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Senator Negron moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 1992 and 1993

insert:

Section 31. Subsection (4) 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.-

(4) (a) Any district created pursuant to ~~the provisions of~~ this section may be dissolved by a special act of the Legislature, or the county governing body may by ordinance dissolve the district subject to the approval of the electorate.



14 (b)1.a. Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the governing body
15 of the county shall submit the question of retention or
16 dissolution of a district with taxing authority to the
17 electorate in the general election according to the following
18 schedule:

19 (I) For a district in existence on July 1, 2010, and
20 serving a county with a population of 400,000 or fewer persons
21 as of that date.....2014.

22 (II) For a district in existence on July 1, 2010, and
23 serving a county with a population of more than 400,000 but
24 fewer than 2 million persons as of that date.....2016.

25 (III) For a district in existence on July 1, 2010, and
26 serving a county with a population of 2 million or more persons
27 as of that date.....2020.

28 b. A referendum by the electorate on or after July 1, 2010,
29 creating a new district with taxing authority may specify that
30 the district is not subject to reauthorization or may specify
31 the number of years for which the initial authorization shall
32 remain effective. If the referendum does not prescribe terms of
33 reauthorization, the governing body of the county shall submit
34 the question of retention or dissolution of the district to the
35 electorate in the general election 12 years after the initial
36 authorization.

37 2. The governing board of the district may specify, and
38 submit to the governing body of the county no later than nine
39 months before the scheduled election, that the district is not
40 subsequently subject to reauthorization or may specify the
41 number of years for which a reauthorization under this paragraph
42 shall remain effective. If the governing board of the district



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43 makes such specification and submission, the governing body of
44 the county shall include that information in the question
45 submitted to the electorate. If the governing board of the
46 district does not specify and submit such information, the
47 governing body of the county shall resubmit the question of
48 reauthorization to the electorate every 12 years after the year
49 prescribed in subparagraph 1.

50 3. Nothing in this paragraph limits the authority to
51 dissolve a district as provided under paragraph (a).

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53 If any district is dissolved pursuant to ~~the provisions of this~~
54 subsection, each county must ~~shall~~ first obligate itself to
55 assume the debts, liabilities, contracts, and outstanding
56 obligations of the district within the total millage available
57 to the county governing body for all county and municipal
58 purposes as provided for under s. 9, Art. VII of the State
59 Constitution. Any district may also be dissolved pursuant to ~~the~~
60 ~~provisions of~~ s. 189.4042.

61 Section 32. Notwithstanding s. 31 of chapter 90-288, Laws
62 of Florida, the revisions made by this act to s. 125.901,
63 Florida Statutes, apply to any special district having taxing
64 authority to provide funding for children's services, and
65 governed by a council on children's services, which is in
66 existence on the effective date of this act and to any such
67 district created on or after the effective date of this act.

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

70 And the title is amended as follows:

71 Delete line 110



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72 and insert:
73 reference to a repealed program; amending s. 125.901,
74 F.S.; requiring the governing body of the county to
75 submit to the electorate the question of retention or
76 dissolution of a special taxing district created to
77 provide funding for children's services; prescribing a
78 schedule and conditions relating to submission of the
79 question to the electorate; prescribing
80 reauthorization conditions governing newly created
81 children's services districts; providing for the
82 application of the revisions made by this act to s.
83 125.901, F.S., to certain children's services special
84 districts in existence before and after the effective
85 date of the act; providing an