

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 municipalities larger than a  
5           certain size located in home rule counties to assess  
6           an ad valorem tax on certain property in downtown  
7           development districts; limiting the downtown  
8           development district's ad valorem millage rate;  
9           providing an effective date.

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

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

15           189.056 Downtown development districts; ad valorem  
16 taxation.—

17           (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage the  
18 revitalization of downtown areas within large municipalities  
19 where the societal ills associated with urban blight are most  
20 prevalent. However, in recognition of the traditionally broad  
21 home rule power exercised by charter counties, the Legislature  
22 intends that this section apply only to certain counties.

23           (2) The governing body of a municipality with a population  
24 of more than 400,000, as determined by the Office of Economic  
25 and Demographic Research, and located in a county as defined in  
26 s. 125.011(1) may, by ordinance, levy an ad valorem tax of up to

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27 0.475 mills on the taxable value of all real and personal  
28 property located in a downtown development district to help  
29 finance the operation of the district. The district's millage  
30 may not exceed 0.475 mills and may not exceed the limitations  
31 contained in s. 200.001(8)(d) for dependent special districts.

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