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The Committee on Rules (Hutson) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Section 57.112, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
read:

57.112 Attorney fees and costs and damages; arbitrary,  
unreasonable, or expressly preempted local ordinances actions.-

(1) As used in this section, the term "attorney fees and  
costs" means the reasonable and necessary attorney fees and  
costs incurred for all preparations, motions, hearings, trials,



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12 and appeals in a proceeding.

13 (2) If a civil action is filed against a local government  
14 to challenge the adoption or enforcement of a local ordinance on  
15 the grounds that it is expressly preempted by the State  
16 Constitution or by state law, the court shall assess and award  
17 reasonable attorney fees and costs and damages to the prevailing  
18 party.

19 (3) If a civil action is filed against a local government  
20 to challenge the adoption of a local ordinance on the grounds  
21 that the ordinance is arbitrary or unreasonable, the court may  
22 assess and award reasonable attorney fees and costs and damages  
23 to a prevailing plaintiff. An award of reasonable attorney fees  
24 or costs and damages pursuant to this subsection may not exceed  
25 \$50,000. In addition, a prevailing plaintiff may not recover any  
26 attorney fees or costs directly incurred or associated with  
27 litigation to determine an award of reasonable attorney fees or  
28 costs.

29 (4) Attorney fees and costs and damages may not be awarded  
30 pursuant to this section if:

31 (a) The governing body of a local governmental entity  
32 receives written notice that an ordinance that has been publicly  
33 noticed or adopted is expressly preempted by the State  
34 Constitution or state law or is arbitrary or unreasonable; and

35 (b) The governing body of the local governmental entity  
36 withdraws the proposed ordinance within 30 days; or, in the case  
37 of an adopted ordinance, the governing body of a local  
38 government notices an intent to repeal the ordinance within 30  
39 days of receipt of the notice and repeals the ordinance within  
40 30 days thereafter.



41        (5) ~~(4)~~ The provisions in this section are supplemental to  
42 all other sanctions or remedies available under law or court  
43 rule. However, this section may not be construed to authorize  
44 double recovery if an affected person prevails on a damages  
45 claim brought against a local government pursuant to other  
46 applicable law involving the same ordinance, operative acts, or  
47 transactions.

48        (6) ~~(5)~~ This section does not apply to local ordinances  
49 adopted pursuant to part II of chapter 163, s. 553.73, or s.  
50 633.202.

51        (7) (a) ~~(6)~~ Except as provided in paragraph (b), this section  
52 is intended to be prospective in nature and applies ~~shall apply~~  
53 only to cases commenced on or after July 1, 2019.

54        (b) The amendments to this section effective October 1,  
55 2022, are prospective in nature and apply only to ordinances  
56 adopted on or after October 1, 2022.

57        Section 2. Present subsections (3) through (6) of section  
58 125.66, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (4)  
59 through (7), respectively, a new subsection (3) is added to that  
60 section, and paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of that section is  
61 amended, to read:

62        125.66 Ordinances; enactment procedure; emergency  
63 ordinances; rezoning or change of land use ordinances or  
64 resolutions.—

65        (2) (a) The regular enactment procedure shall be as follows:  
66 The board of county commissioners at any regular or special  
67 meeting may enact or amend any ordinance, except as provided in  
68 subsection (5) ~~(4)~~, if notice of intent to consider such  
69 ordinance is given at least 10 days before such meeting by



70 publication as provided in chapter 50. A copy of such notice  
71 shall be kept available for public inspection during the regular  
72 business hours of the office of the clerk of the board of county  
73 commissioners. The notice of proposed enactment shall state the  
74 date, time, and place of the meeting; the title or titles of  
75 proposed ordinances; and the place or places within the county  
76 where such proposed ordinances may be inspected by the public.  
77 The notice shall also advise that interested parties may appear  
78 at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed  
79 ordinance.

80 (3) (a) Before the enactment of a proposed ordinance, the  
81 board of county commissioners shall prepare or cause to be  
82 prepared a business impact estimate in accordance with this  
83 subsection. The business impact estimate must be posted on the  
84 county's website no later than the date the notice of proposed  
85 enactment is published pursuant to paragraph (2) (a) and must  
86 include all of the following:

87 1. A summary of the proposed ordinance, including a  
88 statement of the public purpose to be served by the proposed  
89 ordinance, such as serving the public health, safety, morals,  
90 and welfare of the county.

91 2. An estimate of the direct economic impact of the  
92 proposed ordinance on private for-profit businesses in the  
93 county, including the following, if any:

94 a. An estimate of direct compliance costs businesses may  
95 reasonably incur if the ordinance is enacted.

96 b. Identification of any new charge or fee on businesses  
97 subject to the proposed ordinance or for which businesses will  
98 be financially responsible.



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99           c. An estimate of the county's regulatory costs, including  
100 an estimate of revenues from any new charges or fees that will  
101 be imposed on businesses to cover such costs.

102           3. A good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely  
103 to be impacted by the ordinance.

104           4. Any additional information the board determines may be  
105 useful.

106           (b) This subsection may not be construed to require a  
107 county to procure an accountant or other financial consultant to  
108 prepare the business impact estimate required by this  
109 subsection.

110           (c) This subsection does not apply to local ordinances  
111 enacted to implement the following:

112           1. Part II of chapter 163;

113           2. Section 553.73;

114           3. Section 633.202;

115           4. Ordinances required to comply with federal or state law  
116 or regulation;

117           5. Ordinances related to the issuance or refinancing of  
118 debt;

119           6. Ordinances related to the adoption of budgets or budget  
120 amendments;

121           7. Ordinances required to implement a contract or an  
122 agreement, including, but not limited to, any federal, state,  
123 local, or private grant, or other financial assistance accepted  
124 by a county government; or

125           8. Emergency ordinances.

126           Section 3. Section 125.675, Florida Statutes, is created to  
127 read:



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128           125.675 Legal challenges to certain recently enacted  
129 ordinances.-

130           (1) A county must suspend enforcement of an ordinance that  
131 is the subject of an action, including appeals, challenging the  
132 ordinance's validity on the grounds that it is expressly  
133 preempted by the State Constitution or by state law or is  
134 arbitrary or unreasonable if:

135           (a) The action was filed with the court no later than 90  
136 days after the adoption of the ordinance;

137           (b) The complainant requests suspension in the initial  
138 complaint or petition, citing this section; and

139           (c) The county has been served with a copy of the complaint  
140 or petition.

141           (2) When there is an appeal to a case in which the  
142 enforcement of an ordinance is suspended under this section, the  
143 appellate court may lift the suspension if the local government  
144 prevailed in the lower court.

145           (3) The court shall give cases in which the enforcement of  
146 an ordinance is suspended under this section priority over other  
147 pending cases and shall render a preliminary or final decision  
148 on the validity of the ordinance as expeditiously as possible.

149           (4) The signature of an attorney or a party constitutes a  
150 certificate that he or she has read the pleading, motion, or  
151 other paper and that, to the best of his or her knowledge,  
152 information, and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, it is  
153 not interposed for any improper purpose, such as to harass or to  
154 cause unnecessary delay, or for economic advantage, competitive  
155 reasons, or frivolous purposes or needless increase in the cost  
156 of litigation. If a pleading, motion, or other paper is signed



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157 in violation of these requirements, the court, upon its own  
158 initiative, shall impose upon the person who signed it, a  
159 represented party, or both, an appropriate sanction, which may  
160 include an order to pay to the other party or parties the amount  
161 of reasonable expenses incurred because of the filing of the  
162 pleading, motion, or other paper, including reasonable attorney  
163 fees.

164 (5) This section does not apply to local ordinances enacted  
165 to implement the following:

166 (a) Part II of chapter 163;

167 (b) Section 553.73;

168 (c) Section 633.202;

169 (d) Sections 190.005 and 190.046;

170 (e) Ordinances required to comply with federal or state law  
171 or regulation;

172 (f) Ordinances related to the issuance or refinancing of  
173 debt;

174 (g) Ordinances related to the adoption of budgets or budget  
175 amendments;

176 (h) Ordinances required to implement a contract or an  
177 agreement, including, but not limited to, any federal, state,  
178 local, or private grant, or other financial assistance accepted  
179 by a county government; or

180 (i) Emergency ordinances.

181 (6) The court may award attorney fees and costs and damages  
182 as provided in s. 57.112.

183 Section 4. Present subsections (4) through (8) of section  
184 166.041, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (5)  
185 through (9), respectively, and a new subsection (4) is added to



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186 that section, to read:

187 166.041 Procedures for adoption of ordinances and  
188 resolutions.—

189 (4) (a) Before the enactment of a proposed ordinance, the  
190 governing body of a municipality shall prepare or cause to be  
191 prepared a business impact estimate in accordance with this  
192 subsection. The business impact estimate must be posted on the  
193 municipality's website no later than the date the notice of  
194 proposed enactment is published pursuant to paragraph (3) (a) and  
195 must include all of the following:

196 1. A summary of the proposed ordinance, including a  
197 statement of the public purpose to be served by the proposed  
198 ordinance, such as serving the public health, safety, morals,  
199 and welfare of the municipality.

200 2. An estimate of the direct economic impact of the  
201 proposed ordinance on private for-profit businesses in the  
202 municipality, including the following, if any:

203 a. An estimate of direct compliance costs businesses may  
204 reasonably incur if the ordinance is enacted;

205 b. Identification of any new charge or fee on businesses  
206 subject to the proposed ordinance, or for which businesses will  
207 be financially responsible; and

208 c. An estimate of the municipality's regulatory costs,  
209 including an estimate of revenues from any new charges or fees  
210 that will be imposed on businesses to cover such costs.

211 3. A good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely  
212 to be impacted by the ordinance.

213 4. Any additional information the governing body determines  
214 may be useful.





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215       (b) This subsection may not be construed to require a  
216 municipality to procure an accountant or other financial  
217 consultant to prepare the business impact estimate required by  
218 this subsection.

219       (c) This subsection does not apply to local ordinances  
220 enacted to implement the following:

221           1. Part II of chapter 163;

222           2. Section 553.73;

223           3. Section 633.202;

224           4. Ordinances required to comply with federal or state law  
225 or regulation;

226           5. Ordinances related to the issuance or refinancing of  
227 debt;

228           6. Ordinances related to the adoption of budgets or budget  
229 amendments;

230           7. Ordinances required to implement a contract or an  
231 agreement, including, but not limited to, any federal, state,  
232 local, or private grant, or other financial assistance accepted  
233 by a local government; or

234           8. Emergency ordinances.

235       Section 5. Section 166.0411, Florida Statutes, is created  
236 to read:

237       166.0411 Legal challenges to certain recently enacted  
238 ordinances.—

239       (1) A municipality must suspend enforcement of an ordinance  
240 that is the subject of an action, including appeals, challenging  
241 the ordinance's validity on the grounds that it is expressly  
242 preempted by the State Constitution or by state law or is  
243 arbitrary or unreasonable if:



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244 (a) The action was filed with the court no later than 90  
245 days after the adoption of the ordinance;

246 (b) The complainant requests suspension in the initial  
247 complaint or petition, citing this section; and

248 (c) The municipality has been served with a copy of the  
249 complaint or petition.

250 (2) When there is an appeal to a case in which the  
251 enforcement of an ordinance is suspended under this section, the  
252 appellate court may lift the suspension if the local government  
253 prevailed in the lower court.

254 (3) The court shall give cases in which the enforcement of  
255 an ordinance is suspended under this section priority over other  
256 pending cases and shall render a preliminary or final decision  
257 on the validity of the ordinance as expeditiously as possible.

258 (4) The signature of an attorney or a party constitutes a  
259 certificate that he or she has read the pleading, motion, or  
260 other paper and that, to the best of his or her knowledge,  
261 information, and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, it is  
262 not interposed for any improper purpose, such as to harass or to  
263 cause unnecessary delay, or for economic advantage, competitive  
264 reasons, or frivolous purposes or needless increase in the cost  
265 of litigation. If a pleading, motion, or other paper is signed  
266 in violation of these requirements, the court, upon its own  
267 initiative, shall impose upon the person who signed it, a  
268 represented party, or both, an appropriate sanction, which may  
269 include an order to pay to the other party or parties the amount  
270 of reasonable expenses incurred because of the filing of the  
271 pleading, motion, or other paper, including reasonable attorney  
272 fees.



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273 (5) This section does not apply to local ordinances enacted  
274 to implement the following:

275 (a) Part II of chapter 163;

276 (b) Section 553.73;

277 (c) Section 633.202;

278 (d) Sections 190.005 and 190.046;

279 (e) Ordinances required to comply with federal or state law  
280 or regulation;

281 (f) Ordinances related to the issuance or refinancing of  
282 debt;

283 (g) Ordinances related to the adoption of budgets or budget  
284 amendments;

285 (h) Ordinances required to implement a contract or  
286 agreement, including, but not limited to, any federal, state,  
287 local, or private grant, or other financial assistance accepted  
288 by a municipal government; or

289 (i) Emergency ordinances.

290 (6) The court may award attorney fees and costs and damages  
291 as provided in s. 57.112.

292 Section 6. Subsection (5) of section 163.2517, Florida  
293 Statutes, is amended to read:

294 163.2517 Designation of urban infill and redevelopment  
295 area.—

296 (5) After the preparation of an urban infill and  
297 redevelopment plan or designation of an existing plan, the local  
298 government shall adopt the plan by ordinance. Notice for the  
299 public hearing on the ordinance must be in the form established  
300 in s. 166.041(3)(c)2. for municipalities, and s. 125.66(5)(b)2.  
301 ~~s. 125.66(4)(b)2.~~ for counties.



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302 Section 7. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section  
303 163.3181, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

304 163.3181 Public participation in the comprehensive planning  
305 process; intent; alternative dispute resolution.-

306 (3) A local government considering undertaking a publicly  
307 financed capital improvement project may elect to use the  
308 procedures set forth in this subsection for the purpose of  
309 allowing public participation in the decision and resolution of  
310 disputes. For purposes of this subsection, a publicly financed  
311 capital improvement project is a physical structure or  
312 structures, the funding for construction, operation, and  
313 maintenance of which is financed entirely from public funds.

314 (a) Prior to the date of a public hearing on the decision  
315 on whether to proceed with the proposed project, the local  
316 government shall publish public notice of its intent to decide  
317 the issue according to the notice procedures described by s.  
318 125.66(5)(b)2. ~~s. 125.66(4)(b)2.~~ for a county or s.  
319 166.041(3)(c)2.b. for a municipality.

320 Section 8. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section  
321 163.3215, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322 163.3215 Standing to enforce local comprehensive plans  
323 through development orders.-

324 (4) If a local government elects to adopt or has adopted an  
325 ordinance establishing, at a minimum, the requirements listed in  
326 this subsection, the sole method by which an aggrieved and  
327 adversely affected party may challenge any decision of local  
328 government granting or denying an application for a development  
329 order, as defined in s. 163.3164, which materially alters the  
330 use or density or intensity of use on a particular piece of



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331 property, on the basis that it is not consistent with the  
332 comprehensive plan adopted under this part, is by an appeal  
333 filed by a petition for writ of certiorari filed in circuit  
334 court no later than 30 days following rendition of a development  
335 order or other written decision of the local government, or when  
336 all local administrative appeals, if any, are exhausted,  
337 whichever occurs later. An action for injunctive or other relief  
338 may be joined with the petition for certiorari. Principles of  
339 judicial or administrative res judicata and collateral estoppel  
340 apply to these proceedings. Minimum components of the local  
341 process are as follows:

342 (a) The local process must make provision for notice of an  
343 application for a development order that materially alters the  
344 use or density or intensity of use on a particular piece of  
345 property, including notice by publication or mailed notice  
346 consistent with the provisions of ss. 125.66(5)(b)2. and 3. and  
347 166.041(3)(c)2.b. and c. ~~ss. 125.66(4)(b)2. and 3. and~~  
348 ~~166.041(3)(c)2.b. and c.~~, and must require prominent posting at  
349 the job site. The notice must be given within 10 days after the  
350 filing of an application for a development order; however,  
351 notice under this subsection is not required for an application  
352 for a building permit or any other official action of local  
353 government which does not materially alter the use or density or  
354 intensity of use on a particular piece of property. The notice  
355 must clearly delineate that an aggrieved or adversely affected  
356 person has the right to request a quasi-judicial hearing before  
357 the local government for which the application is made, must  
358 explain the conditions precedent to the appeal of any  
359 development order ultimately rendered upon the application, and



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360 must specify the location where written procedures can be  
361 obtained that describe the process, including how to initiate  
362 the quasi-judicial process, the timeframes for initiating the  
363 process, and the location of the hearing. The process may  
364 include an opportunity for an alternative dispute resolution.

365 Section 9. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section  
366 376.80, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

367 376.80 Brownfield program administration process.—

368 (1) The following general procedures apply to brownfield  
369 designations:

370 (c) Except as otherwise provided, the following provisions  
371 apply to all proposed brownfield area designations:

372 1. Notification to department following adoption.—A local  
373 government with jurisdiction over the brownfield area must  
374 notify the department, and, if applicable, the local pollution  
375 control program under s. 403.182, of its decision to designate a  
376 brownfield area for rehabilitation for the purposes of ss.  
377 376.77–376.86. The notification must include a resolution  
378 adopted by the local government body. The local government shall  
379 notify the department, and, if applicable, the local pollution  
380 control program under s. 403.182, of the designation within 30  
381 days after adoption of the resolution.

382 2. Resolution adoption.—The brownfield area designation  
383 must be carried out by a resolution adopted by the  
384 jurisdictional local government, which includes a map adequate  
385 to clearly delineate exactly which parcels are to be included in  
386 the brownfield area or alternatively a less-detailed map  
387 accompanied by a detailed legal description of the brownfield  
388 area. For municipalities, the governing body shall adopt the



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389 resolution in accordance with the procedures outlined in s.  
390 166.041, except that the procedures for the public hearings on  
391 the proposed resolution must be in the form established in s.  
392 166.041(3)(c)2. For counties, the governing body shall adopt the  
393 resolution in accordance with the procedures outlined in s.  
394 125.66, except that the procedures for the public hearings on  
395 the proposed resolution shall be in the form established in s.  
396 125.66(5)(b) ~~s. 125.66(4)(b)~~.

397 3. Right to be removed from proposed brownfield area.—If a  
398 property owner within the area proposed for designation by the  
399 local government requests in writing to have his or her property  
400 removed from the proposed designation, the local government  
401 shall grant the request.

402 4. Notice and public hearing requirements for designation  
403 of a proposed brownfield area outside a redevelopment area or by  
404 a nongovernmental entity. Compliance with the following  
405 provisions is required before designation of a proposed  
406 brownfield area under paragraph (2)(a) or paragraph (2)(c):

407 a. At least one of the required public hearings shall be  
408 conducted as closely as is reasonably practicable to the area to  
409 be designated to provide an opportunity for public input on the  
410 size of the area, the objectives for rehabilitation, job  
411 opportunities and economic developments anticipated,  
412 neighborhood residents' considerations, and other relevant local  
413 concerns.

414 b. Notice of a public hearing must be made in a newspaper  
415 of general circulation in the area, must be made in ethnic  
416 newspapers or local community bulletins, must be posted in the  
417 affected area, and must be announced at a scheduled meeting of



418 the local governing body before the actual public hearing.

419 Section 10. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section  
420 497.270, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

421 497.270 Minimum acreage; sale or disposition of cemetery  
422 lands.-

423 (3) (a) If the property to be sold, conveyed, or disposed of  
424 under subsection (2) has been or is being used for the permanent  
425 interment of human remains, the applicant for approval of such  
426 sale, conveyance, or disposition shall cause to be published, at  
427 least once a week for 4 consecutive weeks, a notice meeting the  
428 standards of publication set forth in s. 125.66(5)(b)2. ~~s.~~  
429 ~~125.66(4)(b)2.~~ The notice shall describe the property in  
430 question and the proposed noncemetery use and shall advise  
431 substantially affected persons that they may file a written  
432 request for a hearing pursuant to chapter 120, within 14 days  
433 after the date of last publication of the notice, with the  
434 department if they object to granting the applicant's request to  
435 sell, convey, or dispose of the subject property for noncemetery  
436 uses.

437 Section 11. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
438 562.45, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

439 562.45 Penalties for violating Beverage Law; local  
440 ordinances; prohibiting regulation of certain activities or  
441 business transactions; requiring nondiscriminatory treatment;  
442 providing exceptions.-

443 (2) (a) Nothing contained in the Beverage Law shall be  
444 construed to affect or impair the power or right of any county  
445 or incorporated municipality of the state to enact ordinances  
446 regulating the hours of business and location of place of





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447 business, and prescribing sanitary regulations therefor, of any  
448 licensee under the Beverage Law within the county or corporate  
449 limits of such municipality. However, except for premises  
450 licensed on or before July 1, 1999, and except for locations  
451 that are licensed as restaurants, which derive at least 51  
452 percent of their gross revenues from the sale of food and  
453 nonalcoholic beverages, pursuant to chapter 509, a location for  
454 on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages may not be  
455 located within 500 feet of the real property that comprises a  
456 public or private elementary school, middle school, or secondary  
457 school unless the county or municipality approves the location  
458 as promoting the public health, safety, and general welfare of  
459 the community under proceedings as provided in s. 125.66(5) ~~s.~~  
460 ~~125.66(4)~~, for counties, and s. 166.041(3)(c), for  
461 municipalities. This restriction shall not, however, be  
462 construed to prohibit the issuance of temporary permits to  
463 certain nonprofit organizations as provided for in s. 561.422.  
464 The division may not issue a change in the series of a license  
465 or approve a change of a licensee's location unless the licensee  
466 provides documentation of proper zoning from the appropriate  
467 county or municipal zoning authorities.

468 Section 12. Subsection (1) of section 847.0134, Florida  
469 Statutes, is amended to read:

470 847.0134 Prohibition of adult entertainment establishment  
471 that displays, sells, or distributes materials harmful to minors  
472 within 2,500 feet of a school.—

473 (1) Except for those establishments that are legally  
474 operating or have been granted a permit from a local government  
475 to operate as adult entertainment establishments on or before



476 July 1, 2001, an adult entertainment establishment that sells,  
477 rents, loans, distributes, transmits, shows, or exhibits any  
478 obscene material, as described in s. 847.0133, or presents live  
479 entertainment or a motion picture, slide, or other exhibit that,  
480 in whole or in part, depicts nudity, sexual conduct, sexual  
481 excitement, sexual battery, sexual bestiality, or  
482 sadomasochistic abuse and that is harmful to minors, as  
483 described in s. 847.001, may not be located within 2,500 feet of  
484 the real property that comprises a public or private elementary  
485 school, middle school, or secondary school unless the county or  
486 municipality approves the location under proceedings as provided  
487 in s. 125.66(5) ~~s. 125.66(4)~~ for counties or s. 166.041(3)(c)  
488 for municipalities.

489 Section 13. The Legislature finds and declares that this  
490 act fulfills an important state interest.

491 Section 14. This act shall take effect October 1, 2022.

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493 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

494 And the title is amended as follows:

495 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
496 and insert:

497 A bill to be entitled  
498 An act relating to local ordinances; amending s.  
499 57.112, F.S.; authorizing courts to assess and award  
500 reasonable attorney fees and costs and damages in  
501 certain civil actions filed against local governments;  
502 specifying a limitation on awards and a restriction;  
503 providing construction and applicability; amending s.  
504 125.66, F.S.; requiring a board of county



505 commissioners to prepare or cause to be prepared a  
506 business impact estimate before the enactment of a  
507 proposed ordinance; specifying requirements for the  
508 posting and content of the estimate; providing  
509 construction and applicability; creating s. 125.675,  
510 F.S.; requiring a county to suspend enforcement of an  
511 ordinance that is the subject of a certain legal  
512 action if certain conditions are met; authorizing an  
513 appellate court to lift a suspension under certain  
514 circumstances; requiring courts to give priority to  
515 certain cases; providing construction relating to an  
516 attorney's or a party's signature; requiring a court  
517 to impose sanctions under certain circumstances;  
518 providing applicability; authorizing courts to award  
519 attorney fees and costs and damages under certain  
520 circumstances; amending s. 166.041, F.S.; requiring a  
521 governing body of a municipality to prepare or cause  
522 to be prepared a business impact estimate before the  
523 enactment of a proposed ordinance; specifying  
524 requirements for the posting and content of the  
525 estimate; providing construction and applicability;  
526 creating s. 166.0411, F.S.; requiring a municipality  
527 to suspend enforcement of an ordinance that is the  
528 subject of a certain legal action if certain  
529 conditions are met; authorizing an appellate court to  
530 lift a suspension under certain circumstances;  
531 requiring courts to give priority to certain cases;  
532 providing construction relating to an attorney's or a  
533 party's signature; requiring a court to impose



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534 sanctions under certain circumstances; providing  
535 applicability; authorizing courts to award attorney  
536 fees and costs and damages under certain  
537 circumstances; amending ss. 163.2517, 163.3181,  
538 163.3215, 376.80, 497.270, 562.45, and 847.0134, F.S.;  
539 conforming cross-references; providing a declaration  
540 of important state interest; providing an effective  
541 date.