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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability
(DiCeglie) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Subsections (1) and (5) of section 215.322,
Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

215.322 Acceptance of credit cards, charge cards, debit
cards, or electronic funds transfers by state agencies, units of
local government, and the judicial branch; acceptance of online
payments by units of local government.-



11 (1) (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage
12 state agencies, ~~and~~ and the judicial branch, and require units of
13 local government to make their goods, services, and information
14 more convenient to the public through the acceptance of payments
15 by credit cards, charge cards, debit cards, or other means of
16 electronic funds transfers ~~to the maximum extent practicable~~
17 ~~when the benefits to the participating agency and the public~~
18 ~~substantiate the cost of accepting these types of payments.~~

19 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature to require units of
20 local government to accept payments online.

21 (5) (a) Each A unit of local government, including a
22 municipality, special district, or board of county commissioners
23 or other governing body of a county, a consolidated or
24 metropolitan government, and any clerk of the circuit court,
25 sheriff, property appraiser, tax collector, or supervisor of
26 elections, shall ~~is authorized to~~ accept payment by use of
27 credit cards, charge cards, bank debit cards, and electronic
28 funds transfers for financial obligations that are owing to such
29 unit of local government, except when another form of payment is
30 required by law, and is authorized to surcharge the person who
31 uses a credit card, charge card, bank debit card, or electronic
32 funds transfer in payment of taxes, license fees, tuition,
33 fines, civil penalties, court-ordered payments, or court costs,
34 or other statutorily prescribed revenues an amount sufficient to
35 pay the service fee charges by the financial institution,
36 vending service company, or credit card company for such
37 services. Such A unit of local government shall verify both the
38 validity of any credit card, charge card, bank debit card, or
39 electronic funds transfer used pursuant to this subsection and



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40 the existence of appropriate credit with respect to the person
41 using the card or transfer. The unit of local government does
42 not incur any liability as a result of such verification or any
43 subsequent action taken.

44 (b) A unit of local government accepting payment under
45 paragraph (a) is required to have a method for accepting such
46 payment online.

47 Section 2. The Legislature finds and declares that this act
48 fulfills an important state interest.

49 Section 3. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

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

52 And the title is amended as follows:

53 Delete everything before the enacting clause
54 and insert:

55 A bill to be entitled

56 An act relating to electronic payments made to units
57 of local governments; amending s. 215.322, F.S.;
58 revising legislative intent; requiring units of local
59 government to accept certain forms of payments;
60 providing an exception; requiring such local
61 governments to accept payments online; providing an
62 effective date.