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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Pafford offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 701 and 702, insert:

5 Section 12. Subsection (2) of section 189.4042, Florida
6 Statutes, is amended to read:

7 189.4042 Merger and dissolution procedures.—

8 (2) The merger or dissolution of an independent special
9 district or a dependent district created and operating pursuant
10 to a special act may only be effectuated by the Legislature
11 unless otherwise provided by general law. If an inactive
12 independent district was created by a county or municipality
13 through a referendum, the county or municipality that created
14 the district may dissolve the district after publishing notice
15 as described in s. 189.4044. If an independent district was
16 created by a county or municipality by referendum or any other
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17 procedure, the county or municipality that created the district
 18 may merge or dissolve the district pursuant to the same
 19 procedure by which the independent district was created.
 20 However, for any independent district that has ad valorem
 21 taxation powers, the same procedure required to grant such
 22 independent district ad valorem taxation powers shall also be
 23 required to dissolve or merge the district. Two independent
 24 special districts with similar functions and elected governing
 25 boards may elect to merge into one independent special district
 26 upon the adoption of a resolution by each governing board and
 27 the receipt of approval at referendum by the residents of each
 28 district. Until such time as a special act codifying the merger
 29 is approved by the Legislature, each independent district shall
 30 be considered a subunit of the merged district and shall file
 31 all reports required by chapter 189 as separate districts. The
 32 merged district shall be governed by a five-member governing
 33 board beginning with the next general election after the merger,
 34 and the merged district shall be limited to legislatively
 35 granted authority, including the ability to levy taxes and
 36 collect revenues, within the boundaries of each subunit which
 37 was previously granted to the associated independent district by
 38 its special act.

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

Between lines 43 and 44, insert:

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44 189.4042, F.S.; revising provisions relating to merger and
45 dissolution procedures for special districts; requiring
46 certain merger and dissolution procedures to include
47 referenda; amending s.