

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to Pinellas Suncoast Transit
 3 Authority, Pinellas County; amending chapter 2000-424,
 4 Laws of Florida; providing for alternative income
 5 revenues through a specified discretionary sales
 6 surtax under certain conditions; prohibiting the
 7 authority from levying and collecting ad valorem tax
 8 revenue after it elects to accept the discretionary
 9 sales surtax proceeds; providing an effective date.

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 11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 13 Section 1. Paragraphs (i) and (j) of subsection (2) of
 14 section 4 of section 2 of chapter 2000-424, Laws of Florida, are
 15 redesignated as paragraphs (j) and (k), respectively, a new
 16 paragraph (i) is added to that subsection, and section 8 is
 17 amended, to read:

18 Section 4. Purposes and powers.—

19 (2) The authority is hereby granted, and shall have and
 20 may exercise all powers necessary, appurtenant, convenient, or
 21 incidental to the carrying out of the aforesaid purposes,
 22 including, but not limited to, the following rights and powers:

23 (i) If Pinellas County levies a discretionary sales surtax
 24 for transportation purposes pursuant to section 212.055(1),
 25 Florida Statutes, and offers the surtax proceeds or a portion
 26 thereof to the authority and the authority elects to accept
 27 funding through this source, the authority shall cease levying
 28 and collecting ad valorem tax revenue as provided in section 8.

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29 Section 8. Special district taxation.—

30 (1) The Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority shall be
31 deemed a special district and is authorized to levy an ad
32 valorem tax on the taxable real property in the Pinellas
33 Suncoast Transit Area at a rate sufficient to produce an amount
34 that may be necessary for the purposes of this act, but not to
35 exceed three-quarters of a mill; provided such millage limit is
36 approved by a vote of the qualified electors who are residents
37 of the transit area. Property taxes determined and levied under
38 this section shall be certified by the authority to the county
39 property appraiser, extended, assessed, and collected in like
40 manner as provided by law for regular property taxes for the
41 county or municipalities. The proceeds under this section shall
42 be remitted by the tax collector to the treasurer of the
43 authority who shall credit them to the funds of the authority
44 for use for the purposes of this act. At any time after making a
45 tax levy under this section and certifying the same to the
46 county, the authority may issue tax anticipation notes of
47 indebtedness in anticipation of the collection of such taxes.

48 (2) The authority shall cease levying and collecting ad
49 valorem tax revenue under subsection (1) after the authority
50 elects to accept discretionary sales surtax revenue as described
51 in section 4(2)(i).

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