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Senate

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1 Representative Pafford offered the following:

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3 **Amendment to Amendment (968581) (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 21 and 22, insert:

5 Section 3. 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 or any independent district created by special  
 22 act of the Legislature with a governing board elected by  
 23 resident electors, a referendum shall be required to merge or  
 24 dissolve the district unless the governing board or boards vote  
 25 unanimously to merge or dissolve. When a district governing  
 26 board or boards vote unanimously to merge or dissolve, a  
 27 referendum shall not be required. When districts created by  
 28 special act of the Legislature vote unanimously to merge, the  
 29 districts shall continue to operate as subunits of the merged  
 30 district pursuant to their individual special acts and shall  
 31 file all reports required by chapter 189 as separate districts  
 32 until a special act codifying the merger is approved by the  
 33 Legislature, the same procedure required to grant such  
 34 ~~independent district ad valorem taxation powers shall also be~~  
 35 ~~required to dissolve or merge the district.~~

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Between lines 43 and 44, insert:  
 189.4042, F.S.; revising provisions relating to merger and  
 dissolution procedures for special districts; requiring  
 certain merger and dissolution procedures to include  
 referenda; providing an exception; amending s.

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