

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to neighborhood improvement districts;
 3 amending s. 163.506, F.S.; providing that an ordinance
 4 that creates a neighborhood improvement district may
 5 authorize the district to exercise certain powers in
 6 addition to those already granted to such districts;
 7 specifying such powers; establishing that a
 8 neighborhood improvement district shall be treated as
 9 a community development district regarding certain
 10 exemption and bond provisions described in ch. 190,
 11 F.S.; prohibiting a neighborhood improvement district
 12 from being dissolved until arrangements are made for
 13 payment of its debt; providing an effective date.

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

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 17 Section 1. Paragraph (i) is added to subsection (1) of
 18 section 163.506, Florida Statutes, to read:

19 163.506 Local government neighborhood improvement
 20 districts; creation; advisory council; dissolution.—

21 (1) After a local planning ordinance has been adopted
 22 authorizing the creation of local government neighborhood
 23 improvement districts, the local governing body of a
 24 municipality or county may create local government neighborhood
 25 improvement districts by the enactment of a separate ordinance
 26 for each district, which ordinance:

27 (i) Authorizes the district to exercise powers, in
 28 addition to those described in s. 163.514, deemed necessary and

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29 useful by the local governing body, including the power to
30 borrow money and incur indebtedness; finance and refinance
31 projects of the district; pledge revenues and ad valorem taxes
32 to secure or repay obligations of the district; and lease or
33 lease-purchase property, as lessor or lessee, and impose user
34 fees and charges. For purposes of this paragraph, a neighborhood
35 improvement district:

36 1. Shall be treated as a community development district
37 regarding the exemption provisions described in ss. 190.044 and
38 190.021(6) and the bond provisions described in s. 190.016(4),
39 (10), and (14).

40 2. May not be dissolved until arrangements are made for
41 payment of its debt.

42 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.