

By Senator Yarborough

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to easements affecting real property
3 owned by the same owner; creating s. 704.09, F.S.;
4 authorizing an owner of real property to create an
5 easement, servitude, or other interest in the owner's
6 real property and providing that such easement,
7 servitude, or other interest is valid; providing
8 construction and applicability; providing that the act
9 does not revive or reinstate a right or interest that
10 has been adjudicated invalid before a certain date;
11 providing an effective date.

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

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15 Section 1. Section 704.09, Florida Statutes, is created to
16 read:

17 704.09 Creation of easements, servitudes, and other
18 interests affecting real property owned by the same owner.—

19 (1) An owner of real property may create an easement,
20 servitude, or other interest in the owner's real property, and
21 such easement, servitude, or other interest is valid
22 notwithstanding that the owner owns all of the affected real
23 property.

24 (2) Subsection (1) clarifies existing law and applies to,
25 without limitation, any easement, including, but not limited to,
26 utility easements, access easements, parking easements, negative
27 easements, environmental easements, and solar easements; surface
28 water management agreements; or any other rights in the nature
29 of an easement, servitude, profit, use right, restriction,

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30 obligation, condition, reservation, or other covenant, contained
31 in a written instrument, whether denominated as an easement,
32 deed, plat, declaration, covenant, condition, restriction,
33 servitude, or otherwise.

34 (3) This section does not revive or reinstate any right or
35 interest that has been fully and finally adjudicated as invalid
36 before the effective date of this act.

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