

HOUSE _____ **AMENDMENT NO.** _____

Offered By

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 61, Page 2, Section 50.535, Line 37, by
2 inserting after all of said section and line, the following:

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4 “50.622. 1. Any county may amend the annual budget during any fiscal year in which the
5 county receives additional funds, and such amount or source, including but not limited to, federal
6 or state grants or private donations, could not be estimated when the budget was adopted. The
7 county shall follow the same procedures as required in sections 50.525 to 50.745 for adoption of
8 the annual budget to amend its budget during a fiscal year.

9 2. Any county may decrease the annual budget twice during any fiscal year in which the
10 county experiences a verifiable decline in funds of two percent or higher, and such amount could
11 not be estimated or anticipated when the budget was adopted, provided that any decrease in
12 appropriations shall not unduly affect any one officeholder. Before any reduction affecting an
13 independently elected officeholder can occur, negotiations must take place with all officeholders
14 who receive funds from the affected category of funds in an attempt to cover the shortfall.

15 3. Any decrease in an appropriation authorized under subsection 2 of this section shall not
16 impact any dedicated fund otherwise provided by law.

17 4. The county shall follow the same procedures as required in sections 50.525 to 50.745
18 for adoption of the annual budget to amend its budget during a fiscal year, except that the notice
19 provided for in section 50.600 shall be extended to thirty days for purposes of this section and
20 such notice must include a published summary of the proposed reductions and an explanation of
21 the shortfall. If the county has a website, publication on the website will satisfy the notice
22 requirement for this section.

23 5. This section shall expire on July 1, 2015.

24 6. County commissioners may reduce budgets of departments under their direct
25 supervision and responsibility at any time without the restrictions imposed by this section.”; and

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27 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
28 accordingly.