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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
04/04/2011	.	
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The Committee on Community Affairs (Wise) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title 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, in order to reduce the proposed millage rate for the



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13 county, notwithstanding other purposes specified in law for the
14 use of those revenues.

15 (2) As used in this section, the term "eligible county"
16 means a county having a proposed millage rate pursuant to s.
17 200.065(2) (a) and (b) which is greater than the adopted millage
18 rate for the previous year and which meets three of the
19 following criteria, as determined by the Office of Economic and
20 Demographic Research:

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

23 (b) The annual per capita personal income of the county for
24 the most recent calendar year was lower than for the prior
25 calendar year.

26 (c) State sales tax remitted from within the county during
27 the most recent calendar year was less than during the prior
28 calendar year.

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

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

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

40 (5) The authority granted under this section does not apply
41 to revenues that may be used only for a purpose specified in the



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42 State Constitution or to revenues from taxes levied with the
43 approval of the voters.

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

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47 And the title is amended as follows:

48 Delete everything before the enacting clause
49 and insert:

50 A bill to be entitled

51 An act relating to county government funding; creating
52 s. 125.595, F.S.; providing circumstances under which
53 a board of county commissioners may use certain
54 revenues to reduce the proposed millage rate for ad
55 valorem taxes; defining the term "eligible county";
56 specifying that county eligibility must be determined
57 annually and exercised for a limited time; prohibiting
58 the use of certain revenues for such purposes;
59 providing an effective date.