

CHAMBER ACTION

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Senator Posey moved the following amendment:

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Senate Amendment

Delete line(s) 516-547 and insert:

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Section 8. Effective July 1, 2009, paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section 34.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

34.01 Jurisdiction of county court.--

- (1) County courts shall have original jurisdiction:
- Of disputes occurring in the homeowners' associations as described in part IV of chapter 720 \pm . 720.311(2)(a), which shall be concurrent with jurisdiction of the circuit courts.

Section 9. Effective July 1, 2009, subsection (2) of section 720.302, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

720.302 Purposes, scope, and application .--

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The Legislature recognizes that it is not in the best interest of homeowners' associations or the individual association members thereof to create or impose a bureau or other agency of state government to regulate the affairs of homeowners' associations. However, in accordance with part IV of chapter 720 s. 720.311, the Legislature finds that homeowners' associations and their individual members will benefit from an expedited alternative process for resolution of election and recall disputes and presuit mediation of other disputes involving covenant enforcement in homeowner's associations and deed restricted communities using the procedures provided in part IV of and authorizes the department to hear, administer, and determine these disputes as more fully set forth in this chapter. Further, the Legislature recognizes that certain contract rights have been created for the benefit of homeowners' associations and members thereof as well as deed-restricted communities before the effective date of this act and that part IV of chapter 720 is ss. 720.301-720.407 are not intended to impair such contract rights, including, but not limited to, the rights of the developer to complete the community as initially contemplated.

Section 10. Effective July 1, 2009, section 720.311, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 11. Effective July 1, 2009, part IV of chapter 720, Florida Statutes, to be