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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to local tax referenda; amending s.  
3           166.211, F.S.; providing that a municipality may  
4           increase the millage rate of ad valorem taxes levied  
5           on real and tangible personal property only by a vote  
6           of a specified percentage of the municipality's  
7           governing body approving the increase; amending s.  
8           212.055, F.S.; revising the voter approval threshold  
9           required to pass a referendum to adopt or amend local  
10          government discretionary sales surtaxes when the  
11          referendum is held at any date other than a general  
12          election; conforming provisions to changes made by the  
13          act; providing an effective date.

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

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17          Section 1. Present subsection (2) of section 166.211,  
18          Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (3), and a new  
19          subsection (2) is added to that section, to read:

20          166.211 Ad valorem taxes.—

21          (2) A municipality may increase the millage rate of ad  
22          valorem taxes levied on real and tangible personal property  
23          within the municipality only by a vote of at least 60 percent of  
24          the governing body of the municipality which approves the  
25          increase.

26 Section 2. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (1),  
 27 paragraph (a) of subsection (2), paragraph (a) of subsection  
 28 (3), subsections (4) and (5), paragraph (a) of subsection (6),  
 29 paragraph (a) of subsection (7), paragraph (b) of subsection  
 30 (8), and paragraph (a) of subsection (9) of section 212.055,  
 31 Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (10) is added to  
 32 that section, to read:

33 212.055 Discretionary sales surtaxes; legislative intent;  
 34 authorization and use of proceeds.—It is the legislative intent  
 35 that any authorization for imposition of a discretionary sales  
 36 surtax shall be published in the Florida Statutes as a  
 37 subsection of this section, irrespective of the duration of the  
 38 levy. Each enactment shall specify the types of counties  
 39 authorized to levy; the rate or rates which may be imposed; the  
 40 maximum length of time the surtax may be imposed, if any; the  
 41 procedure which must be followed to secure voter approval, if  
 42 required; the purpose for which the proceeds may be expended;  
 43 and such other requirements as the Legislature may provide.  
 44 Taxable transactions and administrative procedures shall be as  
 45 provided in s. 212.054.

46 (1) CHARTER COUNTY AND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM  
 47 SURTAX.—

48 (a) Each charter county that has adopted a charter, each  
 49 county the government of which is consolidated with that of one  
 50 or more municipalities, and each county that is within or under

51 an interlocal agreement with a regional transportation or  
52 transit authority created under chapter 343 or chapter 349 may  
53 levy a discretionary sales surtax, ~~subject to approval by a~~  
54 ~~majority vote of the electorate of the county or by a charter~~  
55 ~~amendment approved by a majority vote of the electorate of the~~  
56 ~~county.~~

57 (c) The proposal to adopt a discretionary sales surtax as  
58 provided in this subsection and to create a trust fund within  
59 the county accounts shall be placed on the ballot in accordance  
60 with law and must be approved in a referendum as set forth in  
61 subsection (10) at a time to be set at the discretion of the  
62 governing body.

63 (2) LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE SURTAX.—

64 (a)1. The governing authority in each county may levy a  
65 discretionary sales surtax of 0.5 percent or 1 percent. The levy  
66 of the surtax shall be pursuant to an ordinance enacted by a  
67 majority of the members of the county governing authority and  
68 approved by ~~a majority of~~ the electors of the county, as set  
69 forth in subsection (10), voting in a referendum on the surtax.  
70 If the governing bodies of the municipalities representing a  
71 majority of the county's population adopt uniform resolutions  
72 establishing the rate of the surtax and calling for a referendum  
73 on the surtax, the levy of the surtax shall be placed on the  
74 ballot and shall take effect if approved by ~~a majority of~~ the  
75 electors of the county, as set forth in subsection (10), voting

76 | in the referendum on the surtax.

77 |         2. If the surtax was levied pursuant to a referendum held  
 78 | before July 1, 1993, the surtax may not be levied beyond the  
 79 | time established in the ordinance, or, if the ordinance did not  
 80 | limit the period of the levy, the surtax may not be levied for  
 81 | more than 15 years. The levy of such surtax may be extended only  
 82 | by approval of ~~a majority of~~ the electors of the county, as set  
 83 | forth in subsection (10), voting in a referendum on the surtax.

84 |         (3) SMALL COUNTY SURTAX.—

85 |         (a) The governing authority in each county that has a  
 86 | population of 50,000 or less on April 1, 1992, may levy a  
 87 | discretionary sales surtax of 0.5 percent or 1 percent. The levy  
 88 | of the surtax shall be pursuant to an ordinance enacted by an  
 89 | extraordinary vote of the members of the county governing  
 90 | authority if the surtax revenues are expended for operating  
 91 | purposes. If the surtax revenues are expended for the purpose of  
 92 | servicing bond indebtedness, the surtax shall be approved by ~~a~~  
 93 | ~~majority of~~ the electors of the county, as set forth in  
 94 | subsection (10), voting in a referendum on the surtax.

95 |         (4) INDIGENT CARE AND TRAUMA CENTER SURTAX.—

96 |         (a)1. The governing body in each county the government of  
 97 | which is not consolidated with that of one or more  
 98 | municipalities, which has a population of at least 800,000  
 99 | residents and is not authorized to levy a surtax under  
 100 | subsection (5), may levy, pursuant to an ordinance either

101 approved by an extraordinary vote of the governing body or  
 102 conditioned to take effect only upon approval by a ~~majority vote~~  
 103 ~~of~~ the electors of the county, as set forth in subsection (10),  
 104 voting in a referendum, a discretionary sales surtax at a rate  
 105 that may not exceed 0.5 percent.

106 2. If the ordinance is conditioned on a referendum, a  
 107 statement that includes a brief and general description of the  
 108 purposes to be funded by the surtax and that conforms to the  
 109 requirements of s. 101.161 shall be placed on the ballot by the  
 110 governing body of the county. The following questions shall be  
 111 placed on the ballot:

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 113 FOR THE. . . .CENTS TAX  
 114 AGAINST THE. . . .CENTS TAX  
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116 3. The ordinance adopted by the governing body providing  
 117 for the imposition of the surtax shall set forth a plan for  
 118 providing health care services to qualified residents, as  
 119 defined in subparagraph 4. Such plan and subsequent amendments  
 120 to it shall fund a broad range of health care services for both  
 121 indigent persons and the medically poor, including, but not  
 122 limited to, primary care and preventive care as well as hospital  
 123 care. The plan must also address the services to be provided by  
 124 the Level I trauma center. It shall emphasize a continuity of  
 125 care in the most cost-effective setting, taking into

126 | consideration both a high quality of care and geographic access.  
127 | Where consistent with these objectives, it shall include,  
128 | without limitation, services rendered by physicians, clinics,  
129 | community hospitals, mental health centers, and alternative  
130 | delivery sites, as well as at least one regional referral  
131 | hospital where appropriate. It shall provide that agreements  
132 | negotiated between the county and providers, including hospitals  
133 | with a Level I trauma center, will include reimbursement  
134 | methodologies that take into account the cost of services  
135 | rendered to eligible patients, recognize hospitals that render a  
136 | disproportionate share of indigent care, provide other  
137 | incentives to promote the delivery of charity care, promote the  
138 | advancement of technology in medical services, recognize the  
139 | level of responsiveness to medical needs in trauma cases, and  
140 | require cost containment, including, but not limited to, case  
141 | management. It must also provide that any hospitals that are  
142 | owned and operated by government entities on May 21, 1991, must,  
143 | as a condition of receiving funds under this subsection, afford  
144 | public access equal to that provided under s. 286.011 as to  
145 | meetings of the governing board, the subject of which is  
146 | budgeting resources for the rendition of charity care as that  
147 | term is defined in the Florida Hospital Uniform Reporting System  
148 | (FHURS) manual referenced in s. 408.07. The plan shall also  
149 | include innovative health care programs that provide cost-  
150 | effective alternatives to traditional methods of service

151 delivery and funding.

152 4. For the purpose of this paragraph, the term "qualified  
153 resident" means residents of the authorizing county who are:

154 a. Qualified as indigent persons as certified by the  
155 authorizing county;

156 b. Certified by the authorizing county as meeting the  
157 definition of the medically poor, defined as persons having  
158 insufficient income, resources, and assets to provide the needed  
159 medical care without using resources required to meet basic  
160 needs for shelter, food, clothing, and personal expenses; or not  
161 being eligible for any other state or federal program, or having  
162 medical needs that are not covered by any such program; or  
163 having insufficient third-party insurance coverage. In all  
164 cases, the authorizing county is intended to serve as the payor  
165 of last resort; or

166 c. Participating in innovative, cost-effective programs  
167 approved by the authorizing county.

168 5. Moneys collected pursuant to this paragraph remain the  
169 property of the state and shall be distributed by the Department  
170 of Revenue on a regular and periodic basis to the clerk of the  
171 circuit court as ex officio custodian of the funds of the  
172 authorizing county. The clerk of the circuit court shall:

173 a. Maintain the moneys in an indigent health care trust  
174 fund;

175 b. Invest any funds held on deposit in the trust fund

176 | pursuant to general law;

177 |       c. Disburse the funds, including any interest earned, to  
178 | any provider of health care services, as provided in  
179 | subparagraphs 3. and 4., upon directive from the authorizing  
180 | county. However, if a county has a population of at least  
181 | 800,000 residents and has levied the surtax authorized in this  
182 | paragraph, notwithstanding any directive from the authorizing  
183 | county, on October 1 of each calendar year, the clerk of the  
184 | court shall issue a check in the amount of \$6.5 million to a  
185 | hospital in its jurisdiction that has a Level I trauma center or  
186 | shall issue a check in the amount of \$3.5 million to a hospital  
187 | in its jurisdiction that has a Level I trauma center if that  
188 | county enacts and implements a hospital lien law in accordance  
189 | with chapter 98-499, Laws of Florida. The issuance of the checks  
190 | on October 1 of each year is provided in recognition of the  
191 | Level I trauma center status and shall be in addition to the  
192 | base contract amount received during fiscal year 1999-2000 and  
193 | any additional amount negotiated to the base contract. If the  
194 | hospital receiving funds for its Level I trauma center status  
195 | requests such funds to be used to generate federal matching  
196 | funds under Medicaid, the clerk of the court shall instead issue  
197 | a check to the Agency for Health Care Administration to  
198 | accomplish that purpose to the extent that it is allowed through  
199 | the General Appropriations Act; and

200 |       d. Prepare on a biennial basis an audit of the trust fund

201 specified in sub-subparagraph a. Commencing February 1, 2004,  
 202 such audit shall be delivered to the governing body and to the  
 203 chair of the legislative delegation of each authorizing county.

204 6. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a  
 205 county shall not levy local option sales surtaxes authorized in  
 206 this paragraph and subsections (2) and (3) in excess of a  
 207 combined rate of 1 percent.

208 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section,  
 209 the governing body in each county the government of which is not  
 210 consolidated with that of one or more municipalities and which  
 211 has a population of less than 800,000 residents, may levy, by  
 212 ordinance subject to approval by ~~a majority of~~ the electors of  
 213 the county, as set forth in subsection (10), voting in a  
 214 referendum, a discretionary sales surtax at a rate that may not  
 215 exceed 0.25 percent for the sole purpose of funding trauma  
 216 services provided by a trauma center licensed pursuant to  
 217 chapter 395.

218 1. A statement that includes a brief and general  
 219 description of the purposes to be funded by the surtax and that  
 220 conforms to the requirements of s. 101.161 shall be placed on  
 221 the ballot by the governing body of the county. The following  
 222 shall be placed on the ballot:

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 224 FOR THE. . . .CENTS TAX  
 225 AGAINST THE. . . .CENTS TAX

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227           2. The ordinance adopted by the governing body of the  
228 county providing for the imposition of the surtax shall set  
229 forth a plan for providing trauma services to trauma victims  
230 presenting in the trauma service area in which such county is  
231 located.

232           3. Moneys collected pursuant to this paragraph remain the  
233 property of the state and shall be distributed by the Department  
234 of Revenue on a regular and periodic basis to the clerk of the  
235 circuit court as ex officio custodian of the funds of the  
236 authorizing county. The clerk of the circuit court shall:

237           a. Maintain the moneys in a trauma services trust fund.

238           b. Invest any funds held on deposit in the trust fund  
239 pursuant to general law.

240           c. Disburse the funds, including any interest earned on  
241 such funds, to the trauma center in its trauma service area, as  
242 provided in the plan set forth pursuant to subparagraph 2., upon  
243 directive from the authorizing county. If the trauma center  
244 receiving funds requests such funds be used to generate federal  
245 matching funds under Medicaid, the custodian of the funds shall  
246 instead issue a check to the Agency for Health Care  
247 Administration to accomplish that purpose to the extent that the  
248 agency is allowed through the General Appropriations Act.

249           d. Prepare on a biennial basis an audit of the trauma  
250 services trust fund specified in sub-subparagraph a., to be

251 delivered to the authorizing county.

252 4. A discretionary sales surtax imposed pursuant to this  
253 paragraph shall expire 4 years after the effective date of the  
254 surtax, unless reenacted by ordinance subject to approval by a  
255 ~~majority of the electors of the county,~~ as set forth in  
256 subsection (10), voting in a subsequent referendum.

257 5. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a  
258 county shall not levy local option sales surtaxes authorized in  
259 this paragraph and subsections (2) and (3) in excess of a  
260 combined rate of 1 percent.

261 (5) COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL SURTAX.—Any county as defined  
262 in s. 125.011(1) may levy the surtax authorized in this  
263 subsection pursuant to an ordinance either approved by  
264 extraordinary vote of the county commission or conditioned to  
265 take effect only upon approval by a ~~majority vote of the~~  
266 electors of the county, as set forth in subsection (10), voting  
267 in a referendum. In a county as defined in s. 125.011(1), for  
268 the purposes of this subsection, "county public general  
269 hospital" means a general hospital as defined in s. 395.002  
270 which is owned, operated, maintained, or governed by the county  
271 or its agency, authority, or public health trust.

272 (a) The rate shall be 0.5 percent.

273 (b) If the ordinance is conditioned on a referendum, the  
274 proposal to adopt the county public hospital surtax shall be  
275 placed on the ballot in accordance with subsection (10) ~~law at a~~

276 ~~time to be set at the discretion of the governing body.~~ The  
277 referendum question on the ballot shall include a brief general  
278 description of the health care services to be funded by the  
279 surtax.

280 (c) Proceeds from the surtax shall be:

281 1. Deposited by the county in a special fund, set aside  
282 from other county funds, to be used only for the operation,  
283 maintenance, and administration of the county public general  
284 hospital; and

285 2. Remitted promptly by the county to the agency,  
286 authority, or public health trust created by law which  
287 administers or operates the county public general hospital.

288 (d) Except as provided in subparagraphs 1. and 2., the  
289 county must continue to contribute each year an amount equal to  
290 at least 80 percent of that percentage of the total county  
291 budget appropriated for the operation, administration, and  
292 maintenance of the county public general hospital from the  
293 county's general revenues in the fiscal year of the county  
294 ending September 30, 1991:

295 1. Twenty-five percent of such amount must be remitted to  
296 a governing board, agency, or authority that is wholly  
297 independent from the public health trust, agency, or authority  
298 responsible for the county public general hospital, to be used  
299 solely for the purpose of funding the plan for indigent health  
300 care services provided for in paragraph (e);

301           2. However, in the first year of the plan, a total of \$10  
302 million shall be remitted to such governing board, agency, or  
303 authority, to be used solely for the purpose of funding the plan  
304 for indigent health care services provided for in paragraph (e),  
305 and in the second year of the plan, a total of \$15 million shall  
306 be so remitted and used.

307           (e) A governing board, agency, or authority shall be  
308 chartered by the county commission upon this act becoming law.  
309 The governing board, agency, or authority shall adopt and  
310 implement a health care plan for indigent health care services.  
311 The governing board, agency, or authority shall consist of no  
312 more than seven and no fewer than five members appointed by the  
313 county commission. The members of the governing board, agency,  
314 or authority shall be at least 18 years of age and residents of  
315 the county. No member may be employed by or affiliated with a  
316 health care provider or the public health trust, agency, or  
317 authority responsible for the county public general hospital.  
318 The following community organizations shall each appoint a  
319 representative to a nominating committee: the South Florida  
320 Hospital and Healthcare Association, the Miami-Dade County  
321 Public Health Trust, the Dade County Medical Association, the  
322 Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust, and the Mayor of Miami-Dade  
323 County. This committee shall nominate between 10 and 14 county  
324 citizens for the governing board, agency, or authority. The  
325 slate shall be presented to the county commission and the county

326 commission shall confirm the top five to seven nominees,  
327 depending on the size of the governing board. Until such time as  
328 the governing board, agency, or authority is created, the funds  
329 provided for in subparagraph (d)2. shall be placed in a  
330 restricted account set aside from other county funds and not  
331 disbursed by the county for any other purpose.

332 1. The plan shall divide the county into a minimum of four  
333 and maximum of six service areas, with no more than one  
334 participant hospital per service area. The county public general  
335 hospital shall be designated as the provider for one of the  
336 service areas. Services shall be provided through participants'  
337 primary acute care facilities.

338 2. The plan and subsequent amendments to it shall fund a  
339 defined range of health care services for both indigent persons  
340 and the medically poor, including primary care, preventive care,  
341 hospital emergency room care, and hospital care necessary to  
342 stabilize the patient. For the purposes of this section,  
343 "stabilization" means stabilization as defined in s.  
344 397.311(45). Where consistent with these objectives, the plan  
345 may include services rendered by physicians, clinics, community  
346 hospitals, and alternative delivery sites, as well as at least  
347 one regional referral hospital per service area. The plan shall  
348 provide that agreements negotiated between the governing board,  
349 agency, or authority and providers shall recognize hospitals  
350 that render a disproportionate share of indigent care, provide

351 other incentives to promote the delivery of charity care to draw  
352 down federal funds where appropriate, and require cost  
353 containment, including, but not limited to, case management.  
354 From the funds specified in subparagraphs (d)1. and 2. for  
355 indigent health care services, service providers shall receive  
356 reimbursement at a Medicaid rate to be determined by the  
357 governing board, agency, or authority created pursuant to this  
358 paragraph for the initial emergency room visit, and a per-member  
359 per-month fee or capitation for those members enrolled in their  
360 service area, as compensation for the services rendered  
361 following the initial emergency visit. Except for provisions of  
362 emergency services, upon determination of eligibility,  
363 enrollment shall be deemed to have occurred at the time services  
364 were rendered. The provisions for specific reimbursement of  
365 emergency services shall be repealed on July 1, 2001, unless  
366 otherwise reenacted by the Legislature. The capitation amount or  
367 rate shall be determined before program implementation by an  
368 independent actuarial consultant. In no event shall such  
369 reimbursement rates exceed the Medicaid rate. The plan must also  
370 provide that any hospitals owned and operated by government  
371 entities on or after the effective date of this act must, as a  
372 condition of receiving funds under this subsection, afford  
373 public access equal to that provided under s. 286.011 as to any  
374 meeting of the governing board, agency, or authority the subject  
375 of which is budgeting resources for the retention of charity

376 care, as that term is defined in the rules of the Agency for  
377 Health Care Administration. The plan shall also include  
378 innovative health care programs that provide cost-effective  
379 alternatives to traditional methods of service and delivery  
380 funding.

381 3. The plan's benefits shall be made available to all  
382 county residents currently eligible to receive health care  
383 services as indigents or medically poor as defined in paragraph  
384 (4) (d).

385 4. Eligible residents who participate in the health care  
386 plan shall receive coverage for a period of 12 months or the  
387 period extending from the time of enrollment to the end of the  
388 current fiscal year, per enrollment period, whichever is less.

389 5. At the end of each fiscal year, the governing board,  
390 agency, or authority shall prepare an audit that reviews the  
391 budget of the plan, delivery of services, and quality of  
392 services, and makes recommendations to increase the plan's  
393 efficiency. The audit shall take into account participant  
394 hospital satisfaction with the plan and assess the amount of  
395 poststabilization patient transfers requested, and accepted or  
396 denied, by the county public general hospital.

397 (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a  
398 county may not levy local option sales surtaxes authorized in  
399 this subsection and subsections (2) and (3) in excess of a  
400 combined rate of 1 percent.

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401 (6) SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY SURTAX.—

402 (a) The school board in each county may levy, pursuant to  
403 a resolution conditioned to take effect only upon approval by a  
404 majority vote of the electors of the county, as set forth in  
405 subsection (10), voting in a referendum, a discretionary sales  
406 surtax at a rate that may not exceed 0.5 percent.

407 (7) VOTER-APPROVED INDIGENT CARE SURTAX.—

408 (a)1. The governing body in each county that has a  
409 population of fewer than 800,000 residents may levy an indigent  
410 care surtax pursuant to an ordinance conditioned to take effect  
411 only upon approval by ~~a majority vote of~~ the electors of the  
412 county, as set forth in subsection (10), voting in a referendum.  
413 The surtax may be levied at a rate not to exceed 0.5 percent,  
414 except that if a publicly supported medical school is located in  
415 the county, the rate shall not exceed 1 percent.

416 2. Notwithstanding subparagraph 1., the governing body of  
417 any county that has a population of fewer than 50,000 residents  
418 may levy an indigent care surtax pursuant to an ordinance  
419 conditioned to take effect only upon approval by ~~a majority vote~~  
420 ~~of~~ the electors of the county, as set forth in subsection (10),  
421 voting in a referendum. The surtax may be levied at a rate not  
422 to exceed 1 percent.

423 (8) EMERGENCY FIRE RESCUE SERVICES AND FACILITIES SURTAX.—

424 (b) Upon the adoption of the ordinance, the levy of the  
425 surtax must be placed on the ballot by the governing authority

426 of the county enacting the ordinance. The ordinance will take  
427 effect if approved by ~~a majority of~~ the electors of the county,  
428 as set forth in subsection (10), voting in a referendum held for  
429 such purpose. The referendum shall be placed on the ballot of a  
430 regularly scheduled election. The ballot for the referendum must  
431 conform to the requirements of s. 101.161.

432 (9) PENSION LIABILITY SURTAX.—

433 (a) The governing body of a county may levy a pension  
434 liability surtax to fund an underfunded defined benefit  
435 retirement plan or system, pursuant to an ordinance conditioned  
436 to take effect upon approval by ~~a majority vote of~~ the electors  
437 of the county, as set forth in subsection (10), voting in a  
438 referendum, at a rate that may not exceed 0.5 percent. The  
439 county may not impose a pension liability surtax unless the  
440 underfunded defined benefit retirement plan or system is below  
441 80 percent of actuarial funding at the time the ordinance or  
442 referendum is passed. The most recent actuarial report submitted  
443 to the Department of Management Services pursuant to s. 112.63  
444 must be used to establish the level of actuarial funding for  
445 purposes of determining eligibility to impose the surtax. The  
446 governing body of a county may only impose the surtax if:

447 1. An employee, including a police officer or firefighter,  
448 who enters employment on or after the date when the local  
449 government certifies that the defined benefit retirement plan or  
450 system formerly available to such an employee has been closed

451 may not enroll in a defined benefit retirement plan or system  
452 that will receive surtax proceeds.

453 2. The local government and the collective bargaining  
454 representative for the members of the underfunded defined  
455 benefit retirement plan or system or, if there is no  
456 representative, a majority of the members of the plan or system,  
457 mutually consent to requiring each member to make an employee  
458 retirement contribution of at least 10 percent of each member's  
459 salary for each pay period beginning with the first pay period  
460 after the plan or system is closed.

461 3. The pension board of trustees for the underfunded  
462 defined benefit retirement plan or system, if such board exists,  
463 is prohibited from participating in the collective bargaining  
464 process and engaging in the determination of pension benefits.

465 4. The county currently levies a local government  
466 infrastructure surtax pursuant to subsection (2) which is  
467 scheduled to terminate and is not subject to renewal.

468 5. The pension liability surtax does not take effect until  
469 the local government infrastructure surtax described in  
470 subparagraph 4. is terminated.

471 (10) VOTER APPROVAL THRESHOLDS.—A referendum to adopt or  
472 amend a local government discretionary sales surtax under this  
473 section which is held at any date other than a general election  
474 as defined by s. 97.021 requires the approval of at least 60  
475 percent of the electors voting on the ballot question. A

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476 | referendum under this section which is held at a general  
477 | election as defined by s. 97.021 requires the approval of a  
478 | majority of the electors voting on the ballot question.

479 |       Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.  
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