$\mathbf{B}\mathbf{y}$  the Committee on Government Efficiency Appropriations; and Senator Haridopolos

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1	Senate Joint Resolution
2	A joint resolution proposing the creation of
3	Section 19 of Article VII of the State
4	Constitution, relating to a limitation on state
5	appropriations.
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7	Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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9	That the following creation of Section 19 of Article
10	VII of the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be
11	submitted to the electors of this state for approval or
12	rejection at the next general election or at an earlier
13	special election specifically authorized by law for that
14	purpose:
15	ARTICLE VII
16	FINANCE AND TAXATION
17	Section 19. State appropriations limitation
18	(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section,
19	state appropriations for any fiscal year shall be limited to
20	the state appropriations allowed for the prior fiscal year
21	plus an adjustment for growth. For the 2007-2008 fiscal year,
22	state appropriations allowed under this section shall be
23	limited to state appropriations for the prior fiscal year plus
24	an adjustment of growth. As used in this section, "growth"
25	means an amount equal to the average annual rate of growth in
26	Florida personal income over the most recent twenty quarters
27	times the state appropriations allowed under this section for
28	the prior fiscal year. Florida personal income shall be
29	determined by the legislature based on information available
30	from the United States Department of Commerce or its successor
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1	on the first day of February prior to the beginning of the
2	fiscal year.
3	(b) For purposes of calculating the limitation on
4	state appropriations, "state appropriations" shall be
5	determined by the legislature and shall include annual
6	appropriations contained in the general appropriations act and
7	substantive bills containing appropriations. However, "state
8	appropriations does not include appropriations to meet a
9	state emergency declared by the governor; appropriations of
10	federal funds; or appropriations of the proceeds of, or
11	appropriations to retire, general obligation and revenue bonds
12	of the state.
13	(c) The state appropriations allowed under this
14	section for any fiscal year may be increased by a three-fifths
15	vote of the membership of each house of the legislature in a
16	separate bill that contains no other subject and that sets
17	forth the dollar amount by which the state appropriations
18	allowed will be increased. The vote may not be taken less than
19	seventy-two hours after the second reading of the bill.
20	(d) An adjustment to the limitation on state
21	appropriations shall be made by the legislature to reflect the
22	fiscal impact of transfers of responsibility for the funding
23	of governmental functions between the state and other levels
24	of government.
25	(e) This section is self-executing, but the
26	legislature may provide for the implementation of this section
27	by general law.
28	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
29	placed on the ballot:
30	CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
31	ARTICLE VII, SECTION 19

1 LIMITATION ON STATE APPROPRIATIONS. -- Proposing an 2 amendment to the State Constitution to limit state 3 appropriations to the amount of appropriations allowed in the 4 prior fiscal year plus an adjustment for growth which equals 5 the average annual rate of growth in Florida personal income 6 over the most recent 20 quarters times the state appropriations for the prior fiscal year, to provide certain 8 exceptions to the limitation on state appropriations, and to 9 authorize the Legislature to increase state appropriations by 10 a three-fifths vote of the membership of each house thereof in 11 a separate bill containing no other subject. 12 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN 13 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SB 1158 14 15 16 The committee substitute for SB 1158: 17 Proposes a constitutional amendment that limits state appropriations to appropriations allowed for the prior 18 fiscal year plus a growth adjustment. Bases the appropriations limit on the limit in the prior year, 19 rather than on the actual appropriations in the prior vear. 2.0 Uses an adjustment for growth based on the growth in average annual Florida personal income, rather than the 2.1 growth in median household income. 22 Excludes appropriations to meet a state emergency 3) 23 declared by the governor; and appropriations of the proceeds of, or appropriations to retire bonds of the state, from the limitation on state appropriations. 2.4 The original bill only excluded federal funds. 25 4) Provides that the state appropriations allowed under this 26 section for any fiscal year may be increased by a 3/5 vote of the membership of each house of the legislature, 27 rather than the 3/4 vote originally required. 2.8 5) Adds an adjustment to the limitation to reflect the fiscal impact of transfers of responsibility for the 29 funding of governmental functions between the state and other levels of government. 30 6) Provides that the new section is self-executing, but that the legislature may provide for the implementation by 31

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general law.