**By** the Committee on Finance and Tax; and Senator Diaz de la Portilla

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to downtown development districts;

3 creating s. 189.056, F.S.; providing legislative

4 intent; authorizing the governing body of a

5 municipality with a certain population and located

6 within a certain county to levy an ad valorem tax on

7 all real and personal property in a downtown

8 development district to finance the operation of the

9 district; limiting the tax to a specified percentage;

10 providing for limitation of the district's millage;

11 providing an effective date.

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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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15 Section 1. Section 189.056, Florida Statutes, is created to

16 read:

17 189.056 Downtown Development District; Ad Valorem

18 Taxation.—

19 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage the

20 revitalization of downtown areas within large municipalities

21 where the societal ills associated with urban blight are most

22 prevalent. However, in recognition of the traditionally broad

23 home rule power exercised by charter counties, the Legislature

24 intends that this section apply only to certain counties.

25 (2) The governing body of a municipality with a population

26 of more than 400,000, as determined by the Office of Economic

27 and Demographic Research, and located within a county as defined

28 in s. 125.011(1), may, by ordinance, levy an ad valorem tax on

29 all real and personal property in a downtown development

30  district of up to 0.5 mill on the taxable value of the property
31  located therein for the purpose of financing the operation of
32  the district. In no event may the district's millage exceed 0.5
33  mill. The district's millage is limited as provided in s.
34  200.001(8)(d) for dependent special districts.
35        Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.