Senator Brandes moved the following:

**Senate Substitute for Amendment (530804) (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Present subsection (10) of section 212.055, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (11) and amended, a new subsection (10) is added to that section, and paragraph (c) of subsection (1), paragraph (b) of subsection (5), and paragraph (b) of subsection (8) are amended, to read:

212.055 Discretionary sales surtaxes; legislative intent;
authorization and use of proceeds.—It is the legislative intent that any authorization for imposition of a discretionary sales surtax shall be published in the Florida Statutes as a subsection of this section, irrespective of the duration of the levy. Each enactment shall specify the types of counties authorized to levy; the rate or rates which may be imposed; the maximum length of time the surtax may be imposed, if any; the procedure which must be followed to secure voter approval, if required; the purpose for which the proceeds may be expended; and such other requirements as the Legislature may provide.

Taxable transactions and administrative procedures shall be as provided in s. 212.054.

(1) CHARTER COUNTY AND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM SURTAX.—

c1. The proposal to adopt a discretionary sales surtax as provided in this subsection and to create a trust fund within the county accounts shall be placed on the ballot in accordance with law and must be approved in a referendum held at a general election in accordance with subsection (10) at a time to be set at the discretion of the governing body.

2. If the proposal to adopt a surtax is by initiative, the petition sponsor must, at least 180 days before the proposed referendum, comply with all of the following:

   a. Provide a copy of the final resolution or ordinance to the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability shall procure a certified public accountant in accordance with subsection (11) for the performance audit.
b. File the initiative petition and its required valid signatures with the supervisor of elections. The supervisor of elections shall verify signatures and retain signature forms in the same manner as required for initiatives under s. 100.371(3).

3. The failure of an initiative sponsor to comply with the requirements of subparagraph 2. renders any referendum held void.

(5) COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL SURTAX.—Any county as defined in s. 125.011(1) may levy the surtax authorized in this subsection pursuant to an ordinance either approved by extraordinary vote of the county commission or conditioned to take effect only upon approval by a majority vote of the electors of the county voting in a referendum. In a county as defined in s. 125.011(1), for the purposes of this subsection, “county public general hospital” means a general hospital as defined in s. 395.002 which is owned, operated, maintained, or governed by the county or its agency, authority, or public health trust.

(b) If the ordinance is conditioned on a referendum, the proposal to adopt the county public hospital surtax shall be placed on the ballot in accordance with subsection (10) law at a time to be set at the discretion of the governing body. The referendum question on the ballot shall include a brief general description of the health care services to be funded by the surtax.

(8) EMERGENCY FIRE RESCUE SERVICES AND FACILITIES SURTAX.—

(b) Upon the adoption of the ordinance, the levy of the surtax must be placed on the ballot by the governing authority of the county enacting the ordinance. The ordinance will take effect if approved by a majority of the electors of the county.
voting in a referendum held for such purpose. The referendum shall be placed on the ballot of a general regularly scheduled election. The ballot for the referendum must conform to the requirements of s. 101.161.

(10) DATES FOR REFERENDA.—A referendum to adopt or amend a local government discretionary sales surtax under this section must be held at a general election as defined in s. 97.021.

(11) PERFORMANCE AUDIT.—
(a) For any referendum held on or after March 23, 2018, To adopt a discretionary sales surtax under this section, an independent certified public accountant licensed pursuant to chapter 473 shall conduct a performance audit of the program associated with the proposed surtax adoption proposed by the county or school district.

(b) 1. At least 180 days before the referendum is held, the county or school district shall provide a copy of the final resolution or ordinance to the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability.

2. Within 30 days after receiving the final resolution or ordinance, the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability shall procure the certified public accountant and may use carryforward funds to pay for the services of the certified public accountant.

3. (b) At least 60 days before the referendum is held, the performance audit must be completed and the audit report, including any findings, recommendations, or other accompanying documents, must be made available on the official website of the county or school district.

4. The county or school district shall keep the information
on its website for 2 years from the date it was posted.

5. The failure to comply with the requirements under subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 3. renders any referendum held to adopt a discretionary sales surtax void.

(c) For purposes of this subsection, the term “performance audit” means an examination of the program conducted according to applicable government auditing standards or auditing and evaluation standards of other appropriate authoritative bodies. At a minimum, a performance audit must include an examination of issues related to the following:

1. The economy, efficiency, or effectiveness of the program.
2. The structure or design of the program to accomplish its goals and objectives.
3. Alternative methods of providing program services or products.
4. Goals, objectives, and performance measures used by the program to monitor and report program accomplishments.
5. The accuracy or adequacy of public documents, reports, and requests prepared by the county or school district which relate to the program.
6. Compliance of the program with appropriate policies, rules, and laws.

(d) This subsection does not apply to a referendum held to adopt the same discretionary surtax that was in place during the month of December immediately before the date of the referendum.

Section 2. Subsection (6) is added to section 336.02, Florida Statutes, to read:

336.02 Responsibility for county road system; approval of
(6) Notwithstanding any general law or special act, the ordinances, resolutions, or regulations of any municipality or special district, including any instrumentality thereof, do not apply to any transportation use, including any existing or future transportation facilities, structures, or appurtenances thereto, on the State Highway System as defined in s. 334.03(24), the county road system as defined in s. 334.03(8), or the city street system as defined in s. 334.03(3), constructed, operated, or maintained, in whole or in part, with discretionary sales surtax funds levied pursuant to s. 212.055(1) in a charter county whose buildable land area is at least 80 percent incorporated area and includes at least 25 municipalities. This limitation includes the design, construction, erection, alteration, modification, repair, or demolition of any public transportation buildings or structures, and the governing body of the county levying the discretionary sales surtax shall be responsible for the review of all plans, specifications, and inspections required for the issuance of any permits pursuant to s. 553.79.

Section 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2020.

And the title is amended as follows:
Delete everything before the enacting clause and insert:

A bill to be entitled An act relating to ballot measures; amending s. 212.055, F.S.; providing that a referendum to adopt or
amend a local discretionary sales surtax must be held
at a general election; requiring a petition sponsor of
an initiative to adopt a charter county and regional
transportation system surtax to comply with specified
requirements within a specified timeframe before the
proposed referendum; requiring a county to make the
proposed referendum and a specified legal opinion
available on its official website; requiring the
Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government
Accountability, upon receiving a certain notice, to
procure a certified public accountant for a
performance audit; requiring a supervisor of elections
to verify petition signatures and retain signature
forms in a specified manner; providing that an
initiative sponsor’s failure to comply with the
specified requirements renders any referendum held
void; revising requirements and procedures for
counties, school districts, and the office relating to
performance audits; providing that the failure to
comply with certain requirements renders any
referendum held to adopt a discretionary sales surtax
void; amending s. 336.02, F.S.; providing that the
ordinances, resolutions, or regulations of any
municipality or special district do not apply to any
transportation use on certain highways, roads, or
streets funded in whole or in part with certain
discretionary sales surtaxes in specified charter
counties; providing an effective date.