
 1871 petition made with the circuit court for an order to seize and
 1872 sell property (see s. 197.402(2)).

1873 (2) THE RIGHT TO DUE PROCESS.--

1874 (g) The right to be mailed a timely written decision by
 1875 the value adjustment board containing findings of fact and
 1876 conclusions of law and reasons for upholding or overturning the
 1877 determination of the property appraiser, and the right to
 1878 advertised notice, which shall include advertisement of notice
 1879 via a publicly accessible website, of all board actions,
 1880 including appropriate narrative and column descriptions, in
 1881 brief and nontechnical language (see ss. 194.034(2) and
 1882 194.037(3)).

1883 Section 50. Subsection (1) of section 194.037, Florida
 1884 Statutes, is amended to read:

1885 194.037 Disclosure of tax impact.--

1886 (1) After hearing all petitions, complaints, appeals, and
 1887 disputes, the clerk shall make public notice of the findings and
 1888 results of the board. If advertised in a newspaper, the
 1889 advertisement shall be in at least a quarter-page size
 1890 advertisement of a standard size or tabloid size newspaper, and
 1891 the headline shall be in a type no smaller than 18 point. If the
 1892 advertisement is published in a newspaper, the advertisement

1893 shall not be placed in that portion of the newspaper where legal
 1894 notices and classified advertisements appear. The advertisement
 1895 shall be published on a publicly accessible website maintained
 1896 by the entity responsible for publication or in a newspaper of
 1897 general paid circulation in the county. If the advertisement is
 1898 published in a newspaper, the newspaper selected shall be one of
 1899 general interest and readership in the community, and not one of
 1900 limited subject matter, pursuant to chapter 50. The headline
 1901 shall read: TAX IMPACT OF VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD. The public
 1902 notice shall list the members of the value adjustment board and
 1903 the taxing authorities to which they are elected. The form shall
 1904 show, in columnar form, for each of the property classes listed
 1905 under subsection (2), the following information, with
 1906 appropriate column totals:

1907 (a) In the first column, the number of parcels for which
 1908 the board granted exemptions that had been denied or that had
 1909 not been acted upon by the property appraiser.

1910 (b) In the second column, the number of parcels for which
 1911 petitions were filed concerning a property tax exemption.

1912 (c) In the third column, the number of parcels for which
 1913 the board considered the petition and reduced the assessment
 1914 from that made by the property appraiser on the initial
 1915 assessment roll.

1916 (d) In the fourth column, the number of parcels for which
 1917 petitions were filed but not considered by the board because
 1918 such petitions were withdrawn or settled prior to the board's
 1919 consideration.

1920 (e) In the fifth column, the number of parcels for which
 1921 petitions were filed requesting a change in assessed value,
 1922 including requested changes in assessment classification.

1923 (f) In the sixth column, the net change in taxable value
 1924 from the assessor's initial roll which results from board
 1925 decisions.

1926 (g) In the seventh column, the net shift in taxes to
 1927 parcels not granted relief by the board. The shift shall be
 1928 computed as the amount shown in column 6 multiplied by the
 1929 applicable millage rates adopted by the taxing authorities in
 1930 hearings held pursuant to s. 200.065(2)(d) or adopted by vote of
 1931 the electors pursuant to s. 9(b) or s. 12, Art. VII of the State
 1932 Constitution, but without adjustment as authorized pursuant to
 1933 s. 200.065(6). If for any taxing authority the hearing has not
 1934 been completed at the time the notice required herein is
 1935 prepared, the millage rate used shall be that adopted in the
 1936 hearing held pursuant to s. 200.065(2)(c).

1937 Section 51. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
 1938 197.3632, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1939 197.3632 Uniform method for the levy, collection, and
 1940 enforcement of non-ad valorem assessments.--

1941 (3) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
 1942 contrary, a local government which is authorized to impose a
 1943 non-ad valorem assessment and which elects to use the uniform
 1944 method of collecting such assessment for the first time as
 1945 authorized in this section shall adopt a resolution at a public
 1946 hearing prior to January 1 or, if the property appraiser, tax
 1947 collector, and local government agree, March 1. The resolution

1948 shall clearly state its intent to use the uniform method of
 1949 collecting such assessment. The local government shall publish
 1950 notice of its intent to use the uniform method for collecting
 1951 such assessment weekly in a newspaper of general circulation
 1952 within each county contained in the boundaries of the local
 1953 government for 4 consecutive weeks preceding the hearing or
 1954 shall publish the notice during the 4 consecutive weeks
 1955 immediately preceding the hearing on a publicly accessible
 1956 website maintained by the local government. The resolution shall
 1957 state the need for the levy and shall include a legal
 1958 description of the boundaries of the real property subject to
 1959 the levy. If the resolution is adopted, the local governing
 1960 board shall send a copy of it by United States mail to the
 1961 property appraiser, the tax collector, and the department by
 1962 January 10 or, if the property appraiser, tax collector, and
 1963 local government agree, March 10.

1964 Section 52. Paragraphs (d) and (f) of subsection (2),
 1965 paragraph (g) of subsection (3), paragraph (b) of subsection
 1966 (12), and paragraph (a) of subsection (14) of section 200.065,
 1967 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1968 200.065 Method of fixing millage.--

1969 (2) No millage shall be levied until a resolution or
 1970 ordinance has been approved by the governing board of the taxing
 1971 authority which resolution or ordinance must be approved by the
 1972 taxing authority according to the following procedure:

1973 (d) Within 15 days after the meeting adopting the
 1974 tentative budget, the taxing authority shall advertise in a
 1975 newspaper of general circulation in the county as provided in

1976 subsection (3)~~7~~ its intent to finally adopt a millage rate and
 1977 budget or, within 15 days after the meeting adopting the
 1978 tentative budget, the taxing authority shall advertise on its
 1979 publicly accessible website its intent to finally adopt a
 1980 millage rate and budget and shall maintain the notice on its
 1981 website until the hearing. If advertised in the newspaper, a
 1982 public hearing to finalize the budget and adopt a millage rate
 1983 shall be held not less than 2 days nor more than 5 days after
 1984 the day that the advertisement is first published. During the
 1985 hearing, the governing body of the taxing authority shall amend
 1986 the adopted tentative budget as it sees fit, adopt a final
 1987 budget, and adopt a resolution or ordinance stating the millage
 1988 rate to be levied. The resolution or ordinance shall state the
 1989 percent, if any, by which the millage rate to be levied exceeds
 1990 the rolled-back rate computed pursuant to subsection (1), which
 1991 shall be characterized as the percentage increase in property
 1992 taxes adopted by the governing body. The adoption of the budget
 1993 and the millage-levy resolution or ordinance shall be by
 1994 separate votes. For each taxing authority levying millage, the
 1995 name of the taxing authority, the rolled-back rate, the
 1996 percentage increase, and the millage rate to be levied shall be
 1997 publicly announced prior to the adoption of the millage-levy
 1998 resolution or ordinance. In no event may the millage rate
 1999 adopted pursuant to this paragraph exceed the millage rate
 2000 tentatively adopted pursuant to paragraph (c). If the rate
 2001 tentatively adopted pursuant to paragraph (c) exceeds the
 2002 proposed rate provided to the property appraiser pursuant to
 2003 paragraph (b), or as subsequently adjusted pursuant to

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2004 subsection (11), each taxpayer within the jurisdiction of the
2005 taxing authority shall be sent notice by first-class mail of his
2006 or her taxes under the tentatively adopted millage rate and his
2007 or her taxes under the previously proposed rate. The notice must
2008 be prepared by the property appraiser, at the expense of the
2009 taxing authority, and must generally conform to the requirements
2010 of s. 200.069. If such additional notice is necessary, its
2011 mailing must precede the hearing held pursuant to this paragraph
2012 by not less than 10 days and not more than 15 days.

2013 (f)1. Notwithstanding any provisions of paragraph (c) to
2014 the contrary, each school district shall advertise its intent to
2015 adopt a tentative budget in a newspaper of general circulation
2016 pursuant to subsection (3), or on the school district's publicly
2017 accessible website, within 29 days of certification of value
2018 pursuant to subsection (1). If advertised on the website, the
2019 advertisement shall remain on the website until the date of the
2020 hearing. If advertised in the newspaper, the advertisement shall
2021 be published not less than 2 days or more than 5 days
2022 thereafter, the district shall hold a public hearing on the
2023 tentative budget pursuant to the applicable provisions of
2024 paragraph (c).

2025 2. Notwithstanding any provisions of paragraph (b) to the
2026 contrary, each school district shall advise the property
2027 appraiser of its recomputed proposed millage rate within 35 days
2028 of certification of value pursuant to subsection (1). The
2029 recomputed proposed millage rate of the school district shall be
2030 considered its proposed millage rate for the purposes of
2031 paragraph (b).

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2032 3. Notwithstanding any provisions of paragraph (d) to the
2033 contrary, each school district shall hold a public hearing to
2034 finalize the budget and adopt a millage rate within 80 days of
2035 certification of value pursuant to subsection (1), but not
2036 earlier than 65 days after certification. The hearing shall be
2037 held in accordance with the applicable provisions of paragraph
2038 (d), except that a newspaper advertisement need not precede the
2039 hearing.

2040 (3) The advertisement shall be no less than one-quarter
2041 page in size of a standard size or a tabloid size newspaper, and
2042 the headline in the advertisement shall be in a type no smaller
2043 than 18 point. The advertisement shall not be placed in that
2044 portion of the newspaper where legal notices and classified
2045 advertisements appear. The advertisement shall be published in a
2046 newspaper of general paid circulation in the county or in a
2047 geographically limited insert of such newspaper. The geographic
2048 boundaries in which such insert is circulated shall include the
2049 geographic boundaries of the taxing authority. It is the
2050 legislative intent that, whenever possible, the advertisement
2051 appear in a newspaper that is published at least 5 days a week
2052 unless the only newspaper in the county is published less than 5
2053 days a week, or that the advertisement appear in a
2054 geographically limited insert of such newspaper which insert is
2055 published throughout the taxing authority's jurisdiction at
2056 least twice each week. It is further the legislative intent that
2057 the newspaper selected be one of general interest and readership
2058 in the community and not one of limited subject matter, pursuant
2059 to chapter 50.

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2060 (g) In the event that the mailing of the notice of
 2061 proposed property taxes is delayed beyond September 3 in a
 2062 county, any multicounty taxing authority which levies ad valorem
 2063 taxes within that county shall advertise its intention to adopt
 2064 a tentative budget and millage rate on a publicly accessible
 2065 website maintained by the taxing authority or in a newspaper of
 2066 paid general circulation within that county, as provided in this
 2067 subsection, and shall hold the hearing required pursuant to
 2068 paragraph (2)(c). If advertised in the newspaper, the hearing
 2069 shall be held not less than 2 days or more than 5 days
 2070 thereafter, and not later than September 18. If advertised on
 2071 the website, the hearing shall be held not less than 2 days
 2072 after initial publication of the advertisement on the website,
 2073 and not later than September 18, and shall remain on the website
 2074 until the date of the hearing. The advertisement shall be in the
 2075 following form, unless the proposed millage rate is less than or
 2076 equal to the rolled-back rate, computed pursuant to subsection
 2077 (1), in which case the advertisement shall be as provided in
 2078 paragraph (e):

2079
 2080 NOTICE OF TAX INCREASE

2081
 2082 The (name of the taxing authority) proposes to increase
 2083 its property tax levy by (percentage of increase over rolled-
 2084 back rate) percent.

2085 All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public
 2086 hearing on the proposed tax increase to be held on (date and
 2087 time) at (meeting place) .

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2088 (12) The time periods specified in this section shall be
 2089 determined by using the date of certification of value pursuant
 2090 to subsection (1) or July 1, whichever date is later, as day 1.
 2091 The time periods shall be considered directory and may be
 2092 shortened, provided:

2093 (b) Any public hearing preceded by a newspaper
 2094 advertisement is held not less than 2 days or more than 5 days
 2095 following publication of such advertisement and any public
 2096 hearing preceded by a website advertisement is held not less
 2097 than 2 days after initial publication of such advertisement and
 2098 the advertisement remains on the website until the date of the
 2099 hearing; and

2100 (14) (a) If the notice of proposed property taxes mailed to
 2101 taxpayers under this section contains an error, the property
 2102 appraiser, in lieu of mailing a corrected notice to all
 2103 taxpayers, may correct the error by mailing a short form of the
 2104 notice to those taxpayers affected by the error and its
 2105 correction. The notice shall be prepared by the property
 2106 appraiser at the expense of the taxing authority which caused
 2107 the error or at the property appraiser's expense if he or she
 2108 caused the error. The form of the notice must be approved by the
 2109 executive director of the Department of Revenue or the executive
 2110 director's designee. If the error involves only the date and
 2111 time of the public hearings required by this section, the
 2112 property appraiser, with the permission of the taxing authority
 2113 affected by the error, may correct the error by advertising the
 2114 corrected information on a publicly accessible website

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2115 maintained by the taxing authority or in a newspaper of general
 2116 circulation in the county as provided in subsection (3).

2117 Section 53. Section 205.032, Florida Statutes, is amended
 2118 to read:

2119 205.032 Levy; counties.--The governing body of a county
 2120 may levy, by appropriate resolution or ordinance, a business tax
 2121 for the privilege of engaging in or managing any business,
 2122 profession, or occupation within its jurisdiction. However, the
 2123 governing body must first give at least 14 days' public notice
 2124 between the first and last reading of the resolution or
 2125 ordinance by publishing a notice in a newspaper of general
 2126 circulation within its jurisdiction as defined by law or by
 2127 publishing the notice for at least 14 days during the time
 2128 period between the first and last reading of the resolution or
 2129 ordinance on a publicly accessible website maintained by the
 2130 county. The public notice must contain the proposed
 2131 classifications and rates applicable to the business tax.

2132 Section 54. Section 205.042, Florida Statutes, is amended
 2133 to read:

2134 205.042 Levy; municipalities.--The governing body of an
 2135 incorporated municipality may levy, by appropriate resolution or
 2136 ordinance, a business tax for the privilege of engaging in or
 2137 managing any business, profession, or occupation within its
 2138 jurisdiction. However, the governing body must first give at
 2139 least 14 days' public notice between the first and last reading
 2140 of the resolution or ordinance by publishing the notice in a
 2141 newspaper of general circulation within its jurisdiction as
 2142 defined by law or by publishing the notice for at least 14 days

2143 during the time period between the first and last reading of the
 2144 resolution or ordinance on a publicly accessible website
 2145 maintained by the municipality. The notice must contain the
 2146 proposed classifications and rates applicable to the business
 2147 tax. The business tax may be levied on:

2148 (1) Any person who maintains a permanent business location
 2149 or branch office within the municipality, for the privilege of
 2150 engaging in or managing any business within its jurisdiction.

2151 (2) Any person who maintains a permanent business location
 2152 or branch office within the municipality, for the privilege of
 2153 engaging in or managing any profession or occupation within its
 2154 jurisdiction.

2155 (3) Any person who does not qualify under subsection (1)
 2156 or subsection (2) and who transacts any business or engages in
 2157 any occupation or profession in interstate commerce, if the
 2158 business tax is not prohibited by s. 8, Art. I of the United
 2159 States Constitution.

2160 Section 55. Subsection (2) of section 255.0525, Florida
 2161 Statutes, is amended to read:

2162 255.0525 Advertising for competitive bids or proposals.--

2163 (2) The solicitation of competitive bids or proposals for
 2164 any county, municipality, or other political subdivision
 2165 construction project that is projected to cost more than
 2166 \$200,000 shall be publicly advertised at least once in a
 2167 newspaper of general circulation in the county where the project
 2168 is located at least 21 days prior to the established bid opening
 2169 and at least 5 days prior to any scheduled prebid conference or
 2170 publicly advertised during the 21-day period immediately

2171 preceding the established bid opening date and during the 5-day
 2172 period immediately preceding any scheduled prebid conference on
 2173 a publicly accessible website maintained by the entity
 2174 responsible for publication. The solicitation of competitive
 2175 bids or proposals for any county, municipality, or other
 2176 political subdivision construction project that is projected to
 2177 cost more than \$500,000 shall be publicly advertised at least
 2178 once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where
 2179 the project is located at least 30 days prior to the established
 2180 bid opening and at least 5 days prior to any scheduled prebid
 2181 conference or publicly advertised during the 21-day period
 2182 immediately preceding the established bid opening date and
 2183 during the 5-day period immediately preceding any scheduled
 2184 prebid conference on a publicly accessible website maintained by
 2185 the entity responsible for publication. Bids or proposals shall
 2186 be received and opened at the location, date, and time
 2187 established in the bid or proposal advertisement. In cases of
 2188 emergency, the procedures required in this section may be
 2189 altered by the local governmental entity in any manner that is
 2190 reasonable under the emergency circumstances.

2191 Section 56. Section 274.06, Florida Statutes, is amended
 2192 to read:

2193 274.06 Alternative procedure.--Having consideration for
 2194 the best interests of the county or district, a governmental
 2195 unit's property that is obsolete or the continued use of which
 2196 is uneconomical or inefficient, or which serves no useful
 2197 function, which property is not otherwise lawfully disposed of,
 2198 may be disposed of for value to any person, or may be disposed

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2199 of for value without bids to the state, to any governmental
 2200 unit, or to any political subdivision as defined in s. 1.01, or
 2201 if the property is without commercial value it may be donated,
 2202 destroyed, or abandoned. The determination of property to be
 2203 disposed of by a governmental unit pursuant to this section
 2204 instead of pursuant to other provisions of law shall be at the
 2205 election of such governmental unit in the reasonable exercise of
 2206 its discretion. Property, the value of which the governmental
 2207 unit estimates to be under \$5,000, may be disposed of in the
 2208 most efficient and cost-effective means as determined by the
 2209 governmental unit. Any sale of property the value of which the
 2210 governmental unit estimates to be \$5,000 or more shall be sold
 2211 only to the highest responsible bidder, or by public auction,
 2212 after publication of notice not less than 1 week nor more than 2
 2213 weeks prior to sale in a newspaper having a general circulation
 2214 in the county or district in which is located the official
 2215 office of the governmental unit, and in additional newspapers if
 2216 in the judgment of the governmental unit the best interests of
 2217 the county or district will better be served by the additional
 2218 notices, or during the 2 weeks immediately preceding the sale on
 2219 a publicly accessible website maintained by the entity
 2220 responsible for publication; provided that nothing herein
 2221 contained shall be construed to require the sheriff of a county
 2222 to advertise the sale of miscellaneous contraband of an
 2223 estimated value of less than \$5,000.

2224 Section 57. Subsection (3) of section 290.0057, Florida
 2225 Statutes, is amended to read:

2226 290.0057 Enterprise zone development plan.--

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2227 (3) Prior to adopting the strategic plan, the governing
 2228 body or bodies shall hold a public hearing on the strategic plan
 2229 after public notice thereof by publication in a newspaper having
 2230 a general circulation in the area of operation of the governing
 2231 body or bodies or by publication on a publicly accessible
 2232 website maintained by the entity responsible for publication.

2233 The notice shall describe the time, date, place, and purpose of
 2234 the hearing, identify the nominated area covered by the plan,
 2235 and outline the general scope of the strategic plan under
 2236 consideration.

2237 Section 58. Subsections (2) and (6) of section 298.301,
 2238 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

2239 298.301 District water control plan adoption; district
 2240 boundary modification; plan amendment; notice forms; objections;
 2241 hearings; assessments.--

2242 (2) Before adopting a water control plan or plan
 2243 amendment, the board of supervisors must adopt a resolution to
 2244 consider adoption of the proposed plan or plan amendment. As
 2245 soon as the resolution proposing the adoption or amendment of
 2246 the district's water control plan has been filed with the
 2247 district secretary, the board of supervisors shall give notice
 2248 of a public hearing on the proposed plan or plan amendment by
 2249 causing publication to be made once a week for 3 consecutive
 2250 weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in each
 2251 county in which lands and other property described in the
 2252 resolution are situated or by publication for 3 consecutive
 2253 weeks on a publicly accessible website maintained by the entity

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2254 responsible for such publication. The notice must be in
 2255 substantially the following form:

2256
 2257 Notice of Hearing

2258
 2259 To the owners and all persons interested in the lands
 2260 corporate, and other property in and adjacent to the name of
 2261 district District.

2262 You are notified that the name of district District has
 2263 filed in the office of the secretary of the district a
 2264 resolution to consider approval of a water control plan or an
 2265 amendment to the current water control plan to provide here
 2266 insert a summary of the proposed water control plan or plan
 2267 amendment . On or before its scheduled meeting of (date and
 2268 time) at the district's offices located at (list address of
 2269 offices) written objections to the proposed plan or plan
 2270 amendment may be filed at the district's offices. A public
 2271 hearing on the proposed plan or plan amendment will be conducted
 2272 at the scheduled meeting, and written objections will be
 2273 considered at that time. At the conclusion of the hearing, the
 2274 board of supervisors may determine to proceed with the process
 2275 for approval of the proposed plan or plan amendment and direct
 2276 the district engineer to prepare an engineer's report
 2277 identifying any property to be taken, determining benefits and
 2278 damages, and estimating the cost of implementing the
 2279 improvements associated with the proposed plan or plan
 2280 amendment. A final hearing on approval of the proposed plan or
 2281 plan amendment and engineer's report shall be duly noticed and

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2282 held at a regularly scheduled board of supervisors meeting at
 2283 least 25 days but no later than 60 days after the last scheduled
 2284 publication of the notice of filing of the engineer's report
 2285 with the secretary of the district.

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2288 Date of first publication: _____, (year)

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2291 (Chair or President, Board of Supervisors)

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2293 _____ County, Florida

2294 (6) Upon the filing of the engineer's report, the board of
 2295 supervisors shall give notice thereof by arranging the
 2296 publication of the notice of filing of the engineer's report
 2297 together with a geographical depiction of the district once a
 2298 week for 2 consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general
 2299 circulation in each county in the district or by publication for
 2300 2 consecutive weeks on a publicly accessible website maintained
 2301 by the entity responsible for such publication. A location map
 2302 or legal description of the land shall constitute a geographical
 2303 depiction. The notice must be substantially as follows:

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2305 Notice of Filing Engineer's Report for

2306 _____ District

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2308 Notice is given to all persons interested in the following
 2309 described land and property in _____ County (or Counties),

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2310 Florida, viz.: (Here describe land and property) included
 2311 within the _____ district that the engineer hereto
 2312 appointed to determine benefits and damages to the property and
 2313 lands situated in the district and to determine the estimated
 2314 cost of construction required by the water control plan, within
 2315 or without the limits of the district, under the proposed water
 2316 control plan or plan amendment, filed her or his report in the
 2317 office of the secretary of the district, located at (list
 2318 address of district offices) , on the _____ day of
 2319 _____, (year) , and you may examine the report and
 2320 file written objections with the secretary of the district to
 2321 all, or any part thereof, on or before (enter date 20 days
 2322 after the last scheduled publication of this notice if published
 2323 in the newspaper or, if published on the website, enter date 60
 2324 days after the initial publication on the website, which date
 2325 must be before the date of the final hearing) . The report
 2326 recommends (describe benefits and damages) . A final hearing
 2327 to consider approval of the report and proposed water control
 2328 plan or plan amendment shall be held (time, place, and date at
 2329 least 25 days but no later than 60 days after the last scheduled
 2330 newspaper publication of this notice or, if published on the
 2331 website, no less than 60 days after the initial publication on
 2332 the website) .

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 2334 Date of first publication: _____, (year)
 2335 _____

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 2337 (Chair or President, Board of Supervisors)

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Section 59. Subsection (3) of section 348.243, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

348.243 Purposes and powers.--

(3) Any provision in this part or any other provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, the consent of any municipality is not necessary for any project of the authority, whether or not the project lies in whole or in part within the boundaries of the municipality. However, the officials and residents of any municipality in which any project of the authority is to be located, in whole or in part, shall be given ample opportunity to discuss the project and advise the authority as to their positions thereon at a duly advertised public hearing. Advertisement of the public hearing shall be published on a publicly accessible website maintained by the entity responsible for publication during the 2 weeks immediately preceding the public hearing or by way of a newspaper published in Broward County and circulated in the affected municipality. If advertised in the newspaper, the legal notice and display advertisement shall be published at least 2 weeks before the public hearing. Advertisement of the public hearing ~~and~~ shall contain the time and place of the public hearing and a short description of the subject to be discussed. The public hearing may be adjourned from time to time and set for a time and place certain without the necessity of further advertisement. In routing and locating any expressway or its interchanges in or through a municipality, the authority shall

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2366 | give due regard to the effect of such location on the
 2367 | municipality as a whole and shall not unreasonably split,
 2368 | divide, or otherwise separate areas of the municipality one from
 2369 | the other.

2370 | Section 60. Subsection (4) of section 348.83, Florida
 2371 | Statutes, is amended to read:

2372 | 348.83 Purposes and powers.--

2373 | (4) Anything in this part or any other provision of the
 2374 | law to the contrary notwithstanding, the consent of any
 2375 | municipality shall not be necessary for any project of the
 2376 | authority, whether or not the project lies within the boundaries
 2377 | of any municipality either in whole or in part. However, the
 2378 | officials and residents of any municipality in which any project
 2379 | of the authority is to be located in whole or in part shall be
 2380 | given ample opportunity to discuss the project and advise the
 2381 | authority as to their position thereon at a duly advertised
 2382 | public hearing. Advertisement of said public hearing shall be
 2383 | published on a publicly accessible website maintained by the
 2384 | entity responsible for publication during the 2 weeks
 2385 | immediately preceding the public hearing or by way of a
 2386 | newspaper published in Pasco County and circulated in the
 2387 | affected municipalities. If advertised in the newspaper, said
 2388 | legal advertisement shall be published once at least 2 weeks
 2389 | prior to the public hearing. Advertisement of the public hearing
 2390 | ~~and~~ shall contain the time and place of the public hearing and a
 2391 | short description of the subject to be discussed. The public
 2392 | hearing may be adjourned from time to time and set for a time
 2393 | and place certain without necessity of further advertisement.

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2394 Section 61. Subsection (3) of section 348.943, Florida
2395 Statutes, is amended to read:

2396 348.943 Purposes and powers.--

2397 (3) Any provision in this part or any other provision of
2398 law to the contrary notwithstanding, the consent of any
2399 municipality is not necessary for any project of the authority,
2400 whether or not the project lies in whole or in part within the
2401 boundaries of the municipality. However, the officials and
2402 residents of any municipality in which any project of the
2403 authority is to be located, in whole or in part, shall be given
2404 ample opportunity to discuss the project and advise the
2405 authority as to their positions thereon at a duly advertised
2406 public hearing. Advertisement of the public hearing shall be
2407 published on a publicly accessible website maintained by the
2408 entity responsible for publication during the 2 weeks
2409 immediately preceding the public hearing or by way of a
2410 newspaper published in St. Lucie County and circulated in the
2411 affected municipality. If advertised in the newspaper, the legal
2412 notice and display advertisement shall be published at least 2
2413 weeks before the public hearing. Advertisement of the public
2414 hearing ~~and~~ shall contain the time and place of the public
2415 hearing and a short description of the subject to be discussed.
2416 The public hearing may be adjourned from time to time and set
2417 for a time and place certain without the necessity of further
2418 advertisement. In routing and locating any expressway or its
2419 interchanges in or through a municipality, the authority shall
2420 give due regard to the effect of such location on the
2421 municipality as a whole and shall not unreasonably split,

2422 divide, or otherwise separate areas of the municipality one from
 2423 the other.

2424 Section 62. Subsection (4) of section 348.953, Florida
 2425 Statutes, is amended to read:

2426 348.953 Purposes and powers.--

2427 (4) Anything in this part or any other provision of the
 2428 law to the contrary notwithstanding, the consent of any
 2429 municipality shall not be necessary for any project of the
 2430 authority, whether or not the project lies within the boundaries
 2431 of any municipality, either in whole or in part. However, the
 2432 officials and residents of any municipality in which any project
 2433 of the authority is to be located, in whole or in part, shall be
 2434 given ample opportunity to discuss the project and advise the
 2435 authority as to their position thereon at a duly advertised
 2436 public hearing. Advertisement of the public hearing shall be
 2437 published on a publicly accessible website maintained by the
 2438 entity responsible for publication during the 2 weeks
 2439 immediately preceding the public hearing or by way of a
 2440 newspaper published in Seminole County and circulated in the
 2441 affected municipalities. If advertised in the newspaper, the
 2442 legal advertisement shall be published once at least 2 weeks
 2443 prior to the public hearing. Advertisement of the public hearing
 2444 ~~and~~ shall contain the time and place of the public hearing and a
 2445 short description of the subject to be discussed. The public
 2446 hearing may be adjourned from time to time and set for a time
 2447 and place certain without necessity of further advertisement. In
 2448 routing and locating any expressway or its interchanges in or
 2449 through a municipality, the authority shall give due regard to

2450 | the effect of such location on the municipality as a whole and
 2451 | shall not unreasonably split, divide, or otherwise separate
 2452 | areas of the municipality one from the other.

2453 | Section 63. Subsection (3) of section 348.968, Florida
 2454 | Statutes, is amended to read:

2455 | 348.968 Purposes and powers.--

2456 | (3) Any provision in this part or any other provision of
 2457 | law to the contrary notwithstanding, the consent of any
 2458 | municipality is not necessary for any project of the authority,
 2459 | whether or not the project lies in whole or in part within the
 2460 | boundaries of the municipality. However, the officials and
 2461 | residents of any municipality in which any project of the
 2462 | authority is to be located, in whole or in part, shall be given
 2463 | ample opportunity to discuss the project and advise the
 2464 | authority as to their positions thereon at a duly advertised
 2465 | public hearing. Advertisement of the public hearing shall be
 2466 | published on a publicly accessible website maintained by the
 2467 | entity responsible for publication during the 2 weeks
 2468 | immediately preceding the public hearing or by way of a
 2469 | newspaper published in Santa Rosa County and circulated in the
 2470 | affected municipality. If advertised in the newspaper, the legal
 2471 | notice and display advertisement shall be published at least 2
 2472 | weeks before the public hearing. Advertisement of the public
 2473 | hearing ~~and~~ shall contain the time and place of the public
 2474 | hearing and a short description of the subject to be discussed.
 2475 | The public hearing may be adjourned from time to time and set
 2476 | for a time and place certain without the necessity of further
 2477 | advertisement. In routing and locating any expressway or its

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2478 | interchanges in or through a municipality, the authority shall
 2479 | give due regard to the effect of such location on the
 2480 | municipality as a whole and shall not unreasonably split,
 2481 | divide, or otherwise separate areas of the municipality one from
 2482 | the other.

2483 | Section 64. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
 2484 | 350.81, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2485 | 350.81 Communications services offered by governmental
 2486 | entities.--

2487 | (2)(a) A governmental entity that proposes to provide a
 2488 | communications service shall hold no less than two public
 2489 | hearings, which shall be held not less than 30 days apart. At
 2490 | least 30 days before the first of the two public hearings, the
 2491 | governmental entity must give notice of the hearing in the
 2492 | predominant newspaper of general circulation in the area
 2493 | considered for service or by publication during the 30 days
 2494 | immediately preceding the first of the two public hearings on a
 2495 | publicly accessible website maintained by the entity responsible
 2496 | for such publication. At least 40 days before the first public
 2497 | hearing, the governmental entity must electronically provide
 2498 | notice to the Department of Revenue and the Public Service
 2499 | Commission, which shall post the notice on the department's and
 2500 | the commission's website to be available to the public. The
 2501 | Department of Revenue shall also send the notice by United
 2502 | States Postal Service to the known addresses for all dealers of
 2503 | communications services registered with the department under
 2504 | chapter 202 or provide an electronic notification, if the means
 2505 | are available, within 10 days after receiving the notice. The

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2506 notice must include the time and place of the hearings and must
 2507 state that the purpose of the hearings is to consider whether
 2508 the governmental entity will provide communications services.
 2509 The notice must include, at a minimum, the geographic areas
 2510 proposed to be served by the governmental entity and the
 2511 services, if any, which the governmental entity believes are not
 2512 currently being adequately provided. The notice must also state
 2513 that any dealer who wishes to do so may appear and be heard at
 2514 the public hearings.

2515 Section 65. Paragraph (c) of subsection (8) of section
 2516 373.4592, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2517 373.4592 Everglades improvement and management.--

2518 (8) SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS.--

2519 (c) The district shall publish notice of the certification
 2520 of the non-ad valorem assessment roll pursuant to chapter 197 in
 2521 a newspaper of general circulation in the counties wherein the
 2522 assessment is being levied, within 1 week after the district
 2523 certifies the non-ad valorem assessment roll to the tax
 2524 collector pursuant to s. 197.3632(5), or on a publicly
 2525 accessible website maintained by the district during the week
 2526 after the district certifies the non-ad valorem assessment roll
 2527 to the tax collector. The assessments levied pursuant to
 2528 paragraph (a) shall be final and conclusive as to each lot or
 2529 parcel unless the owner thereof shall, within 90 days of
 2530 certification of the non-ad valorem assessment roll pursuant to
 2531 s. 197.3632(5), commence an action in circuit court. Absent such
 2532 commencement of an action within such period of time by an owner
 2533 of a lot or parcel, such owner shall thereafter be estopped to

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2534 raise any question related to the special benefit afforded the
 2535 property or the reasonableness of the amount of the assessment.
 2536 Except with respect to an owner who has commenced such an
 2537 action, the non-ad valorem assessment roll as finally adopted
 2538 and certified by the South Florida Water Management District to
 2539 the tax collector pursuant to s. 197.3632(5) shall be competent
 2540 and sufficient evidence that the assessments were duly levied
 2541 and that all other proceedings adequate to the adoption of the
 2542 non-ad valorem assessment roll were duly held, taken, and
 2543 performed as required by s. 197.3632. If any assessment is
 2544 abated in whole or in part by the court, the amount by which the
 2545 assessment is so reduced may, by resolution of the governing
 2546 board of the district, be payable from funds of the district
 2547 legally available for that purpose, or at the discretion of the
 2548 governing board of the district, assessments may be increased in
 2549 the manner provided in s. 197.3632.

2550 Section 66. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section
 2551 373.45924, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2552 373.45924 South Florida Water Management District;
 2553 Everglades truth in borrowing.--

2554 (2) Whenever the South Florida Water Management District
 2555 proposes to borrow or to otherwise finance with debt any fixed
 2556 capital outlay projects or operating capital outlay for purposes
 2557 pursuant to s. 373.4592, it shall develop the following
 2558 documents to explain the issuance of a debt or obligation:

2559 (c) A truth-in-borrowing statement, developed from the
 2560 information compiled pursuant to this section, in substantially
 2561 the following form:

2562
 2563 The South Florida Water Management District is proposing to
 2564 incur \$ (insert principal) of debt or obligation through
 2565 borrowing for the purpose of (insert purpose) . This debt or
 2566 obligation is expected to be repaid over a period of (insert
 2567 term of issue from subparagraph (b)5.) years from the
 2568 following sources: (list sources) . At a forecasted interest
 2569 rate of (insert rate of interest from subparagraph (b)4.) ,
 2570 total interest paid over the life of the debt or obligation will
 2571 be \$ (insert sum of interest payments) .

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 2573 The truth-in-borrowing statement shall be published as a notice
 2574 in one or more newspapers having a combined general circulation
 2575 in the counties having land in the district or on a publicly
 2576 accessible website maintained by the district. If advertised in
 2577 the newspaper, such notice must be at least 6 inches square in
 2578 size and shall not be placed in that portion of the newspaper
 2579 where legal notices and classified advertisements appear.

2580 Section 67. Paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) of
 2581 subsection (3) of section 373.536, Florida Statutes, are amended
 2582 to read:

2583 373.536 District budget and hearing thereon.--

2584 (3) BUDGET HEARINGS AND WORKSHOPS; NOTICE.--

2585 (a) Unless alternative notice requirements are otherwise
 2586 provided by law, notice of all budget hearings conducted by the
 2587 governing board or district staff must be published in a
 2588 newspaper of general paid circulation in each county in which
 2589 the district lies not less than 5 days nor more than 15 days

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2590 before the hearing or published during the 15 days before the
 2591 hearing on a publicly accessible website maintained by the
 2592 district.

2593 (b) Budget workshops conducted for the public and not
 2594 governed by s. 200.065 must be advertised in a newspaper of
 2595 general paid circulation in the community or area in which the
 2596 workshop will occur not less than 5 days nor more than 15 days
 2597 before the workshop or advertised during the 15 days before the
 2598 hearing on a publicly accessible website maintained by the
 2599 district.

2600 (c) The tentative budget shall be adopted in accordance
 2601 with the provisions of s. 200.065; however, if the mailing of
 2602 the notice of proposed property taxes is delayed beyond
 2603 September 3 in any county in which the district lies, the
 2604 district shall advertise its intention to adopt a tentative
 2605 budget and millage rate, pursuant to s. 200.065(3)(g), in a
 2606 newspaper of general paid circulation in that county or on a
 2607 publicly accessible website maintained by the district.

2608 (d) As provided in s. 200.065(2)(d), the board shall
 2609 publish one or more notices of its intention to adopt a final
 2610 budget for the district for the ensuing fiscal year. The notice
 2611 shall appear adjacent to an advertisement that sets forth the
 2612 tentative budget in a format meeting the budget summary
 2613 requirements of s. 129.03(3)(b). The district shall not include
 2614 expenditures of federal special revenues and state special
 2615 revenues when preparing the statement required by s.
 2616 200.065(3)(1). The notice and advertisement shall be published
 2617 in one or more newspapers having a combined general paid

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2618 | circulation in each county in which the district lies or on a
 2619 | publicly accessible website maintained by the district.
 2620 | Districts may include explanatory phrases and examples in budget
 2621 | advertisements published under s. 200.065 to clarify or
 2622 | illustrate the effect that the district budget may have on ad
 2623 | valorem taxes.

2624 | Section 68. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (2) of
 2625 | section 376.80, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

2626 | 376.80 Brownfield program administration process.--
 2627 | (2) (a) If a local government proposes to designate a
 2628 | brownfield area that is outside community redevelopment areas,
 2629 | enterprise zones, empowerment zones, closed military bases, or
 2630 | designated brownfield pilot project areas, the local government
 2631 | shall adopt the resolution and conduct the public hearings in
 2632 | accordance with the requirements of subsection (1), except at
 2633 | least one of the required public hearings shall be conducted as
 2634 | close as reasonably practicable to the area to be designated to
 2635 | provide an opportunity for public input on the size of the area,
 2636 | the objectives for rehabilitation, job opportunities and
 2637 | economic developments anticipated, neighborhood residents'
 2638 | considerations, and other relevant local concerns. Notice of the
 2639 | public hearing must be made in a newspaper of general
 2640 | circulation in the area or on a publicly accessible website
 2641 | maintained by the local government. ~~and~~ If advertised in the
 2642 | newspaper, the notice must be at least 16 square inches in size.
 2643 | Notice of the public hearing, must be in ethnic newspapers or
 2644 | local community bulletins, must be posted in the affected area,
 2645 | and must be announced at a scheduled meeting of the local

2646 governing body before the actual public hearing. In determining
 2647 the areas to be designated, the local government must consider:

2648 1. Whether the brownfield area warrants economic
 2649 development and has a reasonable potential for such activities;

2650 2. Whether the proposed area to be designated represents a
 2651 reasonably focused approach and is not overly large in
 2652 geographic coverage;

2653 3. Whether the area has potential to interest the private
 2654 sector in participating in rehabilitation; and

2655 4. Whether the area contains sites or parts of sites
 2656 suitable for limited recreational open space, cultural, or
 2657 historical preservation purposes.

2658 (b) A local government shall designate a brownfield area
 2659 under the provisions of this act provided that:

2660 1. A person who owns or controls a potential brownfield
 2661 site is requesting the designation and has agreed to
 2662 rehabilitate and redevelop the brownfield site;

2663 2. The rehabilitation and redevelopment of the proposed
 2664 brownfield site will result in economic productivity of the
 2665 area, along with the creation of at least 5 new permanent jobs
 2666 at the brownfield site that are full-time equivalent positions
 2667 not associated with the implementation of the brownfield site
 2668 rehabilitation agreement and that are not associated with
 2669 redevelopment project demolition or construction activities
 2670 pursuant to the redevelopment of the proposed brownfield site or
 2671 area. However, the job creation requirement shall not apply to
 2672 the rehabilitation and redevelopment of a brownfield site that

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2673 will provide affordable housing as defined in s. 420.0004 or the
 2674 creation of recreational areas, conservation areas, or parks;

2675 3. The redevelopment of the proposed brownfield site is
 2676 consistent with the local comprehensive plan and is a
 2677 permittable use under the applicable local land development
 2678 regulations;

2679 4. Notice of the proposed rehabilitation of the brownfield
 2680 area has been provided to neighbors and nearby residents of the
 2681 proposed area to be designated, and the person proposing the
 2682 area for designation has afforded to those receiving notice the
 2683 opportunity for comments and suggestions about rehabilitation.
 2684 Notice pursuant to this subparagraph must be made on a publicly
 2685 accessible website maintained by the entity responsible for
 2686 publication or in a newspaper of general circulation in the
 2687 area, at least 16 square inches in size, and the notice must be
 2688 posted in the affected area; and

2689 5. The person proposing the area for designation has
 2690 provided reasonable assurance that he or she has sufficient
 2691 financial resources to implement and complete the rehabilitation
 2692 agreement and redevelopment of the brownfield site.

2693 Section 69. Subsection (3) of section 379.2425, Florida
 2694 Statutes, is amended to read:

2695 379.2425 Spearfishing; definition; limitations; penalty.--

2696 (3) The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission shall
 2697 have the power to establish restricted areas when it is
 2698 determined that safety hazards exist or when needs are
 2699 determined by biological findings. Restricted areas shall be
 2700 established only after an investigation has been conducted and

2701 upon application by the governing body of the county or
 2702 municipality in which the restricted areas are to be located and
 2703 one publication in a local newspaper of general circulation in
 2704 said county or municipality or on a publicly accessible website
 2705 maintained by the entity responsible for publication, in
 2706 addition to any other notice required by law. Prior to
 2707 promulgation of regulations, the local governing body of the
 2708 area affected shall agree to post and maintain notices in the
 2709 area affected.

2710 Section 70. Paragraph (e) of subsection (25) of section
 2711 380.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2712 380.06 Developments of regional impact.--

2713 (25) AREAWIDE DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT.--

2714 (e) The local government shall schedule a public hearing
 2715 within 60 days after receipt of the petition. The public hearing
 2716 shall be advertised at least 30 days prior to the hearing. In
 2717 addition to the public hearing notice by the local government,
 2718 the petitioner, except when the petitioner is a local
 2719 government, shall provide actual notice to each person owning
 2720 land within the proposed areawide development plan at least 30
 2721 days prior to the hearing. If the petitioner is a local
 2722 government, or local governments pursuant to an interlocal
 2723 agreement, notice of the public hearing shall be provided by the
 2724 publication of an advertisement on a publicly accessible website
 2725 maintained by the entity responsible for publication or in a
 2726 newspaper of general circulation that meets the requirements of
 2727 this paragraph. The newspaper advertisement must be no less than
 2728 one-quarter page in a standard size or tabloid size newspaper,

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2729 and the headline in the newspaper advertisement must be in type
2730 no smaller than 18 point. The newspaper advertisement shall not
2731 be published in that portion of the newspaper where legal
2732 notices and classified advertisements appear. The advertisement
2733 must be published on a publicly accessible website maintained by
2734 the entity responsible for publication or in a newspaper of
2735 general paid circulation in the county and of general interest
2736 and readership in the community, not one of limited subject
2737 matter, pursuant to chapter 50. Whenever possible, the newspaper
2738 advertisement must appear in a newspaper that is published at
2739 least 5 days a week, unless the only newspaper in the community
2740 is published less than 5 days a week. The advertisement must be
2741 in substantially the form used to advertise amendments to
2742 comprehensive plans pursuant to s. 163.3184. The local
2743 government shall specifically notify in writing the regional
2744 planning agency and the state land planning agency at least 30
2745 days prior to the public hearing. At the public hearing, all
2746 interested parties may testify and submit evidence regarding the
2747 petitioner's qualifications, the need for and benefits of an
2748 areawide development of regional impact, and such other issues
2749 relevant to a full consideration of the petition. If more than
2750 one local government has jurisdiction over the defined planning
2751 area in an areawide development plan, the local governments
2752 shall hold a joint public hearing. Such hearing shall address,
2753 at a minimum, the need to resolve conflicting ordinances or
2754 comprehensive plans, if any. The local government holding the
2755 joint hearing shall comply with the following additional
2756 requirements:

2757 1. The notice of the hearing shall be published at least
 2758 60 days in advance of the hearing and shall specify where the
 2759 petition may be reviewed.

2760 2. The notice shall be given to the state land planning
 2761 agency, to the applicable regional planning agency, and to such
 2762 other persons as may have been designated by the state land
 2763 planning agency as entitled to receive such notices.

2764 3. A public hearing date shall be set by the appropriate
 2765 local government at the next scheduled meeting.

2766 Section 71. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
 2767 403.973, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2768 403.973 Expedited permitting; comprehensive plan
 2769 amendments.--

2770 (2) As used in this section, the term:

2771 (a) "Duly noticed" means publication on a publicly
 2772 accessible website maintained by the municipality or county with
 2773 jurisdiction or in a newspaper of general circulation in the
 2774 municipality or county with jurisdiction. If published in the
 2775 newspaper, the notice shall appear on at least 2 separate days,
 2776 one of which shall be at least 7 days before the meeting. If
 2777 published on a publicly accessible website, the notice shall
 2778 appear during the 7 days immediately preceding the meeting. The
 2779 newspaper notice shall state the date, time, and place of the
 2780 meeting scheduled to discuss or enact the memorandum of
 2781 agreement, and the places within the municipality or county
 2782 where such proposed memorandum of agreement may be inspected by
 2783 the public. The notice must be one-eighth of a page in size and
 2784 must be published in a portion of the paper other than the legal

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2785 notices section. The notice shall also advise that interested
 2786 parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to
 2787 the memorandum of agreement.

2788 Section 72. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section
 2789 420.9075, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2790 420.9075 Local housing assistance plans; partnerships.--

2791 (4) Each local housing assistance plan is governed by the
 2792 following criteria and administrative procedures:

2793 (b) The county or eligible municipality or its
 2794 administrative representative shall advertise the notice of
 2795 funding availability in a newspaper of general circulation and
 2796 periodicals serving ethnic and diverse neighborhoods, at least
 2797 30 days before the beginning of the application period or shall
 2798 advertise the notice during the 30 days immediately preceding
 2799 the application period on a publicly accessible website
 2800 maintained by the county or eligible municipality. If no funding
 2801 is available due to a waiting list, no notice of funding
 2802 availability is required.

2803 Section 73. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section
 2804 553.73, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2805 553.73 Florida Building Code.--

2806 (4)

2807 (b) Local governments may, subject to the limitations of
 2808 this section, adopt amendments to the technical provisions of
 2809 the Florida Building Code which apply solely within the
 2810 jurisdiction of such government and which provide for more
 2811 stringent requirements than those specified in the Florida
 2812 Building Code, not more than once every 6 months. A local

2813 government may adopt technical amendments that address local
 2814 needs if:

2815 1. The local governing body determines, following a public
 2816 hearing which has been advertised in a newspaper of general
 2817 circulation at least 10 days before the hearing or advertised
 2818 during the 10 days immediately preceding the hearing on a
 2819 publicly accessible website maintained by the local government,
 2820 that there is a need to strengthen the requirements of the
 2821 Florida Building Code. The determination must be based upon a
 2822 review of local conditions by the local governing body, which
 2823 review demonstrates by evidence or data that the geographical
 2824 jurisdiction governed by the local governing body exhibits a
 2825 local need to strengthen the Florida Building Code beyond the
 2826 needs or regional variation addressed by the Florida Building
 2827 Code, that the local need is addressed by the proposed local
 2828 amendment, and that the amendment is no more stringent than
 2829 necessary to address the local need.

2830 2. Such additional requirements are not discriminatory
 2831 against materials, products, or construction techniques of
 2832 demonstrated capabilities.

2833 3. Such additional requirements may not introduce a new
 2834 subject not addressed in the Florida Building Code.

2835 4. The enforcing agency shall make readily available, in a
 2836 usable format, all amendments adopted pursuant to this section.

2837 5. Any amendment to the Florida Building Code shall be
 2838 transmitted within 30 days by the adopting local government to
 2839 the commission. The commission shall maintain copies of all such
 2840 amendments in a format that is usable and obtainable by the

2841 public. Local technical amendments shall not become effective
 2842 until 30 days after the amendment has been received and
 2843 published by the commission.

2844 6. Any amendment to the Florida Building Code adopted by a
 2845 local government pursuant to this paragraph shall be effective
 2846 only until the adoption by the commission of the new edition of
 2847 the Florida Building Code every third year. At such time, the
 2848 commission shall review such amendment for consistency with the
 2849 criteria in paragraph (8) (a) and adopt such amendment as part of
 2850 the Florida Building Code or rescind the amendment. The
 2851 commission shall immediately notify the respective local
 2852 government of the rescission of any amendment. After receiving
 2853 such notice, the respective local government may readopt the
 2854 rescinded amendment pursuant to the provisions of this
 2855 paragraph.

2856 7. Each county and municipality desiring to make local
 2857 technical amendments to the Florida Building Code shall by
 2858 interlocal agreement establish a countywide compliance review
 2859 board to review any amendment to the Florida Building Code,
 2860 adopted by a local government within the county pursuant to this
 2861 paragraph, that is challenged by any substantially affected
 2862 party for purposes of determining the amendment's compliance
 2863 with this paragraph. If challenged, the local technical
 2864 amendments shall not become effective until time for filing an
 2865 appeal pursuant to subparagraph 8. has expired or, if there is
 2866 an appeal, until the commission issues its final order
 2867 determining the adopted amendment is in compliance with this
 2868 subsection.

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2869 8. If the compliance review board determines such
2870 amendment is not in compliance with this paragraph, the
2871 compliance review board shall notify such local government of
2872 the noncompliance and that the amendment is invalid and
2873 unenforceable until the local government corrects the amendment
2874 to bring it into compliance. The local government may appeal the
2875 decision of the compliance review board to the commission. If
2876 the compliance review board determines such amendment to be in
2877 compliance with this paragraph, any substantially affected party
2878 may appeal such determination to the commission. Any such appeal
2879 shall be filed with the commission within 14 days of the board's
2880 written determination. The commission shall promptly refer the
2881 appeal to the Division of Administrative Hearings for the
2882 assignment of an administrative law judge. The administrative
2883 law judge shall conduct the required hearing within 30 days, and
2884 shall enter a recommended order within 30 days of the conclusion
2885 of such hearing. The commission shall enter a final order within
2886 30 days thereafter. The provisions of chapter 120 and the
2887 uniform rules of procedure shall apply to such proceedings. The
2888 local government adopting the amendment that is subject to
2889 challenge has the burden of proving that the amendment complies
2890 with this paragraph in proceedings before the compliance review
2891 board and the commission, as applicable. Actions of the
2892 commission are subject to judicial review pursuant to s. 120.68.
2893 The compliance review board shall determine whether its
2894 decisions apply to a respective local jurisdiction or apply
2895 countywide.

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2896 9. An amendment adopted under this paragraph shall include
2897 a fiscal impact statement which documents the costs and benefits
2898 of the proposed amendment. Criteria for the fiscal impact
2899 statement shall include the impact to local government relative
2900 to enforcement, the impact to property and building owners, as
2901 well as to industry, relative to the cost of compliance. The
2902 fiscal impact statement may not be used as a basis for
2903 challenging the amendment for compliance.

2904 10. In addition to subparagraphs 7. and 9., the commission
2905 may review any amendments adopted pursuant to this subsection
2906 and make nonbinding recommendations related to compliance of
2907 such amendments with this subsection.

2908 Section 74. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
2909 633.025, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2910 633.025 Minimum firesafety standards.--

2911 (4) Such codes shall be minimum codes and a municipality,
2912 county, or special district with firesafety responsibilities may
2913 adopt more stringent firesafety standards, subject to the
2914 requirements of this subsection. Such county, municipality, or
2915 special district may establish alternative requirements to those
2916 requirements which are required under the minimum firesafety
2917 standards on a case-by-case basis, in order to meet special
2918 situations arising from historic, geographic, or unusual
2919 conditions, if the alternative requirements result in a level of
2920 protection to life, safety, or property equal to or greater than
2921 the applicable minimum firesafety standards. For the purpose of
2922 this subsection, the term "historic" means that the building or

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2923 structure is listed on the National Register of Historic Places
 2924 of the United States Department of the Interior.

2925 (a) The local governing body shall determine, following a
 2926 public hearing which has been advertised in a newspaper of
 2927 general circulation at least 10 days before the hearing or
 2928 advertised during the 10 days immediately preceding the hearing
 2929 on a publicly accessible website maintained by the local
 2930 government, if there is a need to strengthen the requirements of
 2931 the minimum firesafety code adopted by such governing body. The
 2932 determination must be based upon a review of local conditions by
 2933 the local governing body, which review demonstrates that local
 2934 conditions justify more stringent requirements than those
 2935 specified in the minimum firesafety code for the protection of
 2936 life and property or justify requirements that meet special
 2937 situations arising from historic, geographic, or unusual
 2938 conditions.

2939
 2940 This subsection gives local government the authority to
 2941 establish firesafety codes that exceed the minimum firesafety
 2942 codes and standards adopted by the State Fire Marshal. The
 2943 Legislature intends that local government give proper public
 2944 notice and hold public hearings before adopting more stringent
 2945 firesafety codes and standards. A substantially affected person
 2946 may appeal, to the department, the local government's resolution
 2947 of the challenge, and the department shall determine if the
 2948 amendment complies with this section. Actions of the department
 2949 are subject to judicial review pursuant to s. 120.68. The
 2950 department shall consider reports of the Florida Building

2951 Commission, pursuant to part IV of chapter 553, when evaluating
 2952 building code enforcement.

2953 Section 75. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
 2954 705.103, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2955 705.103 Procedure for abandoned or lost property.--

2956 (2) Whenever a law enforcement officer ascertains that an
 2957 article of lost or abandoned property is present on public
 2958 property and is of such nature that it cannot be easily removed,
 2959 the officer shall cause a notice to be placed upon such article
 2960 in substantially the following form:

2961
 2962 NOTICE TO THE OWNER AND ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ATTACHED
 2963 PROPERTY. This property, to wit: (setting forth brief
 2964 description) is unlawfully upon public property known as
 2965 (setting forth brief description of location) and must be
 2966 removed within 5 days; otherwise, it will be removed and
 2967 disposed of pursuant to chapter 705, Florida Statutes. The owner
 2968 will be liable for the costs of removal, storage, and
 2969 publication of notice. Dated this: (setting forth the date of
 2970 posting of notice) , signed: (setting forth name, title,
 2971 address, and telephone number of law enforcement officer) .

2972
 2973 Such notice shall be not less than 8 inches by 10 inches and
 2974 shall be sufficiently weatherproof to withstand normal exposure
 2975 to the elements. In addition to posting, the law enforcement
 2976 officer shall make a reasonable effort to ascertain the name and
 2977 address of the owner. If such is reasonably available to the
 2978 officer, she or he shall mail a copy of such notice to the owner

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2979 on or before the date of posting. If the property is a motor
 2980 vehicle as defined in s. 320.01(1) or a vessel as defined in s.
 2981 327.02, the law enforcement agency shall contact the Department
 2982 of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles in order to determine the
 2983 name and address of the owner and any person who has filed a
 2984 lien on the vehicle or vessel as provided in s. 319.27(2) or (3)
 2985 or s. 328.15(1). On receipt of this information, the law
 2986 enforcement agency shall mail a copy of the notice by certified
 2987 mail, return receipt requested, to the owner and to the
 2988 lienholder, if any. If, at the end of 5 days after posting the
 2989 notice and mailing such notice, if required, the owner or any
 2990 person interested in the lost or abandoned article or articles
 2991 described has not removed the article or articles from public
 2992 property or shown reasonable cause for failure to do so, the
 2993 following shall apply:

2994 (b) For lost property, the officer shall take custody and
 2995 the agency shall retain custody of the property for 90 days. The
 2996 agency shall publish notice of the intended disposition of the
 2997 property, as provided in this section, during the first 45 days
 2998 of this time period.

2999 1. If the agency elects to retain the property for use by
 3000 the unit of government, donate the property to a charitable
 3001 organization, surrender such property to the finder, sell the
 3002 property, or trade the property to another unit of local
 3003 government or state agency, notice of such election shall be
 3004 given by an advertisement published for 2 consecutive weeks on a
 3005 publicly accessible website maintained by the entity responsible
 3006 for publication or once a week for 2 consecutive weeks in a

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3007 newspaper of general circulation in the county where the
3008 property was found if the value of the property is more than
3009 \$100. If the value of the property is \$100 or less, notice shall
3010 be given by posting a description of the property at the law
3011 enforcement agency where the property was turned in. The notice
3012 must be posted for not less than 2 consecutive weeks in a public
3013 place designated by the law enforcement agency. The notice must
3014 describe the property in a manner reasonably adequate to permit
3015 the rightful owner of the property to claim it.

3016 2. If the agency elects to sell the property, it must do
3017 so at public sale by competitive bidding. Notice of the time and
3018 place of the sale shall be given by an advertisement of the sale
3019 published for the 4 consecutive weeks immediately preceding the
3020 sale on a publicly accessible website maintained by the entity
3021 responsible for publication or once a week for 2 consecutive
3022 weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where
3023 the sale is to be held. The notice shall include a statement
3024 that the sale shall be subject to any and all liens. The sale
3025 must be held at the nearest suitable place to that where the
3026 lost or abandoned property is held or stored. The advertisement
3027 must include a description of the goods and the time and place
3028 of the sale. If advertised in the newspaper, the sale may take
3029 place no earlier than 10 days after the final publication. If
3030 there is no publicly accessible website maintained by the entity
3031 responsible for publication or newspaper of general circulation
3032 in the county where the sale is to be held, the advertisement
3033 shall be posted at the door of the courthouse and at three other
3034 public places in the county at least 10 days prior to sale.

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3035 Notice of the agency's intended disposition shall describe the
 3036 property in a manner reasonably adequate to permit the rightful
 3037 owner of the property to identify it.

3038 Section 76. Subsection (2) of section 715.109, Florida
 3039 Statutes, is amended to read:

3040 715.109 Sale or disposition of abandoned property.--

3041 (2) Notice of the time and place of the public sale shall
 3042 be given by an advertisement of the sale published once a week
 3043 for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation
 3044 where the sale is to be held or published during the 4 weeks
 3045 immediately preceding the sale on a publicly accessible website
 3046 maintained by the entity responsible for publication. The sale
 3047 must be held at the nearest suitable place to that where the
 3048 personal property is held or stored. The advertisement must
 3049 include a description of the goods, the name of the former
 3050 tenant, and the time and place of the sale. If advertised in the
 3051 newspaper, the sale must take place at least 10 days after the
 3052 first publication. If there is no newspaper of general
 3053 circulation where the sale is to be held or no publicly
 3054 accessible website maintained by the governing body responsible
 3055 for publication, the advertisement must be posted at least 10
 3056 days before the sale in not less than six conspicuous places in
 3057 the neighborhood of the proposed sale. The last publication
 3058 shall be at least 5 days before the sale is to be held. Notice
 3059 of sale may be published before the last of the dates specified
 3060 for taking possession of the property in any notice given
 3061 pursuant to s. 715.104.

3062 Section 77. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
 3063 made by this act to section 50.011, Florida Statutes, in
 3064 references thereto, the following sections or subdivisions of
 3065 Florida Statutes are reenacted to read:

3066 193.122 Certificates of value adjustment board and
 3067 property appraiser; extensions on the assessment rolls.--

3068 (2) After the first certification of the tax rolls by the
 3069 value adjustment board, the property appraiser shall make all
 3070 required extensions on the rolls to show the tax attributable to
 3071 all taxable property. Upon completion of these extensions, and
 3072 upon satisfying himself or herself that all property is properly
 3073 taxed, the property appraiser shall certify the tax rolls and
 3074 shall within 1 week thereafter publish notice of the date and
 3075 fact of extension and certification in a periodical meeting the
 3076 requirements of s. 50.011 and publicly display a notice of the
 3077 date of certification in the office of the property appraiser.
 3078 The property appraiser shall also supply notice of the date of
 3079 the certification to any taxpayer who requests one in writing.
 3080 These certificates and notices shall be made in the form
 3081 required by the department and shall be attached to each roll as
 3082 required by the department by regulation.

3083 316.066 Written reports of crashes.--

3084 (5)

3085 (b) Crash reports held by an agency under paragraph (a)
 3086 may be made immediately available to the parties involved in the
 3087 crash, their legal representatives, their licensed insurance
 3088 agents, their insurers or insurers to which they have applied
 3089 for coverage, persons under contract with such insurers to

3090 provide claims or underwriting information, prosecutorial
 3091 authorities, victim services programs, radio and television
 3092 stations licensed by the Federal Communications Commission,
 3093 newspapers qualified to publish legal notices under ss. 50.011
 3094 and 50.031, and free newspapers of general circulation,
 3095 published once a week or more often, available and of interest
 3096 to the public generally for the dissemination of news. For the
 3097 purposes of this section, the following products or publications
 3098 are not newspapers as referred to in this section: those
 3099 intended primarily for members of a particular profession or
 3100 occupational group; those with the primary purpose of
 3101 distributing advertising; and those with the primary purpose of
 3102 publishing names and other personal identifying information
 3103 concerning parties to motor vehicle crashes.

3104 Section 78. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
 3105 made by this act to section 100.342, Florida Statutes, in
 3106 references thereto, the following sections or subdivisions of
 3107 Florida Statutes are reenacted to read:

3108 100.211 Power to call bond referendum; notice
 3109 required.--The board of county commissioners or the governing
 3110 authority of any district or municipality may call a bond
 3111 referendum under this code. In the event any referendum is
 3112 called to decide whether a majority of the electors
 3113 participating are in favor of the issuance of bonds in the
 3114 county, district, or municipality, the board of county
 3115 commissioners, or the governing authority of the municipality or
 3116 district, shall by resolution order the bond referendum to be

3117 held in the county, district, or municipality and shall give
 3118 notice of the election in the manner prescribed by s. 100.342.

3119 125.82 Charter adoption by ordinance.--

3120 (1) As a supplemental and alternative way to the
 3121 provisions of ss. 125.60-125.64, inclusive, the board of county
 3122 commissioners may propose by ordinance a charter consistent with
 3123 the provisions of this part and provide for a special election
 3124 pursuant to the procedures established in s. 101.161(1) with
 3125 notice published as provided in s. 100.342. The time period
 3126 provided in s. 125.64 does not apply to the proposal of a
 3127 charter by ordinance under this section.

3128 (2) Any charter proposed under this section which was
 3129 adopted by vote of the electors at an election conducted and
 3130 noticed in conformance with the requirements of ss. 100.342 and
 3131 101.161(1) is hereby ratified.

3132 Section 79. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
 3133 made by this act to section 125.66, Florida Statutes, in
 3134 references thereto, the following sections or subdivisions of
 3135 Florida Statutes are reenacted to read:

3136 125.56 Enforcement and amendment of the Florida Building
 3137 Code and the Florida Fire Prevention Code; inspection fees;
 3138 inspectors; etc.--

3139 (1) The board of county commissioners of each of the
 3140 several counties of the state is authorized to enforce the
 3141 Florida Building Code and the Florida Fire Prevention Code, as
 3142 provided in ss. 553.80, 633.022, and 633.025, and, at its
 3143 discretion, to adopt local technical amendments to the Florida
 3144 Building Code, pursuant to s. 553.73(4) (b) and (c) and local

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3145 technical amendments to the Florida Fire Prevention Code,
 3146 pursuant to s. 633.0215, to provide for the safe construction,
 3147 erection, alteration, repair, securing, and demolition of any
 3148 building within its territory outside the corporate limits of
 3149 any municipality. Upon a determination to consider amending the
 3150 Florida Building Code or the Florida Fire Prevention Code by a
 3151 majority of the members of the board of county commissioners of
 3152 such county, the board shall call a public hearing and comply
 3153 with the public notice requirements of s. 125.66(2). The board
 3154 shall hear all interested parties at the public hearing and may
 3155 then amend the building code or the fire code consistent with
 3156 the terms and purposes of this act. Upon adoption, an amendment
 3157 to the code shall be in full force and effect throughout the
 3158 unincorporated area of such county until otherwise notified by
 3159 the Florida Building Commission pursuant to s. 553.73 or the
 3160 State Fire Marshal pursuant to s. 633.0215. Nothing herein
 3161 contained shall be construed to prevent the board of county
 3162 commissioners from repealing such amendment to the building code
 3163 or the fire code at any regular meeting of such board.

3164 212.054 Discretionary sales surtax; limitations,
 3165 administration, and collection.--

3166 (6) The governing body of any county levying a
 3167 discretionary sales surtax shall enact an ordinance levying the
 3168 surtax in accordance with the procedures described in s.
 3169 125.66(2).

3170 212.055 Discretionary sales surtaxes; legislative intent;
 3171 authorization and use of proceeds.--It is the legislative intent
 3172 that any authorization for imposition of a discretionary sales

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3173 | surtax shall be published in the Florida Statutes as a
 3174 | subsection of this section, irrespective of the duration of the
 3175 | levy. Each enactment shall specify the types of counties
 3176 | authorized to levy; the rate or rates which may be imposed; the
 3177 | maximum length of time the surtax may be imposed, if any; the
 3178 | procedure which must be followed to secure voter approval, if
 3179 | required; the purpose for which the proceeds may be expended;
 3180 | and such other requirements as the Legislature may provide.
 3181 | Taxable transactions and administrative procedures shall be as
 3182 | provided in s. 212.054.

3183 | (2) LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE SURTAX.--

3184 | (f)1. Notwithstanding paragraph (d), a county that has a
 3185 | population of 50,000 or less on April 1, 1992, or any county
 3186 | designated as an area of critical state concern on the effective
 3187 | date of this act, and that imposed the surtax before July 1,
 3188 | 1992, may use the proceeds and interest of the surtax for any
 3189 | public purpose if:

3190 | a. The debt service obligations for any year are met;

3191 | b. The county's comprehensive plan has been determined to
 3192 | be in compliance with part II of chapter 163; and

3193 | c. The county has adopted an amendment to the surtax
 3194 | ordinance pursuant to the procedure provided in s. 125.66
 3195 | authorizing additional uses of the surtax proceeds and interest.

3196 | 2. A municipality located within a county that has a
 3197 | population of 50,000 or less on April 1, 1992, or within a
 3198 | county designated as an area of critical state concern on the
 3199 | effective date of this act, and that imposed the surtax before
 3200 | July 1, 1992, may not use the proceeds and interest of the

3201 surtax for any purpose other than an infrastructure purpose
 3202 authorized in paragraph (d) unless the municipality's
 3203 comprehensive plan has been determined to be in compliance with
 3204 part II of chapter 163 and the municipality has adopted an
 3205 amendment to its surtax ordinance or resolution pursuant to the
 3206 procedure provided in s. 166.041 authorizing additional uses of
 3207 the surtax proceeds and interest. Such municipality may expend
 3208 the surtax proceeds and interest for any public purpose
 3209 authorized in the amendment.

3210 3. Those counties designated as an area of critical state
 3211 concern which qualify to use the surtax for any public purpose
 3212 may use only up to 10 percent of the surtax proceeds for any
 3213 public purpose other than for infrastructure purposes authorized
 3214 by this section. A county that was designated as an area of
 3215 critical state concern for at least 20 consecutive years prior
 3216 to removal of the designation, and that qualified to use the
 3217 surtax for any public purpose at the time of the removal of the
 3218 designation, may continue to use up to 10 percent of the surtax
 3219 proceeds for any public purpose other than for infrastructure
 3220 purposes for 20 years following removal of the designation,
 3221 notwithstanding subparagraph (a)2. After expiration of the 20-
 3222 year period, a county may continue to use up to 10 percent of
 3223 the surtax proceeds for any public purpose other than for
 3224 infrastructure if the county adopts an ordinance providing for
 3225 such continued use of the surtax proceeds.

3226 Section 80. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
 3227 made by this act to sections 125.66 and 166.041, Florida

3228 Statutes, in references thereto, the following sections or
 3229 subdivisions of Florida Statutes are reenacted to read:

3230 163.3164 Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land
 3231 Development Regulation Act; definitions.--As used in this act:

3232 (18) "Public notice" means notice as required by s.
 3233 125.66(2) for a county or by s. 166.041(3) (a) for a
 3234 municipality. The public notice procedures required in this part
 3235 are established as minimum public notice procedures.

3236 163.346 Notice to taxing authorities.--Before the
 3237 governing body adopts any resolution or enacts any ordinance
 3238 required under s. 163.355, s. 163.356, s. 163.357, or s.
 3239 163.387; creates a community redevelopment agency; approves,
 3240 adopts, or amends a community redevelopment plan; or issues
 3241 redevelopment revenue bonds under s. 163.385, the governing body
 3242 must provide public notice of such proposed action pursuant to
 3243 s. 125.66(2) or s. 166.041(3) (a) and, at least 15 days before
 3244 such proposed action, mail by registered mail a notice to each
 3245 taxing authority which levies ad valorem taxes on taxable real
 3246 property contained within the geographic boundaries of the
 3247 redevelopment area.

3248 376.80 Brownfield program administration process.--

3249 (1) A local government with jurisdiction over the
 3250 brownfield area must notify the department of its decision to
 3251 designate a brownfield area for rehabilitation for the purposes
 3252 of ss. 376.77-376.86. The notification must include a
 3253 resolution, by the local government body, to which is attached a
 3254 map adequate to clearly delineate exactly which parcels are to
 3255 be included in the brownfield area or alternatively a less-

3256 detailed map accompanied by a detailed legal description of the
 3257 brownfield area. If a property owner within the area proposed
 3258 for designation by the local government requests in writing to
 3259 have his or her property removed from the proposed designation,
 3260 the local government shall grant the request. For
 3261 municipalities, the governing body shall adopt the resolution in
 3262 accordance with the procedures outlined in s. 166.041, except
 3263 that the notice for the public hearings on the proposed
 3264 resolution must be in the form established in s. 166.041(3)(c)2.
 3265 For counties, the governing body shall adopt the resolution in
 3266 accordance with the procedures outlined in s. 125.66, except
 3267 that the notice for the public hearings on the proposed
 3268 resolution shall be in the form established in s. 125.66(4)(b)2.

3269 Section 81. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
 3270 made by this act to section 129.03, Florida Statutes, in a
 3271 reference thereto, paragraph (1) of subsection (3) of section
 3272 200.065, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

3273 200.065 Method of fixing millage.--

3274 (3) The advertisement shall be no less than one-quarter
 3275 page in size of a standard size or a tabloid size newspaper, and
 3276 the headline in the advertisement shall be in a type no smaller
 3277 than 18 point. The advertisement shall not be placed in that
 3278 portion of the newspaper where legal notices and classified
 3279 advertisements appear. The advertisement shall be published in a
 3280 newspaper of general paid circulation in the county or in a
 3281 geographically limited insert of such newspaper. The geographic
 3282 boundaries in which such insert is circulated shall include the
 3283 geographic boundaries of the taxing authority. It is the

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3284 legislative intent that, whenever possible, the advertisement
 3285 appear in a newspaper that is published at least 5 days a week
 3286 unless the only newspaper in the county is published less than 5
 3287 days a week, or that the advertisement appear in a
 3288 geographically limited insert of such newspaper which insert is
 3289 published throughout the taxing authority's jurisdiction at
 3290 least twice each week. It is further the legislative intent that
 3291 the newspaper selected be one of general interest and readership
 3292 in the community and not one of limited subject matter, pursuant
 3293 to chapter 50.

3294 (1) Any advertisement required pursuant to this section
 3295 shall be accompanied by an adjacent notice meeting the budget
 3296 summary requirements of s. 129.03(3)(b). Except for those taxing
 3297 authorities proposing to levy ad valorem taxes for the first
 3298 time, the following statement shall appear in the budget summary
 3299 in boldfaced type immediately following the heading, if the
 3300 applicable percentage is greater than zero:

3301
 3302 THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF (name of
 3303 taxing authority) ARE (percent rounded to one decimal place)
 3304 MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES.

3305
 3306 For purposes of this paragraph, "proposed operating budget
 3307 expenditures" or "operating expenditures" means all moneys of
 3308 the local government, including dependent special districts,
 3309 that:

3310 1. Were or could be expended during the applicable fiscal
 3311 year, or

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3312 2. Were or could be retained as a balance for future
 3313 spending in the fiscal year.

3314
 3315 Provided, however, those moneys held in or used in trust,
 3316 agency, or internal service funds, and expenditures of bond
 3317 proceeds for capital outlay or for advanced refunded debt
 3318 principal, shall be excluded.

3319 Section 82. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
 3320 made by this act to section 129.06, Florida Statutes, in a
 3321 reference thereto, subsection (4) of section 30.50, Florida
 3322 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

3323 30.50 Payment of salaries and expenses.--

3324 (4) The sheriff shall keep necessary budget accounts and
 3325 records, and shall charge all paid bills and payrolls to the
 3326 proper budget accounts. The reserve for contingencies, or any
 3327 part thereof, may be transferred to any of the budget
 3328 appropriations, in the discretion of the sheriff. With the
 3329 approval of the board of county commissioners, or of the budget
 3330 commission if there is a budget commission in the county, the
 3331 budget may be amended as provided for county budgets in s.
 3332 129.06(2).

3333 Section 83. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
 3334 made by this act to section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, in
 3335 references thereto, the following sections or subdivisions of
 3336 Florida Statutes are reenacted to read:

3337 163.3246 Local government comprehensive planning
 3338 certification program.--

3339 (9) (a) Upon certification all comprehensive plan
 3340 amendments associated with the area certified must be adopted
 3341 and reviewed in the manner described in ss. 163.3184(1), (2),
 3342 (7), (14), (15), and (16) and 163.3187, such that state and
 3343 regional agency review is eliminated. The department may not
 3344 issue any objections, recommendations, and comments report on
 3345 proposed plan amendments or a notice of intent on adopted plan
 3346 amendments; however, affected persons, as defined by s.
 3347 163.3184(1)(a), may file a petition for administrative review
 3348 pursuant to the requirements of s. 163.3187(3)(a) to challenge
 3349 the compliance of an adopted plan amendment.

3350 163.32465 State review of local comprehensive plans in
 3351 urban areas.--

3352 (6) ADMINISTRATIVE CHALLENGES TO PLAN AMENDMENTS FOR PILOT
 3353 PROGRAM.--

3354 (h) Parties to a proceeding under this section may enter
 3355 into compliance agreements using the process in s. 163.3184(16).
 3356 Any remedial amendment adopted pursuant to a settlement
 3357 agreement shall be provided to the agencies and governments
 3358 listed in paragraph (4)(a).

3359 288.975 Military base reuse plans.--

3360 (10) Within 60 days after receipt of a proposed military
 3361 base reuse plan, these entities shall review and provide
 3362 comments to the host local government. The commencement of this
 3363 review period shall be advertised in newspapers of general
 3364 circulation within the host local government and any affected
 3365 local government to allow for public comment. No later than 180
 3366 days after receipt and consideration of all comments, and the

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3367 holding of at least two public hearings, the host local
3368 government shall adopt the military base reuse plan. The host
3369 local government shall comply with the notice requirements set
3370 forth in s. 163.3184(15) to ensure full public participation in
3371 this planning process.

3372 (12) Following receipt of a petition, the petitioning
3373 party or parties and the host local government shall seek
3374 resolution of the issues in dispute. The issues in dispute shall
3375 be resolved as follows:

3376 (d) Within 45 days after receiving the report from the
3377 state land planning agency, the Administration Commission shall
3378 take action to resolve the issues in dispute. In deciding upon a
3379 proper resolution, the Administration Commission shall consider
3380 the nature of the issues in dispute, any requests for a formal
3381 administrative hearing pursuant to chapter 120, the compliance
3382 of the parties with this section, the extent of the conflict
3383 between the parties, the comparative hardships and the public
3384 interest involved. If the Administration Commission incorporates
3385 in its final order a term or condition that requires any local
3386 government to amend its local government comprehensive plan, the
3387 local government shall amend its plan within 60 days after the
3388 issuance of the order. Such amendment or amendments shall be
3389 exempt from the limitation of the frequency of plan amendments
3390 contained in s. 163.3187(1), and a public hearing on such
3391 amendment or amendments pursuant to s. 163.3184(15)(b)1. shall
3392 not be required. The final order of the Administration
3393 Commission is subject to appeal pursuant to s. 120.68. If the
3394 order of the Administration Commission is appealed, the time for

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3395 the local government to amend its plan shall be tolled during
 3396 the pendency of any local, state, or federal administrative or
 3397 judicial proceeding relating to the military base reuse plan.

3398 420.5095 Community Workforce Housing Innovation Pilot
 3399 Program.--

3400 (9) Notwithstanding s. 163.3184(3)-(6), any local
 3401 government comprehensive plan amendment to implement a Community
 3402 Workforce Housing Innovation Pilot Program project found
 3403 consistent with the provisions of this section shall be
 3404 expedited as provided in this subsection. At least 30 days prior
 3405 to adopting a plan amendment under this subsection, the local
 3406 government shall notify the state land planning agency of its
 3407 intent to adopt such an amendment, and the notice shall include
 3408 its evaluation related to site suitability and availability of
 3409 facilities and services. The public notice of the hearing
 3410 required by s. 163.3184(15)(b)2. shall include a statement that
 3411 the local government intends to use the expedited adoption
 3412 process authorized by this subsection. Such amendments shall
 3413 require only a single public hearing before the governing board,
 3414 which shall be an adoption hearing as described in s.
 3415 163.3184(7). The state land planning agency shall issue its
 3416 notice of intent pursuant to s. 163.3184(8) within 30 days after
 3417 determining that the amendment package is complete. Any further
 3418 proceedings shall be governed by ss. 163.3184(9)-(16).
 3419 Amendments proposed under this section are not subject to s.
 3420 163.3187(1), which limits the adoption of a comprehensive plan
 3421 amendment to no more than two times during any calendar year.

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3422 1013.30 University campus master plans and campus
3423 development agreements.--

3424 (6) Before a campus master plan is adopted, a copy of the
3425 draft master plan must be sent for review or made available
3426 electronically to the host and any affected local governments,
3427 the state land planning agency, the Department of Environmental
3428 Protection, the Department of Transportation, the Department of
3429 State, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and the
3430 applicable water management district and regional planning
3431 council. At the request of a governmental entity, a hard copy of
3432 the draft master plan shall be submitted within 7 business days
3433 of an electronic copy being made available. These agencies must
3434 be given 90 days after receipt of the campus master plans in
3435 which to conduct their review and provide comments to the
3436 university board of trustees. The commencement of this review
3437 period must be advertised in newspapers of general circulation
3438 within the host local government and any affected local
3439 government to allow for public comment. Following receipt and
3440 consideration of all comments and the holding of an informal
3441 information session and at least two public hearings within the
3442 host jurisdiction, the university board of trustees shall adopt
3443 the campus master plan. It is the intent of the Legislature that
3444 the university board of trustees comply with the notice
3445 requirements set forth in s. 163.3184(15) to ensure full public
3446 participation in this planning process. The informal public
3447 information session must be held before the first public
3448 hearing. The first public hearing shall be held before the draft
3449 master plan is sent to the agencies specified in this

3450 subsection. The second public hearing shall be held in
 3451 conjunction with the adoption of the draft master plan by the
 3452 university board of trustees. Campus master plans developed
 3453 under this section are not rules and are not subject to chapter
 3454 120 except as otherwise provided in this section.

3455 Section 84. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
 3456 made by this act to section 166.041, Florida Statutes, in
 3457 references thereto, the following sections or subdivisions of
 3458 Florida Statutes are reenacted to read:

3459 121.0511 Revocation of election and alternative plan.--The
 3460 governing body of any municipality or independent special
 3461 district that has elected to participate in the Florida
 3462 Retirement System may revoke its election in accordance with the
 3463 following procedure:

3464 (1) No more than 30 days and at least 7 days before
 3465 adopting a resolution to revoke the election, in order to
 3466 establish an alternative retirement plan, a public hearing must
 3467 be held on the proposed revocation and proposed alternative
 3468 plan. Notice of this hearing must be given in accordance with
 3469 the procedures specified in s. 166.041.

3470 163.3164 Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land
 3471 Development Regulation Act; definitions.--As used in this act:

3472 (18) "Public notice" means notice as required by s.
 3473 125.66(2) for a county or by s. 166.041(3)(a) for a
 3474 municipality. The public notice procedures required in this part
 3475 are established as minimum public notice procedures.

3476 163.3187 Amendment of adopted comprehensive plan.--

3477 (1) Amendments to comprehensive plans adopted pursuant to
 3478 this part may be made not more than two times during any
 3479 calendar year, except:

3480 (c) Any local government comprehensive plan amendments
 3481 directly related to proposed small scale development activities
 3482 may be approved without regard to statutory limits on the
 3483 frequency of consideration of amendments to the local
 3484 comprehensive plan. A small scale development amendment may be
 3485 adopted only under the following conditions:

3486 1. The proposed amendment involves a use of 10 acres or
 3487 fewer and:

3488 a. The cumulative annual effect of the acreage for all
 3489 small scale development amendments adopted by the local
 3490 government shall not exceed:

3491 (I) A maximum of 120 acres in a local government that
 3492 contains areas specifically designated in the local
 3493 comprehensive plan for urban infill, urban redevelopment, or
 3494 downtown revitalization as defined in s. 163.3164, urban infill
 3495 and redevelopment areas designated under s. 163.2517,
 3496 transportation concurrency exception areas approved pursuant to
 3497 s. 163.3180(5), or regional activity centers and urban central
 3498 business districts approved pursuant to s. 380.06(2)(e);
 3499 however, amendments under this paragraph may be applied to no
 3500 more than 60 acres annually of property outside the designated
 3501 areas listed in this sub-sub-subparagraph. Amendments adopted
 3502 pursuant to paragraph (k) shall not be counted toward the
 3503 acreage limitations for small scale amendments under this
 3504 paragraph.

3505 (II) A maximum of 80 acres in a local government that does
 3506 not contain any of the designated areas set forth in sub-sub-
 3507 subparagraph (I).

3508 (III) A maximum of 120 acres in a county established
 3509 pursuant to s. 9, Art. VIII of the State Constitution.

3510 b. The proposed amendment does not involve the same
 3511 property granted a change within the prior 12 months.

3512 c. The proposed amendment does not involve the same
 3513 owner's property within 200 feet of property granted a change
 3514 within the prior 12 months.

3515 d. The proposed amendment does not involve a text change
 3516 to the goals, policies, and objectives of the local government's
 3517 comprehensive plan, but only proposes a land use change to the
 3518 future land use map for a site-specific small scale development
 3519 activity.

3520 e. The property that is the subject of the proposed
 3521 amendment is not located within an area of critical state
 3522 concern, unless the project subject to the proposed amendment
 3523 involves the construction of affordable housing units meeting
 3524 the criteria of s. 420.0004(3), and is located within an area of
 3525 critical state concern designated by s. 380.0552 or by the
 3526 Administration Commission pursuant to s. 380.05(1). Such
 3527 amendment is not subject to the density limitations of sub-
 3528 subparagraph f., and shall be reviewed by the state land
 3529 planning agency for consistency with the principles for guiding
 3530 development applicable to the area of critical state concern
 3531 where the amendment is located and shall not become effective
 3532 until a final order is issued under s. 380.05(6).

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3533 f. If the proposed amendment involves a residential land
3534 use, the residential land use has a density of 10 units or less
3535 per acre or the proposed future land use category allows a
3536 maximum residential density of the same or less than the maximum
3537 residential density allowable under the existing future land use
3538 category, except that this limitation does not apply to small
3539 scale amendments involving the construction of affordable
3540 housing units meeting the criteria of s. 420.0004(3) on property
3541 which will be the subject of a land use restriction agreement,
3542 or small scale amendments described in sub-sub-subparagraph
3543 a.(I) that are designated in the local comprehensive plan for
3544 urban infill, urban redevelopment, or downtown revitalization as
3545 defined in s. 163.3164, urban infill and redevelopment areas
3546 designated under s. 163.2517, transportation concurrency
3547 exception areas approved pursuant to s. 163.3180(5), or regional
3548 activity centers and urban central business districts approved
3549 pursuant to s. 380.06(2)(e).

3550 2.a. A local government that proposes to consider a plan
3551 amendment pursuant to this paragraph is not required to comply
3552 with the procedures and public notice requirements of s.
3553 163.3184(15)(c) for such plan amendments if the local government
3554 complies with the provisions in s. 125.66(4)(a) for a county or
3555 in s. 166.041(3)(c) for a municipality. If a request for a plan
3556 amendment under this paragraph is initiated by other than the
3557 local government, public notice is required.

3558 b. The local government shall send copies of the notice
3559 and amendment to the state land planning agency, the regional
3560 planning council, and any other person or entity requesting a

3561 copy. This information shall also include a statement
 3562 identifying any property subject to the amendment that is
 3563 located within a coastal high-hazard area as identified in the
 3564 local comprehensive plan.

3565 3. Small scale development amendments adopted pursuant to
 3566 this paragraph require only one public hearing before the
 3567 governing board, which shall be an adoption hearing as described
 3568 in s. 163.3184(7), and are not subject to the requirements of s.
 3569 163.3184(3)-(6) unless the local government elects to have them
 3570 subject to those requirements.

3571 4. If the small scale development amendment involves a
 3572 site within an area that is designated by the Governor as a
 3573 rural area of critical economic concern under s. 288.0656(7) for
 3574 the duration of such designation, the 10-acre limit listed in
 3575 subparagraph 1. shall be increased by 100 percent to 20 acres.
 3576 The local government approving the small scale plan amendment
 3577 shall certify to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
 3578 Development that the plan amendment furthers the economic
 3579 objectives set forth in the executive order issued under s.
 3580 288.0656(7), and the property subject to the plan amendment
 3581 shall undergo public review to ensure that all concurrency
 3582 requirements and federal, state, and local environmental permit
 3583 requirements are met.

3584 163.346 Notice to taxing authorities.--Before the
 3585 governing body adopts any resolution or enacts any ordinance
 3586 required under s. 163.355, s. 163.356, s. 163.357, or s.
 3587 163.387; creates a community redevelopment agency; approves,
 3588 adopts, or amends a community redevelopment plan; or issues

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3589 redevelopment revenue bonds under s. 163.385, the governing body
 3590 must provide public notice of such proposed action pursuant to
 3591 s. 125.66(2) or s. 166.041(3)(a) and, at least 15 days before
 3592 such proposed action, mail by registered mail a notice to each
 3593 taxing authority which levies ad valorem taxes on taxable real
 3594 property contained within the geographic boundaries of the
 3595 redevelopment area.

3596 376.80 Brownfield program administration process.--

3597 (1) A local government with jurisdiction over the
 3598 brownfield area must notify the department of its decision to
 3599 designate a brownfield area for rehabilitation for the purposes
 3600 of ss. 376.77-376.86. The notification must include a
 3601 resolution, by the local government body, to which is attached a
 3602 map adequate to clearly delineate exactly which parcels are to
 3603 be included in the brownfield area or alternatively a less-
 3604 detailed map accompanied by a detailed legal description of the
 3605 brownfield area. If a property owner within the area proposed
 3606 for designation by the local government requests in writing to
 3607 have his or her property removed from the proposed designation,
 3608 the local government shall grant the request. For
 3609 municipalities, the governing body shall adopt the resolution in
 3610 accordance with the procedures outlined in s. 166.041, except
 3611 that the notice for the public hearings on the proposed
 3612 resolution must be in the form established in s. 166.041(3)(c)2.
 3613 For counties, the governing body shall adopt the resolution in
 3614 accordance with the procedures outlined in s. 125.66, except
 3615 that the notice for the public hearings on the proposed
 3616 resolution shall be in the form established in s. 125.66(4)(b)2.

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3617 Section 85. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
3618 made by this act to section 170.07, Florida Statutes, in a
3619 reference thereto, section 170.08, Florida Statutes, is
3620 reenacted to read:

3621 170.08 Final consideration of special assessments;
3622 equalizing board to hear complaints and adjust assessments;
3623 rebate of difference in cost and assessment.--At the time and
3624 place named in the notice provided for in s. 170.07, the
3625 governing authority of the municipality shall meet and hear
3626 testimony from affected property owners as to the propriety and
3627 advisability of making the improvements and funding them with
3628 special assessments on property. Following the testimony, the
3629 governing authority of the municipality shall make a final
3630 decision on whether to levy the special assessments. Thereafter,
3631 the governing authority shall meet as an equalizing board to
3632 hear and consider any and all complaints as to the special
3633 assessments and shall adjust and equalize the assessments on a
3634 basis of justice and right. When so equalized and approved by
3635 resolution or ordinance of the governing authority, a final
3636 assessment roll shall be filed with the governing authority of
3637 the municipality, and such assessments shall stand confirmed and
3638 remain legal, valid, and binding first liens upon the property
3639 against which such assessments are made until paid; however,
3640 upon completion of the improvement, the municipality shall
3641 credit to each of the assessments the difference in the
3642 assessment as originally made, approved, and confirmed and the
3643 proportionate part of the actual cost of the improvement to be
3644 paid by special assessments as finally determined upon the

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3645 completion of the improvement, but in no event shall the final
3646 assessments exceed the amount of benefits originally assessed.
3647 Promptly after such confirmation, the assessments shall be
3648 recorded by the city clerk in a special book, to be known as the
3649 "Improvement Lien Book," and the record of the lien in this book
3650 shall constitute prima facie evidence of its validity. The
3651 governing authority of the municipality may by resolution grant
3652 a discount equal to all or a part of the payee's proportionate
3653 share of the cost of the project consisting of bond financing
3654 costs, such as capitalized interest, funded reserves, and bond
3655 discount included in the estimated cost of the project, upon
3656 payment in full of any assessment during such period prior to
3657 the time such financing costs are incurred as may be specified
3658 by the governing authority.

3659 Section 86. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
3660 made by this act to section 189.4044, Florida Statutes, in a
3661 reference thereto, subsection (2) of section 189.4042, Florida
3662 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

3663 189.4042 Merger and dissolution procedures.--

3664 (2) The merger or dissolution of an independent special
3665 district or a dependent district created and operating pursuant
3666 to a special act may only be effectuated by the Legislature
3667 unless otherwise provided by general law. If an inactive
3668 independent district was created by a county or municipality
3669 through a referendum, the county or municipality that created
3670 the district may dissolve the district after publishing notice
3671 as described in s. 189.4044. If an independent district was
3672 created by a county or municipality by referendum or any other

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3673 procedure, the county or municipality that created the district
 3674 may merge or dissolve the district pursuant to the same
 3675 procedure by which the independent district was created.
 3676 However, for any independent district that has ad valorem
 3677 taxation powers, the same procedure required to grant such
 3678 independent district ad valorem taxation powers shall also be
 3679 required to dissolve or merge the district.

3680 Section 87. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
 3681 made by this act to section 189.417, Florida Statutes, in a
 3682 reference thereto, paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section
 3683 189.404, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

3684 189.404 Legislative intent for the creation of independent
 3685 special districts; special act prohibitions; model elements and
 3686 other requirements; general-purpose local government/Governor
 3687 and Cabinet creation authorizations.--

3688 (2) SPECIAL ACTS PROHIBITED.--Pursuant to s. 11(a)(21),
 3689 Art. III of the State Constitution, the Legislature hereby
 3690 prohibits special laws or general laws of local application
 3691 which:

3692 (d) Exempt an independent special district from the
 3693 reporting, notice, or public meetings requirements of s.
 3694 189.4085, s. 189.415, s. 189.417, or s. 189.418;

3695 Section 88. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
 3696 made by this act to sections 194.037 and 200.065, Florida
 3697 Statutes, in references thereto, section 200.068, Florida
 3698 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

3699 200.068 Certification of compliance with this
 3700 chapter.--Not later than 30 days following adoption of an

3701 ordinance or resolution establishing a property tax levy, each
 3702 taxing authority shall certify compliance with the provisions of
 3703 this chapter to the Department of Revenue. In addition to a
 3704 statement of compliance, such certification shall include a copy
 3705 of the ordinance or resolution so adopted; a copy of the
 3706 certification of value showing rolled-back millage and proposed
 3707 millage rates, as provided to the property appraiser pursuant to
 3708 s. 200.065(1) and (2)(b); maximum millage rates calculated
 3709 pursuant to s. 200.065(5), s. 200.185, or s. 200.186, together
 3710 with values and calculations upon which the maximum millage
 3711 rates are based; and a certified copy of the advertisement, as
 3712 published pursuant to s. 200.065(3). In certifying compliance,
 3713 the governing body of the county shall also include a certified
 3714 copy of the notice required under s. 194.037. However, if the
 3715 value adjustment board completes its hearings after the deadline
 3716 for certification under this section, the county shall submit
 3717 such copy to the department not later than 30 days following
 3718 completion of such hearings.

3719 Section 89. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
 3720 made by this act to section 200.065, Florida Statutes, in
 3721 references thereto, the following sections or subdivisions of
 3722 Florida Statutes are reenacted to read:

3723 192.0105 Taxpayer rights.--There is created a Florida
 3724 Taxpayer's Bill of Rights for property taxes and assessments to
 3725 guarantee that the rights, privacy, and property of the
 3726 taxpayers of this state are adequately safeguarded and protected
 3727 during tax levy, assessment, collection, and enforcement
 3728 processes administered under the revenue laws of this state. The

3729 Taxpayer's Bill of Rights compiles, in one document, brief but
 3730 comprehensive statements that summarize the rights and
 3731 obligations of the property appraisers, tax collectors, clerks
 3732 of the court, local governing boards, the Department of Revenue,
 3733 and taxpayers. Additional rights afforded to payors of taxes and
 3734 assessments imposed under the revenue laws of this state are
 3735 provided in s. 213.015. The rights afforded taxpayers to assure
 3736 that their privacy and property are safeguarded and protected
 3737 during tax levy, assessment, and collection are available only
 3738 insofar as they are implemented in other parts of the Florida
 3739 Statutes or rules of the Department of Revenue. The rights so
 3740 guaranteed to state taxpayers in the Florida Statutes and the
 3741 departmental rules include:

3742 (1) THE RIGHT TO KNOW.--

3743 (b) The right to notification of a public hearing on each
 3744 taxing authority's tentative budget and proposed millage rate
 3745 and advertisement of a public hearing to finalize the budget and
 3746 adopt a millage rate (see s. 200.065(2)(c) and (d)).

3747 (c) The right to advertised notice of the amount by which
 3748 the tentatively adopted millage rate results in taxes that
 3749 exceed the previous year's taxes (see s. 200.065(2)(d) and (3)).
 3750 The right to notification by first-class mail of a comparison of
 3751 the amount of the taxes to be levied from the proposed millage
 3752 rate under the tentative budget change, compared to the previous
 3753 year's taxes, and also compared to the taxes that would be
 3754 levied if no budget change is made (see ss. 200.065(2)(b) and
 3755 200.069(2), (3), (4), and (9)).

3756 200.068 Certification of compliance with this
 3757 chapter.--Not later than 30 days following adoption of an
 3758 ordinance or resolution establishing a property tax levy, each
 3759 taxing authority shall certify compliance with the provisions of
 3760 this chapter to the Department of Revenue. In addition to a
 3761 statement of compliance, such certification shall include a copy
 3762 of the ordinance or resolution so adopted; a copy of the
 3763 certification of value showing rolled-back millage and proposed
 3764 millage rates, as provided to the property appraiser pursuant to
 3765 s. 200.065(1) and (2)(b); maximum millage rates calculated
 3766 pursuant to s. 200.065(5), s. 200.185, or s. 200.186, together
 3767 with values and calculations upon which the maximum millage
 3768 rates are based; and a certified copy of the advertisement, as
 3769 published pursuant to s. 200.065(3). In certifying compliance,
 3770 the governing body of the county shall also include a certified
 3771 copy of the notice required under s. 194.037. However, if the
 3772 value adjustment board completes its hearings after the deadline
 3773 for certification under this section, the county shall submit
 3774 such copy to the department not later than 30 days following
 3775 completion of such hearings.

3776 286.0105 Notices of meetings and hearings must advise that
 3777 a record is required to appeal.--Each board, commission, or
 3778 agency of this state or of any political subdivision thereof
 3779 shall include in the notice of any meeting or hearing, if notice
 3780 of the meeting or hearing is required, of such board,
 3781 commission, or agency, conspicuously on such notice, the advice
 3782 that, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the
 3783 board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter

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3784 considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a
 3785 record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she
 3786 may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is
 3787 made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon
 3788 which the appeal is to be based. The requirements of this
 3789 section do not apply to the notice provided in s. 200.065(3).

3790 Section 90. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
 3791 made by this act to sections 205.032 and 205.042, Florida
 3792 Statutes, in references thereto, subsection (1) of section
 3793 205.054, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

3794 205.054 Business tax; partial exemption for engaging in
 3795 business or occupation in enterprise zone.--

3796 (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 205.033(1)(a) or
 3797 s. 205.043(1)(a), the governing body of a county or municipality
 3798 may authorize by appropriate resolution or ordinance, adopted
 3799 pursuant to the procedure established in s. 205.032 or s.
 3800 205.042, the exemption of 50 percent of the business tax levied
 3801 for the privilege of engaging in or managing any business,
 3802 profession, or occupation in the respective jurisdiction of the
 3803 county or municipality when such privilege is exercised at a
 3804 permanent business location or branch office located in an
 3805 enterprise zone.

3806 Section 91. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
 3807 made by this act to section 255.0525, Florida Statutes, in a
 3808 reference thereto, paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section
 3809 155.40, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

3810 155.40 Sale or lease of county, district, or municipal
 3811 hospital; effect of sale.--

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3812 (4) In the event the governing board of a county,
 3813 district, or municipal hospital elects to sell or lease the
 3814 hospital, the board shall:

3815 (b) Publicly advertise the offer to accept proposals in
 3816 accordance with s. 255.0525 and receive proposals from all
 3817 interested and qualified purchasers.

3818
 3819 Any sale must be for fair market value, and any sale or lease
 3820 must comply with all applicable state and federal antitrust
 3821 laws.

3822 Section 92. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
 3823 made by this act to section 298.301, Florida Statutes, in a
 3824 reference thereto, subsection (1) of section 298.77, Florida
 3825 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

3826 298.77 Readjustment of assessments; procedure, notice,
 3827 hearings.--

3828 (1) Whenever the owners of 25 percent or more of the
 3829 acreage of the land of any district situated wholly in a single
 3830 county existing under the general drainage laws of this state,
 3831 now this chapter, joined by the holders of not less than 95
 3832 percent of the indebtedness outstanding against that district,
 3833 shall file a petition with the board of supervisors, stating
 3834 that there has been a material change in the value of the
 3835 property in the district since the last previous assessment of
 3836 benefits, contributed to by the drainage system; that a
 3837 relatively large portion or portions of the district have become
 3838 nontaxable for the purpose of paying the indebtedness of such
 3839 district; that a named person, corporation, or agency has

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3840 purchased the obligations of the district at a discount and
3841 under circumstances whereby the district is expected to pay in
3842 discharge of its obligations a sum greatly less than the par
3843 value of such obligations; that improvements within the district
3844 made possible or practicable by the drainage effected have been
3845 such as to enhance values in a portion or portions thereof more
3846 than in other portions of the district; and that developments in
3847 all parts of the district are believed to have been retarded by
3848 the inability of property owners to pay assessments and
3849 discharge individual properties from the lien of the drainage
3850 tax; and praying for readjustment of the assessment of benefits
3851 for the purpose of making a more equitable basis for the levy of
3852 taxes to pay the indebtedness of such district and to maintain
3853 its drainage system, the board of supervisors shall give notice
3854 of the filing and hearing of the petition in the manner and for
3855 the time provided for in s. 298.301.

3856 Section 93. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
3857 made by this act to section 705.103, Florida Statutes, in a
3858 reference thereto, the following sections or subdivisions of
3859 Florida Statutes are reenacted to read:

3860 705.104 Title to lost or abandoned property.--

3861 (1) Title to lost or abandoned property is hereby vested
3862 in the finder upon the expiration of the 90-day custodial time
3863 period specified in s. 705.103(2)(b), provided the notice
3864 requirements of s. 705.103 have been met, unless the rightful
3865 owner or a lienholder claims the property within that time.

3866 717.119 Payment or delivery of unclaimed property.--

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3867 (5) All intangible and tangible property held in a safe-
3868 deposit box or any other safekeeping repository reported under
3869 s. 717.117 shall not be delivered to the department until 120
3870 days after the report due date. The delivery of the property,
3871 through the United States mail or any other carrier, shall be
3872 insured by the holder at an amount equal to the estimated value
3873 of the property. Each package shall be clearly marked on the
3874 outside "Deliver Unopened." A holder's safe-deposit box contents
3875 shall be delivered to the department in a single shipment. In
3876 lieu of a single shipment, holders may provide the department
3877 with a single detailed shipping schedule that includes package
3878 tracking information for all packages being sent pursuant to
3879 this section.

3880 (b) Any firearm or ammunition found in an unclaimed safe-
3881 deposit box or any other safekeeping repository shall be
3882 delivered by the holder to a law enforcement agency for disposal
3883 pursuant to s. 705.103(2)(b) with the balance of the proceeds
3884 deposited into the State School Fund if the firearm is sold.
3885 However, the department is authorized to make a reasonable
3886 attempt to ascertain the historical value to collectors of any
3887 firearm that has been delivered to the department. Any firearm
3888 appearing to have historical value to collectors may be sold by
3889 the department pursuant to s. 717.122 to a person having a
3890 federal firearms license. Any firearm which is not sold pursuant
3891 to s. 717.122 shall be delivered by the department to a law
3892 enforcement agency in this state for disposal pursuant to s.
3893 705.103(2)(b) with the balance of the proceeds deposited into
3894 the State School Fund if the firearm is sold. The department

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3895 | shall not be administratively, civilly, or criminally liable for
3896 | any firearm delivered by the department to a law enforcement
3897 | agency in this state for disposal.

3898 | Section 94. This act shall take effect October 1, 2009.