DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

January 14, 2016

Sen. Vinehout:

This bill is a redraft of 2009 SB-582 with the following changes:

1. The bill allows a municipality to enact an ordinance that requires payment of a PEG channel support fee beginning on January 1, 2017. (The 2009 bill referred to January 1, 2011.) See proposed s. 66.0420 (7) (es), which was created as proposed s. 66.0420 (7) (em) 5. in the 2009 bill. Is that date okay or do you want a different date?

2. The bill allows a municipality to require a video service provider or an incumbent cable operator (ICO) to pay the fee mentioned above. However, it is possible that there are no longer any ICOs, as current law requires ICOs whose municipal franchises expire after January 9, 2008, to obtain a video service franchise from DFI. If there are no longer any ICOs, then I would revise proposed s. 66.0420 (7) (es) to eliminate the reference to ICOs. Do you want me to check with DFI or other sources on whether there are any remaining ICOs?

3. Some sections of the 2009 bill affected or referred to PEG channel support requirements that expired on January 1, 2011. Because those requirements are no longer in effect, this bill does not include those sections. The sections of the 2009 bill that are not included in this bill are the following: 1, 4, and 8 to 13.

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