

THE FLORIDA SENATE  
2020 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED  
**Committee on Community Affairs**

**HB 1009 — Special Neighborhood Improvement Districts**

by Rep. Newton (SB 1424 by Senator Gruters)

The bill revises provisions relating to the board of directors of Special Neighborhood Improvement Districts (SNIDs). SNIDs are created by county or municipal governing bodies to reduce crime through environmental design, environmental security, or defensible space techniques, or through community policing innovations.

The ordinance creating a SNID must provide for specific features including a referendum before the SNID can be implemented, authorization for the SNID to levy an ad valorem tax, and the appointment of a three-member board of directors.

The bill authorizes the appointment of a three-, five-, or seven-member board and requires the board members to be landowners in the district. The bill also requires counties or municipalities to specify the number of directors in the ordinance creating the SNID.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2020.

*Vote: Senate 38-0; House 113-0*