

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By

1 AMEND Senate Bill No. 897, Page 1, in the Title, Line 3, by deleting all of said line and inserting in lieu
2 thereof the phrase "to financial transactions."; and

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4 Further amend said bill and page, Section A, Line 2, by inserting immediately after all of said line the
5 following:

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

12 2. Any county may decrease the annual budget twice during any fiscal year in which the county
13 experiences a verifiable decline in funds of two percent or more, and such amount could not be estimated or
14 anticipated when the budget was adopted, provided that any decrease in appropriations shall not unduly
15 affect any one officeholder. Before any reduction affecting an independently elected officeholder can occur,
16 negotiations shall take place with all officeholders who receive funds from the affected category of funds in
17 an attempt to cover the shortfall. The county shall follow the same procedures as required in sections 50.525
18 to 50.745 to decrease the annual budget, except that the notice provided for in section 50.600 shall be
19 extended to thirty days for purposes of this subsection. Such notice shall include a published summary of the
20 proposed reductions and an explanation of the shortfall.

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

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

25 5. Subsections 2, 3, and 4 of this section shall expire on July 1, [2016] 2027.

26 6. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, no charter county shall be restricted from
27 amending its budget under and pursuant to the terms of its charter.

28 Section B. Because of the need to prevent a lapse in the authority of the county commission with
29 regard to budgetary matters, the repeal and reenactment of section A of this act is deemed necessary for the
30 immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace and safety, and is hereby declared to be an
31 emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and the repeal and reenactment of section A of this act
32 shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval."; and

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

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