



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

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Secretary Kenneth W. Detzner
Secretary of State
Florida Department of State
R.A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

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WILLIAM STEVEN FLORIDA

Dear Secretary Detzner:

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 veto and transmit my objections to Committee Substitute for House Bill 105, enacted during the 117th Session of the Legislature of Florida, during the Regular Session of 2015 and entitled:

An act relating to Publicly Funded Retirement Programs...

This bill expands the taxing authority of certain county established municipal service taxing units (MSTUs) to include levying a new excise tax on property insurance policies covering properties within its area.

The bill allows certain municipal service taxing units to levy a new tax in order to reduce the local contribution to the municipal fire pension funds. This creates a costly precedent where unincorporated areas of the county could be allowed to levy new taxes that the law does not currently authorize. There is already a mechanism in state law that outlines the incorporation process for the area covered by the MSTU to join the neighboring municipality, which would not create new taxing authority.

For the reasons stated above, I withhold my approval of Committee Substitute for House Bill 105 and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott".

Rick Scott
Governor