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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Brandes moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 103 and 104  
insert:

Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 125.901, Florida  
Statutes, is amended to read:

125.901 Children's services; independent special district;  
council; powers, duties, and functions; public records  
exemption.—

(4) (a) Any district created pursuant to this section may be  
dissolved by a special act of the Legislature, or the county



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12 governing body may by ordinance dissolve the district subject to  
13 the approval of the electorate.

14 (b)1.a. Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the governing body  
15 of the county shall submit the question of retention or  
16 dissolution of a district with voter-approved taxing authority  
17 to the electorate in the general election according to the  
18 following schedule:

19 (I) For a district in existence on July 1, 2010, and  
20 serving a county with a population of 400,000 or fewer persons  
21 as of that date.....2014.

22 ~~(II) For a district in existence on July 1, 2010, and~~  
23 ~~serving a county with a population of more than 400,000 but~~  
24 ~~fewer than 2 million persons as of~~  
25 ~~that date.....2016.~~

26 (II)~~(III)~~ For a district in existence on July 1, 2010, and  
27 serving a county with a population of 2 million or more persons  
28 as of that date.....2020.

29 b. A referendum by the electorate on or after July 1, 2010,  
30 creating a new district with taxing authority may specify that  
31 the district is not subject to reauthorization or may specify  
32 the number of years for which the initial authorization shall  
33 remain effective. If the referendum does not prescribe terms of  
34 reauthorization, the governing body of the county shall submit  
35 the question of retention or dissolution of the district to the  
36 electorate in the general election 12 years after the initial  
37 authorization.

38 2. The governing body of the district may specify, and  
39 submit to the governing body of the county no later than 9  
40 months before the scheduled election, that the district is not



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41 subsequently subject to reauthorization or may specify the  
42 number of years for which a reauthorization under this paragraph  
43 shall remain effective. If the governing body of the district  
44 makes such specification and submission, the governing body of  
45 the county shall include that information in the question  
46 submitted to the electorate. If the governing body of the  
47 district does not specify and submit such information, the  
48 governing body of the county shall resubmit the question of  
49 reauthorization to the electorate every 12 years after the year  
50 prescribed in subparagraph 1. The governing body of the district  
51 may recommend to the governing body of the county language for  
52 the question submitted to the electorate.

53 3. Nothing in this paragraph limits the authority to  
54 dissolve a district as provided under paragraph (a).

55 4. Nothing in this paragraph precludes the governing body  
56 of a district from requesting that the governing body of the  
57 county submit the question of retention or dissolution of a  
58 district with voter-approved taxing authority to the electorate  
59 at a date earlier than the year prescribed in subparagraph 1. If  
60 the governing body of the county accepts the request and submits  
61 the question to the electorate, the governing body satisfies the  
62 requirement of that subparagraph.

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64 If any district is dissolved pursuant to this subsection, each  
65 county must first obligate itself to assume the debts,  
66 liabilities, contracts, and outstanding obligations of the  
67 district within the total millage available to the county  
68 governing body for all county and municipal purposes as provided  
69 for under s. 9, Art. VII of the State Constitution. Any district



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70 | may also be dissolved pursuant to s. part VII of chapter 189.

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72 | ===== T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T =====

73 | And the title is amended as follows:

74 |       Between lines 3 and 4

75 | insert:

76 |       125.901, F.S.; revising the schedule for a county's  
77 |       governing body to submit a general election ballot  
78 |       question on whether to retain a district with voter-  
79 |       approved taxing authority; amending s.