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Lake improvement districts (LIDs) are special districts that may undertake projects to improve water quality in a defined geographic area. LIDs may get their funding from a variety of sources, including the state or federal governments, bond issues, or property tax levies, special assessments, and service charges on those who use or benefit from the LIDs' services or projects.

LIDs may be established in the following ways: initiation by the county board, initiation by petition of property owners to the county board, initiation by joint county authority established by two or more county boards, or by the commissioner of natural resources (upon disapproval of a petition by a county board). This bill would increase the proportion of property owners' signatures required on petitions to initiate a LID and to request that the county board or joint county authority terminate a LID, from 26 percent to a simple majority.