

## LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

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The Committee on Community Affairs (Bennett) recommended the following:

## Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 12 and 13 insert:

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Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 170.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 170.01 Authority for providing improvements and levying and collecting special assessments against property benefited.-
- (1) Any municipality of this state may, by its governing authority:
- (a) Provide for the construction, reconstruction, repair, paving, repaving, hard surfacing, rehard surfacing, widening,

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guttering, and draining of streets, boulevards, and alleys; for grading, regrading, leveling, laying, relaying, paving, repaving, hard surfacing, and rehard surfacing of sidewalks; for constructing or reconstructing permanent pedestrian canopies over public sidewalks; and in connection with any of the foregoing, provide related lighting, landscaping, street furniture, signage, and other amenities as determined by the governing authority of the municipality;

- (b) Order the construction, reconstruction, repair, renovation, excavation, grading, stabilization, and upgrading of greenbelts, swales, culverts, sanitary sewers, storm sewers, outfalls, canals, primary, secondary, and tertiary drains, water bodies, marshlands, and natural areas, all or part of a comprehensive stormwater management system, including the necessary appurtenances and structures thereto and including, but not limited to, dams, weirs, and pumps;
- (c) Order the construction or reconstruction of water mains, water laterals, alternative water supply systems, including, but not limited to, reclaimed water, aguifer storage and recovery, and desalination systems, and other water distribution facilities, including the necessary appurtenances thereto;
- (d) Pay for the relocation of utilities, including the placement underground of electrical, telephone, and cable television services, pursuant to voluntary agreement with the utility, but nothing contained in this paragraph shall affect a utility's right to locate or relocate its facilities on its own initiative at its own expense;
  - (e) Provide for the construction or reconstruction of parks

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and other public recreational facilities and improvements, including appurtenances thereto;

- (f) Provide for the construction or reconstruction of seawalls:
- (g) Provide for the drainage and reclamation of wet, low, or overflowed lands;
- (h) Provide for offstreet parking facilities, parking garages, or similar facilities;
  - (i) Provide for mass transportation systems;
- (j) Provide for improvements to permit the passage and navigation of watercraft; and
- (k) Pay the additional costs of renewable energy, as defined in s. 366.91, which are in excess of a public utility's full avoided costs, as defined in s. 366.051, pursuant to an agreement with the public utility; and
- (1) (k) Provide for the payment of all or any part of the costs of any such improvements by levying and collecting special assessments on the abutting, adjoining, contiguous, or other specially benefited property.

However, offstreet parking facilities, parking garages, or other similar facilities and mass transportation systems must be approved by vote of a majority of the affected property owners. Any municipality which is legally obligated for providing capital improvements for water, alternative water supplies, including, but not limited to, reclaimed water, water from aquifer storage and recovery, and desalination systems, or sewer facilities within an unincorporated area of the county may recover the costs of the capital improvements by levying and



collecting special assessments for the purposes authorized in this section on the specially benefited property; however, collections of the special assessment shall not take place until the specially benefited property connects to the capital improvement.

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> ======= T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========= And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 2

## and insert:

An act relating to energy conservation; amending s. 170.01, F.S.; authorizing a municipality to collect special assessments to pay the additional costs to purchase renewable energy for the municipality; amending s.