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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
03/24/2015	.	
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The Committee on Finance and Tax (Diaz de la Portilla)  
recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Section 189.056, Florida Statutes, is created to  
read:

189.056 Downtown Development District; Ad Valorem  
Taxation.—

(1) It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage the  
revitalization of downtown areas within large municipalities



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11 where the societal ills associated with urban blight are most  
12 prevalent. However, in recognition of the traditionally broad  
13 home rule power exercised by charter counties, the Legislature  
14 intends that this section apply only to certain counties.

15 (2) The governing body of a municipality with a population  
16 of more than 400,000, as determined by the Office of Economic  
17 and Demographic Research, and located within a county as defined  
18 in s. 125.011(1), may, by ordinance, levy an ad valorem tax on  
19 all real and personal property in a downtown development  
20 district of up to 0.5 mill on the taxable value of the property  
21 located therein for the purpose of financing the operation of  
22 the district. In no event may the district's millage exceed 0.5  
23 mill. The district's millage is limited as provided in s.  
24 200.001(8)(d) for dependent special districts.

25 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

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27 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

28 And the title is amended as follows:

29 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
30 and insert:

31 A bill to be entitled

32 An act relating to downtown development districts;  
33 creating s. 189.056, F.S.; providing legislative  
34 intent; authorizing the governing body of a  
35 municipality with a certain population and located  
36 within a certain county to levy an ad valorem tax on  
37 all real and personal property in a downtown  
38 development district to finance the operation of the  
39 district; limiting the tax to a specified percentage;



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providing for limitation of the district's millage;  
providing an effective date.