

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2025**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB90**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday February 11, 2025  
**Committee On:** Urban Affairs  
**Introducer:** Clouse  
**One Liner:** Change provisions relating to improvement districts in cities of the first class

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 7 Senators Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Clouse, McKinney, Quick,  
Rountree, Sorrentino

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Stan Clouse  
Mike Bell

**Representing:**

Opening Presenter  
Gilmore and Bell

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 90 amends provisions related to improvement districts in cities of the first class by allowing the formation of new improvement districts without the mandatory levying of special assessments. The bill also aligns Chapter 16 statutes with those statutes pertaining to cities of the second class and villages.

**Section-by-Section Summary:**

Section 1 amends section 16-617 to allow the mayor and city council of any city of the first class the power to construct sidewalks, public ways, or other public spaces. The improvements in such districts may be funded at public cost or by the levy of special assessments on the property.

Section 2 amends section 16-617.01 to include reference to improvement districts under the definition of "improvement."

Section 3 amends section 16-618 to allow improvement districts to include sidewalks, public ways, or other public



spaces. Additionally, this section permits improvement districts to establish a single district through one ordinance to manage multiple types of improvements.

Section 4 amends section 16-619 to require that for every improvement district funded by a levy of special assessments on the property, after the passage of an ordinance creating such district, the city clerk shall publish notice of the creation.

Section 5 amends section 16-620 to allow for written objections to the creation of an improvement district, after publication of notice of such creation, by owners of the record title at the time of such publication of notice. The section also requires that an ordinance so created and objected to be repealed by both the mayor and city council.

Section 6 amends section 16-621 to provide that the mayor and city council of a city of the first class shall provide for asking bids in advertising for bids for improvements in an improvement district formed under section 16-624 on any material that may be suggested by petition of owners of the record title.

Section 7 amends section 16-622 to require improvements of streets and alleys within improvement districts to be funded by the levy of special assessments on the property. The section also provides that the entire cost of improving any street, avenue, or alley properly chargeable to any lot or land within a district may be paid by the owners of such lots or lands within 50 days after the levying of such special assessments.

Section 8 amends section 16-623 to harmonize with other changes in the bill.

Section 9 amends section 16-624 to allow the mayor and city council the ability to issue street improvement bonds.

Section 10: Repealer.

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Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

