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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Community Affairs (Wise) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment**

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Section 125.595, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

125.595 Economic distress flexibility.-

(1) The board of county commissioners of an eligible county may, by a two-thirds vote of the membership of the board, use revenues from distributions of state taxes to the county or from taxes authorized by the Legislature to be imposed by the county for a purpose other than that specified in the law providing for



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13 the distributions or authorizing the imposition of the taxes.

14 (2) As used in this section, the term "eligible county"  
15 means a county that meets two or more of the following criteria,  
16 as determined by the Office of Economic and Demographic  
17 Research:

18 (a) The just value of property subject to ad valorem tax as  
19 of January 1 was lower than it was on the previous January 1.

20 (b) The annual per capita personal income of the county for  
21 the most recent calendar year was lower than for the prior  
22 calendar year.

23 (c) State sales tax remitted from within the county during  
24 the most recent calendar year was less than during the prior  
25 calendar year.

26 (d) The unemployment rate in the county in the previous  
27 calendar year was greater than 8 percent.

28 (3) A county that was included in a major federal disaster  
29 or emergency declaration in the previous calendar year shall be  
30 considered an eligible county for purposes of this section.

31 (4) The determination that a county is an eligible county  
32 must be made no later than July 1 of each year, and the annual  
33 determination of county eligibility must be posted on the Office  
34 of Economic and Demographic Research's website. The authority  
35 granted under this section may be exercised only one fiscal year  
36 at a time.

37 (5) The authority granted under this section does not apply  
38 to revenues that may be used only for a purpose specified in the  
39 State Constitution or to revenues from taxes levied with the  
40 approval of the voters.

41 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.