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## LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

Comm: RCS 03/18/2010

The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs (Wise) recommended the following:

## Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 125.901, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

125.901 Children's services; independent special district; council; powers, duties, and functions; public records exemption.-

(4) (a) Any district created pursuant to the provisions of this section may be dissolved by a special act of the

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Legislature, or the county governing body may by ordinance dissolve the district subject to the approval of the electorate.

- (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the governing body of the county shall submit the question of retention or dissolution of the district to the electorate in the August primary election according to the following schedule and every 6 years thereafter:
- 1. For a district for which the most recent referendum by the electorate on its taxing authority was held in 1990 or
- 2. For a district for which the most recent referendum by the electorate on its taxing authority was held after 1990 but <u>before 2001......</u>......2012.
- 3. For a district for which the most recent referendum by the electorate on its taxing authority was held after 2000 but before 2010......2016.
- 4. For a district whose taxing authority is initially authorized by referendum by the electorate in 2010 or later, 6 years after the authorization.

If any district is dissolved pursuant to the provisions of this subsection, each county must shall first obligate itself to assume the debts, liabilities, contracts, and outstanding obligations of the district within the total millage available to the county governing body for all county and municipal purposes as provided for under s. 9, Art. VII of the State Constitution. Any district may also be dissolved pursuant to the provisions of s. 189.4042.

Section 2. Notwithstanding s. 31 of chapter 90-288, Laws of



Florida, the revisions made by this act to s. 125.901, Florida Statutes, apply to any special district having taxing authority to provide funding for children's services, and governed by a council on children's services, which is in existence on the effective date of this act and to any such district created on or after the effective date of this act.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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51 And the title is amended as follows:

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A bill to be entitled

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63 64 An act relating to children's services; amending s. 125.901, F.S.; requiring the governing body of the county to submit to the electorate the question of retention or dissolution of a special taxing district created to provide funding for children's services; prescribing a schedule for submission of the question to the electorate; providing for the application of the act to certain special districts in existence before and after the act's effective date; providing an effective date.