

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to special assessments on agricultural
 3 lands; amending ss. 125.01 and 170.01, F.S.;
 4 prohibiting counties and municipalities from levying
 5 or collecting special assessments on certain
 6 agricultural lands for the provision of fire
 7 protection services; providing an effective date.

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

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11 Section 1. Paragraph (r) of subsection (1) of section
 12 125.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13 125.01 Powers and duties.—

14 (1) The legislative and governing body of a county shall
 15 have the power to carry on county government. To the extent not
 16 inconsistent with general or special law, this power includes,
 17 but is not restricted to, the power to:

18 (r) Levy and collect taxes, both for county purposes and
 19 for the providing of municipal services within any municipal
 20 service taxing unit, and special assessments; borrow and expend
 21 money; and issue bonds, revenue certificates, and other
 22 obligations of indebtedness, which power shall be exercised in
 23 such manner, and subject to such limitations, as may be provided
 24 by general law. There shall be no referendum required for the
 25 levy by a county of ad valorem taxes, both for county purposes
 26 and for the providing of municipal services within any municipal

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27 | service taxing unit. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
28 | a county may not levy or collect special assessments for the
29 | provision of fire protection services on lands classified as
30 | agricultural lands under s. 193.461.

31 | Section 2. Subsection (4) is added to section 170.01,
32 | Florida Statutes, to read:

33 | 170.01 Authority for providing improvements and levying
34 | and collecting special assessments against property benefited.—

35 | (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a
36 | municipality may not levy or collect special assessments for the
37 | provision of fire protection services on lands classified as
38 | agricultural lands under s. 193.461.

39 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.