

HB 7001

2016

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to special district accountability;
3 amending s. 189.061, F.S.; requiring the Department of
4 Economic Opportunity to exclude inactive special
5 districts from the official list of special districts;
6 amending s. 189.062, F.S.; requiring the department to
7 remove special districts declared inactive from the
8 official list of special districts; requiring the
9 department to keep a separate list of inactive
10 districts; amending ss. 189.071 and 189.072, F.S.;
11 conforming provisions to changes made by this act;
12 providing an effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 189.061, Florida
17 Statutes, is amended to read:

18 189.061 Official list of special districts.—

19 (1) (a) The department shall maintain the official list of
20 special districts. The official list of special districts shall
21 include all special districts in this state and shall indicate
22 the independent or dependent status of each district. All
23 special districts on the list shall be sorted by county. The
24 definitions in s. 189.012 shall be the criteria for
25 determination of the independent or dependent status of each
26 special district on the official list. The status of community

27 development districts shall be independent on the official list
 28 of special districts.

29 (b) The official list shall exclude all districts declared
 30 inactive as provided in s. 189.062.

31 Section 2. Subsection (6) is added to section 189.062,
 32 Florida Statutes, to read:

33 189.062 Special procedures for inactive districts.—

34 (6) (a) The department shall immediately remove each
 35 special district declared inactive as provided in this section
 36 from the official list of special districts maintained as
 37 provided in ss. 189.061 and 189.064.

38 (b) The department shall create a separate list of all
 39 special districts declared inactive as provided in this section
 40 and shall maintain each such district on such inactive list
 41 until the department determines that the district has resumed
 42 active status, the district is merged as provided in s. 189.071
 43 or s. 189.074, or the district is dissolved as provided in s.
 44 189.071 or s. 189.072.

45 Section 3. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 189.071,
 46 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

47 189.071 Merger or dissolution of a dependent special
 48 district.—

49 (2) The merger or dissolution of an active ~~a~~ dependent
 50 special district created and operating pursuant to a special act
 51 may be effectuated only by further act of the Legislature unless
 52 otherwise provided by general law.

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53 (3) A dependent special district that meets any criteria
54 for being declared inactive, ~~or that has already been declared~~
55 ~~inactive~~, pursuant to s. 189.062 may be dissolved or merged by
56 special act without a referendum.

57 Section 4. Subsection (3) of section 189.072, Florida
58 Statutes, is amended to read:

59 189.072 Dissolution of an independent special district.—

60 (3) INACTIVE INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS.—An independent
61 special district that meets any criteria for being declared
62 inactive, ~~or that has already been declared inactive~~, pursuant
63 to s. 189.062 may be dissolved by special act without a
64 referendum. If an inactive independent special district was
65 created by a county or municipality through a referendum, the
66 county or municipality that created the district may dissolve
67 the district after publishing notice as described in s. 189.062.

68 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.