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Senator Garcia moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 1372 and 1373

insert:

Section 26. Subsection (1) of section 170.201, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

170.201 Special assessments.—

(1) In addition to other lawful authority to levy and collect special assessments, the governing body of a municipality may levy and collect special assessments to fund capital improvements and municipal services, including, but not limited to, fire protection, emergency medical services, garbage disposal, sewer improvement, street improvement, and parking



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14 facilities. Without limiting the foregoing, a municipality that
15 has a population of fewer than 100 persons for the previous
16 year's taxing year, may also levy and collect special
17 assessments to fund special security and crime prevention
18 services and facilities, including guard and gatehouse
19 facilities for the current taxing year. However, if prior to the
20 levy of the assessment, the cost of the services and facilities
21 are funded by ad valorem taxes, the taxes shall be abated
22 annually thereafter, in an amount equal to the full amount of
23 the special assessment. The governing body of a municipality may
24 apportion costs of such special assessments based on:

- 25 (a) The front or square footage of each parcel of land; or
- 26 (b) An alternative methodology, so long as the amount of
- 27 the assessment for each parcel of land is not in excess of the
- 28 proportional benefits as compared to other assessments on other
- 29 parcels of land.

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32 And the title is amended as follows:

33 Delete line 112

34 and insert:

35 obsolete accounting terminology for school districts;
36 amending s. 170.201, F.S.; authorizing certain
37 municipalities to levy and collect special assessments
38 to fund special security and crime prevention services
39 and facilities; providing for the abatement of taxes
40 if the cost of those services and facilities are
41 funded by ad valorem taxes;