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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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02/13/2012	.	
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The Committee on Judiciary (Joyner) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 87 - 94

and insert:

743.067 Unaccompanied youths.—

(1) A certified homeless youth, as defined in s. 382.002, who is 16 years of age or older may petition the circuit court to have the disabilities of minors removed in order to:

(a) Secure depository financial services, such as checking and savings accounts.

(b) Execute a contract for the lease of residential property.

(c) Execute a contract to secure utility services at a



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14 residential property.

15 (2) Upon the issuance of a court order removing the
16 disabilities of minors pursuant to this section, the youth is
17 authorized to make and execute all documents, contracts, or
18 agreements necessary for obtaining the rights, privileges, and
19 benefits authorized by the order as if the youth is otherwise
20 competent to make and execute such contracts. Execution of any
21 such contract or agreement authorized by the court has the same
22 effect as if the act were executed by a person who is not a
23 minor. A youth seeking to enter into such a contract or
24 agreement or execute other necessary instrument incidental to
25 exercising the authority granted by the court must present the
26 court order removing the disabilities of nonage of the minor
27 issued pursuant to this section.

28 (3) A youth who petitions a court pursuant to this section
29 shall be deemed to be an indigent person who is not required to
30 prepay costs and fees under s. 57.081, notwithstanding
31 requirements to obtain a certificate of indigence.

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33 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

34 And the title is amended as follows:

35 Delete lines 11 - 13

36 and insert:

37 authorizing a certified homeless youth to petition a
38 court for removal of the disabilities of nonage to
39 allow the youth to secure depository financial
40 services, execute contracts for the lease of
41 residential property, and obtain utility services;
42 providing for the youth to be deemed an indigent



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person who is not required to prepay certain court
costs and fees;