

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to children's services; amending s.
 3 125.901, F.S.; requiring the governing body of the county
 4 to submit to the electorate the question of retention or
 5 dissolution of a special taxing district created to
 6 provide funding for children's services; prescribing a
 7 schedule for submission of the question to the electorate;
 8 providing for the application of the act to certain
 9 special districts in existence before and after the act's
 10 effective date; providing an effective date.

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 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 14 Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 125.901, Florida
 15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16 125.901 Children's services; independent special district;
 17 council; powers, duties, and functions; public records
 18 exemption.—

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

23 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the governing body of
 24 the county shall submit the question of retention or dissolution
 25 of the district to the electorate in the August primary election
 26 according to the following schedule and every 6 years
 27 thereafter:

28 1. For a district for which the most recent referendum by

29 the electorate on its taxing authority was held in 1990 or
30 before..... 2010.

31 2. For a district for which the most recent referendum by
32 the electorate on its taxing authority was held after 1990 but
33 before 2001..... 2012.

34 3. For a district for which the most recent referendum by
35 the electorate on its taxing authority was held after 2000 but
36 before 2010..... 2018.

37 4. For a district whose taxing authority is initially
38 authorized by referendum by the electorate in 2010 or later, 6
39 years after the authorization.

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41 If any district is dissolved pursuant to ~~the provisions of this~~
42 subsection, each county must ~~shall~~ first obligate itself to
43 assume the debts, liabilities, contracts, and outstanding
44 obligations of the district within the total millage available
45 to the county governing body for all county and municipal
46 purposes as provided for under s. 9, Art. VII of the State
47 Constitution. Any district may also be dissolved pursuant to ~~the~~
48 ~~provisions of~~ s. 189.4042.

49 Section 2. Notwithstanding s. 31 of chapter 90-288, Laws
50 of Florida, the revisions made by this act to s. 125.901,
51 Florida Statutes, apply to any special district having taxing
52 authority to provide funding for children's services, and
53 governed by a council on children's services, which is in
54 existence on the effective date of this act and to any such
55 district created on or after the effective date of this act.

56 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.