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Secretary Kurt S. Browning
Secretary of State
R.A. Gray Building
500 S. Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Secretary Browning:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby withhold my approval of and transmit to you my objections to, House Bill 713, enacted during the 111th Session of the Legislature of Florida, since statehood in 1845, during the Regular Session of 2009 and entitled:

An act relating to the Lake Asbury Municipal Service Benefit District . . .

This bill increases the cap on the annual special assessment that the district is authorized to impose from \$100 to \$1,000 per lot. This bill increases ten-fold the maximum annual special assessment.

I have concerns about increases in the district's authority to incur obligations and authorize annual special assessments from \$100 to \$1,000 occurring without a voter referendum. The need for a referendum is heightened when any change to a special district's practices could lead to increased financial costs, through taxes or special assessments, to landowners and those who reside within the district.

For the reason stated above, I am hereby withholding my approval of House Bill 713.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charlie Crist".

Charlie Crist