

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/SB 692, 2nd Eng.
INTRODUCER: Community Affairs Committee and Senator Bennett
SUBJECT: Local Government
DATE: March 8, 2012

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 - 001215 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 is a delete-all that removes a provision allowing an initiative or referendum on a development order or comprehensive plan amendment which was in effect as of June 1, 2011, to be retained and completed.

In addition, the amendment restores narrows the number of independent special districts that would qualify under the municipal conversion process. A petition effort for conversion may be commenced if the district meets *all* of the following criteria:

- was created by special act;
- is designated as a ch. 298, F.S., improvement district or a stewardship district;
- has an elected governing board;
- provides at least four of the following municipal services: water, sewer, solid waste, drainage, roads, transportation, public works, fire and rescue, street lighting, parks and recreation, or library or cultural facilities; and
- no portion of the district is located within a municipality.

The amendment also clarifies the population and density requirements.