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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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Senator Brandes moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 89 and 90

insert:

Section 3. 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 8 and 9

75 insert:

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