

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 146

Senior Services/Independent Special Districts
by Senator Rich

Authorizes a county, by ordinance, to create an independent special district to provide countywide funding for senior services. Requires the boundaries of such district to be coterminous with the boundaries of the county.

Provides that, upon adoption of the ordinance creating the district, the levy of ad valorem taxes at a rate not to exceed 0.5 mills of assessed valuation of all properties subject to ad valorem taxes within the county, which will be used to fund the district, must be placed on the ballot by the governing body of the county enacting the ordinance, and shall take effect if approved by a majority of the electors of the county voting in a referendum held for such purpose.

Creates a governing council for the district. Requires the council to prepare a tentative annual budget and compute a millage rate to fund the district.

Authorizes two or more districts to enter into a cooperative agreement.

Provides legislative intent that the funds collected be used to support improvements in services for seniors and that such funds not be used as a substitute for existing resources or for resources that would otherwise be available for such services. (See bill for details)