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Senator Calatayud moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 277 and 278
insert:

Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) 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.—

(1) Each county may by ordinance create an independent
special district, as defined in ss. 189.012 and 200.001(8)(e),



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to provide funding for children's services throughout the county in accordance with this section. The boundaries of such district shall be coterminous with the boundaries of the county. The county governing body shall obtain approval at a general election, as defined in s. 97.021, by a majority vote of those electors voting on the question, to annually levy ad valorem taxes which shall not exceed the maximum millage rate authorized by this section. Any district created pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be required to levy and fix millage subject to the provisions of s. 200.065. Once such millage is approved by the electorate, the district shall not be required to seek approval of the electorate in future years to levy the previously approved millage. However, a referendum to increase the millage rate previously approved by the electors must be held at a general election, and the referendum may be held only once during the 48-month period preceding the effective date of the increased millage.

(b) However, any county as defined in s. 125.011(1) may instead have a governing body composed ~~consisting~~ of 33 members, including the superintendent of schools, or his or her designee; two representatives of public postsecondary education institutions located in the county; the county manager or the equivalent county officer, or his or her designee; the district administrator from the appropriate district of the Department of Children and Families, or the administrator's designee who is a member of the Senior Management Service or the Selected Exempt Service; the director of the county health department or the director's designee; the state attorney for the county or the state attorney's designee; the chief judge assigned to juvenile



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cases, or another juvenile judge who is the chief judge's designee and who shall sit as a voting member of the board, except that the judge may not vote or participate in setting ad valorem taxes under this section; an individual who is selected by the board of the local United Way or its equivalent; a member of a locally recognized faith-based coalition, selected by that coalition; a member of the local chamber of commerce, selected by that chamber or, if more than one chamber exists within the county, a person selected by a coalition of the local chambers; a member of the early learning coalition, selected by that coalition; a representative of a labor organization or union active in the county; ~~a member of a local alliance or coalition engaged in cross-system planning for health and social service delivery in the county, selected by that alliance or coalition;~~ a member of the local Parent-Teachers Association/Parent-Teacher-Student Association, selected by that association; a youth representative selected by the local school system's student government; a local school board member appointed by the chair of the school board; the mayor of the county or the mayor's designee; one member of the county governing body, appointed by the chair of that body; a member of the state Legislature who represents residents of the county, selected by the chair of the local legislative delegation; an elected official representing the residents of a municipality in the county, selected by the county municipal league; and five ~~4~~ members-at-large, appointed to the council by the majority of sitting council members. The remaining seven members shall be appointed by the Governor in accordance with procedures set forth in paragraph (a), except that the Governor may remove a



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member for cause or upon the written petition of the council.
Appointments by the Governor must, to the extent reasonably
possible, represent the geographic and demographic makeup
~~diversity~~ of the population of the county. Members ~~who are~~
appointed to the council by reason of their position are not
subject to the length of terms and limits on consecutive terms
as provided in this section. The remaining appointed members of
the governing body shall be appointed to serve 3-year ~~2-year~~
terms, except that those members appointed by the Governor shall
be appointed to serve 4-year terms, and the youth representative
and the legislative delegate shall be appointed to serve 1-year
terms. A member may be reappointed; however, a member may not
serve for more than three consecutive terms. A member is
eligible to be appointed again after a 2-year hiatus from the
council.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 9

and insert:

specified purpose; amending s. 125.901, F.S.; revising
the composition and terms of membership of certain
councils; amending s. 216.251, F.S.; deleting