

1 § -1 **Neighborhood revitalization boards; established.**

2 (a) The councils of each county may establish by resolution one
3 neighborhood revitalization board for each neighborhood
4 revitalization area within the county; provided that there shall
5 not be more than three boards established in any one county.

6 (b) In determining the areas in which to create
7 neighborhood revitalization boards, the county councils shall
8 give preference to those neighborhoods that:

- 9 (1) Include areas that are under the United States
10 Department of Housing and Urban Development
11 neighborhood revitalization strategy area program;
- 12 (2) Have already adopted a revitalization plan; or
- 13 (3) Have an existing or planned transit center that can
14 influence economic revitalization and affordable
15 housing in the neighborhood.

16 (c) The county councils may establish the neighborhood
17 revitalization boards as independent agencies within existing
18 county agencies or departments.

19 § -2 **Size; composition of members; staff.** (a) The size
20 of each neighborhood revitalization board shall be determined by
21 the county councils; provided that each neighborhood



1 revitalization board shall consist of at least three members of
2 the public appointed by the county councils, each of whom shall
3 reside within the census-designated place in which the board is
4 being established, and one member from an appropriate county
5 agency or department to be designated by the council as an ex
6 officio member; provided further that among the public board
7 members there shall be appointed at least one business owner and
8 one homeowner from the area the board represents.

9 (b) The county councils may allow the neighborhood
10 revitalization boards to hire their own staff, or the county
11 councils may assign staff from designated county agencies or
12 departments to the boards.

13 § -3 Powers. The neighborhood revitalization boards
14 shall have the power to:

- 15 (1) Request funding from the county councils, state
16 legislature, and United States Congress;
- 17 (2) Approve neighborhood revitalization plans prior to the
18 submittal of those plans to the county council for
19 adoption;



1 (3) Comment on proposed policies and regulations that
2 affect the board's neighborhood and neighborhood
3 revitalization plan; and

4 (4) Advocate for the board's neighborhood and for the
5 implementation of the board's revitalization plan.

6 § -4 **Neighborhood revitalization plans.** (a) The
7 neighborhood revitalization boards shall develop neighborhood
8 revitalization plans, which shall include but not be limited to
9 the following:

- 10 (1) An overall statement of the objectives of the plan;
- 11 (2) The neighborhood boundaries;
- 12 (3) An assessment of the existing conditions that brought
13 about the need for the plan;
- 14 (4) Delineation of specific projects to achieve the plan's
15 stated objectives, including estimated costs and times
16 needed for completion; and
- 17 (5) Demonstration that the plan and projects comply with
18 county long-range plans and other applicable county
19 and state plans, such as neighborhood transit-oriented
20 development plans.



1 A neighborhood revitalization plan may also include recommended
2 changes to zoning and other regulatory laws.

3 (b) Projects included in a neighborhood revitalization
4 plan may include public sector projects and private or non-
5 profit projects that fulfill the plan's stated objectives and
6 complement and strengthen public sector initiatives.

7 (c) The neighborhood revitalization plan preparation
8 process shall allow for participation and input from
9 stakeholders and the public.

10 § -5 **County matching funds.** Each county shall provide
11 at least twenty per cent matching funds for any neighborhood
12 revitalization plan or project for which the State provides
13 funds. The matching funds may be applied to the development of
14 the plan itself and to projects and actions that implement the
15 plan, including land acquisition, planning and design studies,
16 infrastructure or project construction, and administrative
17 costs."

18 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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Report Title:

Neighborhood Revitalization Boards; Counties

Description:

Allows county councils to establish Neighborhood Revitalization Boards to be administered by the counties for the purpose of developing neighborhood revitalization plans for areas in each county. Allows Neighborhood Revitalization Boards to request funding and requires the counties to provide at least twenty per cent matching funds for any neighborhood revitalization plan or project that receives state funds. (SD1)

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