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Bill No. HB 4071 (2026)

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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED _____ (Y/N)

ADOPTED AS AMENDED _____ (Y/N)

ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION _____ (Y/N)

FAILED TO ADOPT _____ (Y/N)

WITHDRAWN _____ (Y/N)

OTHER

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: State Affairs Committee
2 Representative Snyder offered the following:

4 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

6 Section 1. To ensure a smooth transition of services and
7 to avoid fiscal constraints that could occur in a municipal
8 service taxing unit the primary purpose of which is to provide
9 fire rescue and emergency medical services when tax revenue-
10 generating real properties are annexed into a municipality and
11 out of the aforesaid municipal service taxing unit, the
12 following procedures shall be imposed on the real property being
13 annexed:

14 (1) The municipal service taxing unit whose primary
15 purpose is to provide fire rescue and emergency medical services
16 shall remain the fire rescue and emergency medical services

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17 provider for a period of six years to real property annexed
18 after January 1, 2027, notwithstanding s. 125.01, Florida
19 Statutes, or any other general law, special act, municipal
20 charter, or ordinance of a local government to the contrary.

21 (2) Following the annexation by a municipality that does
22 not have a charter provision, an ordinance, or an interlocal
23 agreement with Palm Beach County that includes the entirety of
24 the municipality within the Palm Beach County municipal service
25 taxing unit whose primary purpose is to provide fire rescue and
26 emergency medical services, the geographical boundaries of the
27 municipal service taxing unit shall contract to exclude the
28 annexed real property, and Palm Beach County may not levy ad
29 valorem taxes through the municipal service taxing unit on the
30 annexed real property.

31 (3) Annually, such annexing municipality shall pay Palm
32 Beach County, for the benefit of the municipal service taxing
33 unit, a service price for a period of not more than six years
34 which shall be the actual cost of the service provided.

35 (4) Palm Beach County, through the municipal service
36 taxing unit, remains the authority having jurisdiction and may
37 continue to collect the same fire rescue impact fees from the
38 annexed real property that were collected prior to the
39 annexation.

40 (5) The transfer of all fire rescue and emergency medical
41 services to the annexing municipality, the cessation of annual

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42 service price payments, and the cessation of county jurisdiction
43 to collect fire rescue impact fees relative to the annexed real
44 property shall automatically occur at the conclusion of the six-
45 year term unless:

46 (a) The annexing municipality advises the county that it
47 will not provide such services;

48 (b) The county and the annexing municipality enter into an
49 interlocal agreement providing for fire rescue and emergency
50 medical services in the annexed area; or

51 (c) The data from the analysis established by the good
52 faith negotiations required by subsection (6) demonstrates that
53 the transfer for fire rescue and emergency medical services to
54 the annexing municipality should occur prior to the six-year
55 term or the six-year term may be extended through an interlocal
56 agreement approved by the Palm Beach County Board of County
57 Commissioners and the applicable annexing municipality.

58 (6) In conjunction with the annexation process, the
59 annexing municipality and the county shall enter into good faith
60 negotiations and discussions regarding the time period for
61 transitioning fire rescue and emergency medical services, as
62 well as the expenditure of assets for capital and operational
63 purposes by both the county and the annexing municipality in the
64 annexed areas.

65 (a) The purpose of such negotiations and discussions is to
66 ensure that the residents of the annexed areas enjoy appropriate

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67 levels of service without the inefficient expenditure of both
68 county and municipal assets by preventing duplicative and
69 unnecessary expenditures and duplicative collection of fire
70 rescue impact fees. Through a written agreement approved by the
71 Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners and the
72 applicable annexing municipality, based upon the required good
73 faith negotiations and discussions, and if supported by data and
74 analysis that are substantiated by the county and the annexing
75 municipality and that establish a measurable, objective benefit
76 to the public for a different transition period, Palm Beach
77 County and the annexing municipality may agree to shorten or
78 lengthen the six-year term for the provision of county services,
79 the retention of county jurisdiction regarding fire rescue
80 impact fees, and the making of annual service price payments.

81 (b) In order to determine whether to shorten or extend the
82 six-year term, the county and annexing municipality shall rely
83 on the following data related to cost and levels of services:

84 1. Both the county and municipality shall calculate the
85 cost based upon the actual operational and capital expenses
86 necessary to provide the annexed area with at least the same
87 level of service as the level of service provided prior to the
88 annexation.

89 2. The Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners and
90 applicable annexing municipality shall enter into good faith
91 negotiations and discussions to establish mutually agreed upon

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92 level of service, communications plans, and data validation
93 based upon objective total response time data, depth of service,
94 fire suppression outcomes, and ability to achieve proper
95 staffing levels for a first alarm fire for the area being
96 annexed.

97 (c) The transfer of fire rescue and emergency medical
98 services to the annexing municipality shall occur unless the
99 mutually agreed upon data does not demonstrate that fire rescue
100 and emergency medical services in the annexed area can be
101 provided by the annexing municipality at the same cost and at
102 least at the same level of service regardless of the six-year
103 term. If the data demonstrates that fire rescue and emergency
104 medical services can be provided at the same cost while
105 maintaining at least the same level of service as the level of
106 service prior to the expiration of the six-year term, the
107 services shall transition at that time.

108 (7) If the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners
109 and applicable annexing municipality are unable to enter into an
110 interlocal agreement pursuant to subsection (6), either the Palm
111 Beach County Board of County Commissioners or the annexing
112 municipality shall initiate and proceed through the conflict
113 resolution procedures established in Chapter 164, Florida
114 Statutes. If there is a failure to resolve the conflict, no
115 later than 120 days following conclusion of the procedures
116 established in Chapter 164, Florida Statutes, either local

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117 government may file an action in circuit court. For the purposes
118 of this subsection the term "local government" means the Palm
119 Beach County Board of County Commissioners or the annexing
120 municipality.

121 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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125 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

126 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:
127 An act relating to Palm Beach County; providing that a
128 municipal service taxing unit whose primary purpose is
129 to provide fire rescue and emergency medical services
130 to residents in unincorporated areas of the county
131 remains the service provider for a specified length of
132 time to real properties that are annexed into a
133 municipality; providing that the geographical
134 boundaries of the municipal service taxing unit shall
135 contract following the annexation under certain
136 circumstances; prohibiting Palm Beach County from
137 levying ad valorem taxes through the municipal service
138 taxing unit on annexed real properties following the
139 annexation; requiring the annexing municipality to pay
140 the county an annual service price for up to a
141 specified length of time; providing that the county,

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142 through the municipal service taxing unit, remains the
143 authority having jurisdiction and may continue to
144 collect certain fees from annexed real properties;
145 providing for transfer of services to the annexing
146 municipality and the cessation of the county
147 jurisdiction to collect fees; providing circumstances
148 under which such transfer and cessation may not occur;
149 requiring good faith discussions and negotiations
150 between the annexing municipality and the county
151 regarding the transition of services and the
152 expenditure of assets for capital and operational
153 purposes in the areas proposed to be annexed;
154 authorizing the annexing municipality and the county
155 to enter into an agreement on the length of time for
156 the provision of county services, the retention of
157 county jurisdiction regarding fees, and the annual
158 service price payments under certain circumstances;
159 providing a conflict resolution procedure in the event
160 an annexing municipality and the county do not enter
161 an interlocal agreement; providing an effective date.