

House Bill No. 1519

An act relating to the West Villages Improvement District, Sarasota County; amending chapter 2004-456, Laws of Florida, as amended; revising conditions and requirements for the exercise of the district's powers, functions, and duties relating to the acquisition of fee simple title to real property; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section 3 of chapter 2004-456, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 2006-355, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 3. District powers, functions, and duties.—

(2) The district is hereby authorized and empowered as follows:

(d) To acquire by grant, loan, purchase, gift, transfer, exchange, dedication, lease, devise, or, when reasonably necessary for the implementation of district-authorized public infrastructure works, facilities, or services by means of the exercise of the right of eminent domain pursuant to the laws of the state and in accordance with section 12 of this act, all property, real or personal, or any easement, license, estate, or interest therein necessary, desirable, or convenient for the purposes of this act, and to sell, convey, transfer, gift, lease, rent, dedicate, forfeit, abandon, exchange, or assign all or any part thereof to or with other entities, including governmental entities and agencies, and to exercise all of its powers and authority with respect thereto. The district shall not have the right of eminent domain outside of the boundaries of the district. Notwithstanding anything contained herein, the district shall not obtain fee simple title to any real property within the district except as follows ~~by dedication on an approved plat~~:

1. As to that portion of the district located within the City of North Port jurisdictional boundaries, with the approval of the City of North Port Commission or its designee;

2. As to that portion of the district located within the unincorporated area, with the approval of the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County or its designee; or

3. As otherwise required by another governmental entity or agency.

Any property interests owned by the district which are used for nonpublic or private commercial purposes shall be subject to all ad valorem taxes, intangible personal property taxes, or non-ad valorem assessments, as would be applicable if said property were privately owned.

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

Approved by the Governor June 19, 2007.

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