

By Senator Smith

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act authorizing special assessments for
3 local governments; amending s. 170.201, F.S.;
4 authorizing counties to levy special
5 assessments to fund capital improvements and
6 certain services; providing for counties to
7 fund emergency medical services with special
8 assessments, non-ad valorem assessments, and
9 other sources of revenue; providing an
10 effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 170.201, Florida
15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16 170.201 Special assessments.--

17 (1) In addition to other lawful authority to levy and
18 collect special assessments, the governing body of a
19 municipality or county may levy and collect special
20 assessments to fund capital improvements and municipal or
21 county services, including, but not limited to, fire
22 protection, emergency medical services, garbage disposal,
23 sewer improvement, street improvement, and parking facilities.
24 The governing body of a municipality or county may apportion
25 costs of such special assessments based on:

26 (a) The front or square footage of each parcel of
27 land; or

28 (b) An alternative methodology, so long as the amount
29 of the assessment for each parcel of land is not in excess of
30 the proportional benefits as compared to other assessments on
31 other parcels of land.

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It is determined that emergency medical services provide a special benefit to property and the governing body of a county may fund those services with special assessments, non-ad valorem assessments, charges for services, or other available revenue.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

SENATE SUMMARY

Authorizes counties to levy special assessments to fund capital improvements and services. Authorizes counties to fund emergency medical services with special assessments, non-ad valorem assessments, and other sources of revenue.