

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/SB 1260
INTRODUCER: Gruters
SUBJECT: Independent Hospital Districts
DATE: March 3, 2022

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment – 067307 (body)
House Amendment – 767743 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 067307 is a technical amendment which corrects a cross-reference.

House Amendment 767743 specifies that a referendum is not required on an approved agreement to convert an independent hospital district to a non-profit entity if the independent hospital district has not levied, collected, or received ad valorem taxes in the current fiscal year or the previous five fiscal years. Currently, the bill does not require a referendum if the independent hospital district does not exercise ad valorem taxing power. Additionally, the amendment specifies that an agreement must be approved by the process established in the bill in subsections (9)(a)-(c), rather than only paragraph (c), prior to going into full effect.