



HB 0019D

2003

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to courthouse bonds; authorizing certain  
3 counties to provide by ordinance for the increase of  
4 service charges under certain circumstances; authorizing  
5 refinancing under certain circumstances; providing an  
6 effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10 Section 1. Those counties which have heretofore imposed by  
11 ordinance increased service charges pursuant to s. 28.2401, s.  
12 28.241, or s. 34.041, Florida Statutes, to secure the payment of  
13 the principal of and interest on bonds issued by such counties  
14 prior to July 1, 2003, to finance state court facilities are  
15 hereby authorized to provide by ordinance for the imposition of  
16 service charges commencing on July 1, 2004, in excess of any  
17 caps now or hereafter imposed by general law on the service  
18 charges imposed by s. 28.2401, s. 28.241, or s. 34.041, Florida  
19 Statutes, for the purpose of paying the principal of and  
20 interest on such bonds until their stated maturities. Fines and  
21 forfeitures collected pursuant to s. 34.191, Florida Statutes,  
22 to the extent pledged prior to July 1, 2003, to pay debt service  
23 on such bonds shall continue to be paid to such counties and  
24 increased by ordinance of such counties if such increased  
25 service charges are insufficient to pay such debt service.  
26 Refinancing shall be permitted so long as there is a cost  
27 savings but in no case shall the existing activity date be  
28 extended.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.