

By the Committees on Community Affairs; and Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Senators Negron, Baker, Haridopolos, Richter, Thrasher, Dean, Gaetz, Wise, Fasano, Gardiner, and Storms

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to children's services; amending s.
3 125.901, F.S.; requiring the governing body of the
4 county to submit to the electorate the question of
5 retention or dissolution of a special taxing district
6 created to provide funding for children's services;
7 prescribing a schedule for submission of the question
8 to the electorate; providing for the application of
9 the act to certain special districts in existence
10 before and after the act's effective date; providing
11 an effective date.

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

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

17 125.901 Children's services; independent special district;
18 council; powers, duties, and functions; public records
19 exemption.—

20 (4) (a) Any district created pursuant to ~~the provisions of~~
21 this section may be dissolved by a special act of the
22 Legislature, or the county governing body may by ordinance
23 dissolve the district subject to the approval of the electorate.

24 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the governing body of
25 the county shall submit the question of retention or dissolution
26 of the district to the electorate in the general election
27 according to the following schedule and every 6 years
28 thereafter:

29 1. For a district for which the most recent referendum by

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30 the electorate on its taxing authority was held in 1990 or
31 before.....2010.

32 2. For a district for which the most recent referendum by
33 the electorate on its taxing authority was held after 1990 but
34 before 2001.....2012.

35 3. For a district for which the most recent referendum by
36 the electorate on its taxing authority was held after 2000 but
37 before 2010.....2018.

38 4. For a district whose taxing authority is initially
39 authorized by referendum by the electorate in 2010 or later, 6
40 years after the authorization.

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

50 Section 2. Notwithstanding s. 31 of chapter 90-288, Laws of
51 Florida, the revisions made by this act to s. 125.901, Florida
52 Statutes, apply to any special district having taxing authority
53 to provide funding for children’s services, and governed by a
54 council on children’s services, which is in existence on the
55 effective date of this act and to any such district created on
56 or after the effective date of this act.

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