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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to special neighborhood improvement districts; amending s. 163.511, F.S.; revising the number of directors allowed for the boards of special neighborhood improvement districts; requiring local planning ordinances to specify number of directors and provide for staggered terms; requiring that directors be landowners in the proposed area and be subject to certain taxation; removing obsolete language; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1) and subsections (7) and (8) of section 163.511, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

163.511 Special neighborhood improvement districts; creation; referendum; board of directors; duration; extension.-

(1) After a local planning ordinance has been adopted authorizing the creation of special neighborhood improvement districts, the governing body of a municipality or county may declare the need for and create special residential or business neighborhood improvement districts by the enactment of a separate ordinance for each district, which ordinance:

(f) Provides for the appointment of a three-member board

26 | of directors, a five-member board of directors, or a seven-
27 | member ~~3-member~~ board of directors for the district, the members
28 | of which must be elected to staggered terms. The number of
29 | appointed directors must be specified in the ordinance.

30 | (7) The business and affairs of a special neighborhood
31 | improvement district shall be conducted and administered by a
32 | board of three, five, or seven directors who must ~~shall~~ be
33 | landowners in residents of the proposed area and who are subject
34 | to ad valorem taxation in the district. Upon their appointment
35 | and qualification and in January of each year, the directors
36 | shall organize by electing from their number a chair and a
37 | secretary, and may also employ staff and legal representatives
38 | as deemed appropriate, who shall serve at the pleasure of the
39 | board and may receive such compensation as ~~shall be~~ fixed by the
40 | board. The secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of
41 | the district and is the ~~shall be~~ custodian of all books and
42 | records of the district. The directors may ~~shall~~ not receive any
43 | compensation for their services or, ~~nor may they~~ be employed by
44 | the district.

45 | (8) Within 30 days after ~~of the~~ approval of the creation
46 | of a special neighborhood improvement district, if the district
47 | is in a municipality, a majority of the governing body of the
48 | municipality~~,~~ or, if the district is in the unincorporated area
49 | of the county, a majority of the county commission~~,~~ shall
50 | appoint the ~~three~~ directors provided for under this section

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51 ~~herein for staggered terms of 3 years. The initial appointments~~
52 ~~shall be as follows: one for a 1-year term, one for a 2-year~~
53 ~~term, and one for a 3-year term.~~ Each director shall hold office
54 until his or her successor is appointed and qualified unless the
55 director ceases to be qualified to act as a director or is
56 removed from office. Vacancies on the board shall be filled for
57 the unexpired portion of a term in the same manner as the
58 initial appointments were made.

59 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.